

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Stackhouse called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Steven Stackhouse
Councillor Doug Bobbitt
Councillor Paul Taylor

Deputy Mayor Patsy Shay
Councillor Sharon Loder

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Robby Obermeier
Works Supervisor, Craig Dixon

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

There were no Conflicts of Interest declared at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Steven Stackhouse called for a motion to approve the agenda.

M/S/C (Loder/Bobbitt)

**Motion to approve the “amended “agenda for
the February 19, 2019, Regular Council Meeting.**

DELEGATIONS:

Sgt. MacPherson - RCMP Report

Sgt MacPherson presented the report for January 2019. There was a discussion on “Criminal Record Checks” with Stg MacPherson answering all questions.

Citizen Request / Comments

Maryann Moore – Mayor Stackhouse read Maryann’s concerns and questions.
(Questions below)

First, I would ask these issues to be directed to not only the entire Council but to Deputy Mayor Shay.

Answer: Please note when correspondence is addressed to Council this means all members of Council has the right to see all request(s) and give their input.

1) EMO – I understand that Council did not appoint a representative to be part of the Sussex EMO, why?

Answer: No record of any invitation from the Town of Sussex could be found.

2) Sussex Mayor Thorne and CAO Hatcher had a meeting with the Village and presented to Council with information to join the EMO and it was dismissed, why?

Answer: Again, no record of any meeting taking place but if you have any documents on this please bring them in and we will go from there.

3) Why was the Village facebook account taken down? Do you realize it is 2019 and social media is a huge means to get messages out?

Answer: We haven't had access to our facebook page in the last 7 months and just recently got this back. Councillor Bobbitt has agreed to look after this as well as Twitter. And if social media turns out to be the best way to get messages out, then we will try our best to do that.

4) Hampton is embracing social media, why doesn't the Village?

Answer: As I previously mentioned we just got access back for our facebook account so Councillor Bobbitt will investigate into this matter.

5) By-law #108-10, has anyone read that by-law? After the 2014 did no one think to make this a #1 priority!

Answer: Yes, I have read this By-law. And in saying that we have been in contact with Tim Nickerson – Regional EMO regarding this and he will be meeting with all Council to discuss this and other EMO issues. But one of the things I would like to suggest is forming an EMO Action Committee so if you would like to belong to this committee please contact the office so we can start getting some of these issues looked after. Sitting on this committee will be 2 council members and a few volunteers and yes, it will be time consuming at first, until we can get all the wrinkles taken out.

Mayor Stackhouse announced that the Public Hearing would now begin...

BY-LAWS:

PUBLIC HEARING for BY-LAW #131-19 to amend Rural Plan BY-LAW #125-14:

Presented by Connor Tripp, Planning Director from the Regional Service Commission 8. The Public Hearing for the amendment to Rural Plan bylaw 125-14 for PID 30290886 is to rezone a property from Rural Area to Residential 2 for the purpose of constructing a single-family dwelling.

Upon conclusion of his presentation, Mayor Stackhouse opened the floor for questions, with Mr. Tripp addressing all questions. After the 3rd and final call for comments the following motion was made:

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Loder)

Motion to have the 1st reading of Bylaw # 131-19, a bylaw to amend the Village of Sussex Corner Bylaw # 125-14, the Rural Plan Bylaw, by title only.

Mayor read the by-law by title only.

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Loder) Motion to accept the 1st reading of Bylaw # 131-19, a bylaw to amend the Village of Sussex Corner Bylaw # 125-14, the Rural Plan Bylaw, by title only.

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Loder) Motion to have the 2nd reading of Bylaw # 131-19, a bylaw to amend the Village of Sussex Corner Bylaw # 125-14, the Rural Plan Bylaw, by title only.

Mayor read the by-law by title only.

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Loder) Motion to accept the 2nd reading of Bylaw # 131-19, a bylaw to amend the Village of Sussex Corner Bylaw # 125-14, the Rural Plan Bylaw, by title only.

BY-LAW #132-19 – Procedural and Organization:

A bylaw respecting the procedure and organization of Village Council was drafted by the Clerk / Treasurer and provided to Council for 1st and 2nd reading.

M/S/C (Loder/Bobbitt) Motion to have the 1st reading of By-law 132-19, the Village of Sussex Corner Procedure and Organization of Village Council By-law, by title only.

Mayor read the by-law by title only.

M/S/C (Loder/Bobbitt) Motion to accept the 1st reading of By-law 132-19, the Village of Sussex Corner Procedure and Organization of Village Council by-law, by title only.

M/S/C (Loder/Bobbitt) Motion to have the 2nd reading of By-law 132-19, the Village of Sussex Corner Procedure and Organization of Village Council by-law, by title only.

Mayor read the by-law by title only.

M/S/C (Loder/Bobbitt) Motion to accept the 2nd reading of By-law 132-19, the Village of Sussex Corner Procedure and Organization of Village Council by-law, by title only.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you card:

A thank you card was received from Ray & Sandra Steel thanking the works department and office staff during the recent flooding.

Susan MacNichol

Mayor Stackhouse read the correspondence received from Susan MacNichol. I am (Susan) very concerned that the Village doesn't have an EMO plan or anything in place on who to contact for any emergency situation. Also, the Village has been notified of a big ice situation on Trout Creek and she would like to know what the Village plans are on this situation.

Answer: As I previously mentioned we are going to try and form an EMO Action Committee and I again strongly urge people to contact the Village office and volunteer to be a part of this committee. Now on the ice situation, I have seen it and yes its huge, and my thought was since it's on dry land that it would take one enormous amount of rain storm to move that but in saying that, I would like to suggest that our engineer firm take a look at the situation and see what their thoughts are and we will contact you with any recommendation from them.

Then the question arose again regarding this EMO Action Committee, she mentioned that in the past this was discussed but never got passed by Council. Councillor Loder mentioned that there was a citizen that was approached by Council to help form this committee, but he declined due to personal reasons. Susan suggested that the Village advertise for volunteers to sit on this committee. The Mayor said we will put this on our website and start passing the word around. Councillor Loder asked Mr. Wayne Wilkins if he would be interested on sitting on this committee but after a shake of his head, the answer was "no".

Maryann Moore stated this by-law was passed in 2010 to get all this EMO worked out but it was shut down. Deputy Mayor Shay stated that it was shut down from the "Mayor of the day". Moore said as Councillors don't you think you should step up to the plate and make sure this EMO Plan gets done and ready to be put into action? She also stated that her neighbors called her and didn't know who to contact during this last flooding. Moore feels that there is too much bickering going on about who's supposed to do "what and where" and the "village" is getting tired of all "THIS"! Deputy Mayor Shay asked who's doing all the bickering, it's not Council. Moore answered that everyone is talking about the mess the Village is in, all you have to do is read the paper. Mayor Stackhouse said as you know I just sat in this seat since January 3rd and I've had absolutely NO issue with any member of Council. We realize the fact that there are things that need dealt with right now regarding this by-law so again I'm going to say, the Village needs volunteers to sit on this committee. Councillor Loder tried to explain to Maryanne regarding the By-law 108-10 that all council is very aware of this and we weren't ignoring it. Loder said, as a member of the former Council, she had once taken part in the EMO meeting put on by the Town of Sussex, but when the former mayor took over the duties, she can't answer why this got dropped.

Councillor Taylor asked Susan MacNichol to briefly update him on the study from CBCL that she had mentioned in her letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Outstanding Invoice(s)

Councillor Loder explained that when expenses happen outside the approved budget motions are needed, she also gave a brief history on each invoice.

M/S/C (Loder/Taylor) Motion to approve payment of the following outstanding accounts:

Sussex Excavators:	\$2,420.75
Devines:	\$1,150.00
Hansen Signs:	\$7,073.31

Flood Mitigation:

Both the Town of Sussex and the Village of Sussex Corner have met since January 25, 2019 flood event and have discussed a joint effort at looking at a joint Flood Mitigation Master Plan assessment in our communities. Both communities have agreed to form a “Flood Mitigation Master Plan” to explore and refine options to address overland and surface water flooding, if and where possible and to develop a new Flood Master Plan for both communities, jointly.

M/S/C (Taylor/Bobbitt) Motion that the Village of Sussex Corner and the Town of Sussex agree to form a Flood Mitigation Master Plan Task Force and to set aside an unbudgeted sum of \$25,000 split as 25% Village of Sussex Corner and 75% Town of Sussex to engage the appropriate professional assistance to develop a joint Flood Mitigation Master Plan, and to report back to both Council at a future joint meeting, in July 2019.

Clerk / Treasurer:

Village Council has offered the position of Clerk / Treasurer to Robby Obermeier, so the following motions are needed.

M/S/C (Shay/Taylor) Motion to appoint Robby Obermeier for the position of Clerk for the Village of Sussex Corner, effective February 19, 2019.

M/S/C (Shay/Taylor) Motion to appoint Robby Obermeier for the position of Treasurer for the Village of Sussex Corner, effective February 19, 2019.

Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (RTIPPA)

The Village is mandated to appoint RTIPPA officers to administer / manage RTIPPA requests for information.

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Loder) Motion to appoint Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk / Treasurer as Rights to Information and Protection of Privacy (RTIPPA) officers for the Village of Sussex Corner.

Mayors Comments:

First of all, I would like to comment on the excellent job the maintenance dept did on Jan 24 & 25 flooding. It is not an easy job to say the least. Further to that I saw them working in -20 temperatures chipping ice away from the edges of the sidewalks to make the sidewalks wider.

Second, we have had some correspondence from residents with suggestions to improve the performance of the village when it comes to situations like flooding. I want to thank these folks for their suggestions and assure them they are not taken lightly.

On the matter of alerting the residents of the Village to a potential danger it has been suggested we institute an early warning system similar to the Town of Sussex. This system was present here in Sussex Corner but was discontinued due to lack of interest by the residents. So, I would like to suggest that if anyone would like to have that early warning sign please contact the Village office and if enough interest is there, we would gladly have it re-installed. Also, Town of Sussex has offered the option of “piggy backing” on their system too so please contact the Village office and get your name on the list.

I have been informed that the people in the Brookview Mini Home Park are alerted by the park manager. She had made a tour of the park during Jan 24 & 25 flooding event and found no danger to its residents. However, there is no reason why these people cannot sign up for the Sentinel system too.

Recently there was an article in the KCR (Laura McGinnis) on The Country Bakery and I just want to say how well written an received this article was and if you get a chance please stop in and see them, grab a coffee and a treat.

Finally, I would like to address a situation that arose from the Jan 15th meeting. At that time, I had been mayor for less than 2 weeks. It was alleged that I was under investigation for Abuse of Power. Rather than have “the sword of Damocles” hang over my head, I approached MLA Bruce Northrup and asked that he meet with the Minister of Local Government, Jeff Carr to see the status of this investigation and I wanted to assure the Minister I would cooperate 100%. It was determined that there was no such investigation and I was told to keep up the good work.

As I’ve said in the past when I was Sworn-In on January 3rd, 2019, I said “I will do this job to the best of my ability”, I take that Oath very serious! Sometimes you might not like what I say and do and sometimes you will, however I will do this job to the best of my ability and I will look after the residents of Sussex Corner. So, if you have any questions or issues please fill out one of those citizen / comment forms and drop it off at the office.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/C (Taylor)

Motion to adjourn the Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Robby Obermeier
Clerk / Treasurer

Steven Stackhouse
Mayor