

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Stackhouse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Steven Stackhouse
Councillor Doug Bobbitt
Councillor Paul Taylor

Deputy Mayor Patsy Shay
Councillor Sharon Loder
Councillor Harley Hunt

Works Supervisor, Craig Dixon
Clerk/Treasurer, Robby Obermeier

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 (Bobbitt/Loder)

Motion to approve the agenda for the May 21, 2019, Regular Council Meeting.

DELEGATIONS: n/a

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Steven Stackhouse called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 16, 2019.

M/S/C (Loder/Shay)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 16, 2019.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no items of business from previous meetings before Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Operations:

M/S/C (Shay/Taylor)

Motion to approve the April 2019, bills for payment:

General	\$209,635.81
Water & Sewer	\$ 57,717.98

Operations – Meadow Crescent:

During our May Operations meeting there was a verbal concern received regarding the mowing / maintenance of the 2 vacant lots located at the above address. Deputy Mayor Shay commented that she would look into this matter and report back to Council at our May Council meeting. She confirmed that an email has been sent to Leah Essensa (DTI) inquiring about the upkeep of the grounds and also if the Village could still purchase those properties and to date no response has been received. This item will be deferred to the June Council agenda.

Operations - Accept Committee Reports:

Mayor Stackhouse called for a motion to accept the following committee reports:

M/S/C (Taylor/Hunt)

Motion to accept the Operations Committee and FCC Report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Questions – Wayne Wilkins:

Wayne Wilkins spoke to Village Council on a number of matters, a summary of which is shown below:

Question: Is Council going to request the resignation of Councillor Loder as she no longer resides in the municipality that she was elected to represent?

Stackhouse: “in simplicity there is strength”...and simply put the answer is” no”

Wilkins: “why”? He stated he had gathered information from 2 different sources with the first being from Election NB, who told him you are required to be a resident for at least 6 months in order to run for office and after elected they must remain a resident of Sussex Corner for that term period. Then they referred me to the DLG office where I spoke with Jennifer Thompson and I explained the situation about Councillor Loder and that also her property being up for sale, so I asked the question, “what’s the ruling for this type of situation also what does the Act states for this? And the answer received was she has to remain a resident while in office. So, my question to Council is “is she still a resident”?”

Stackhouse: Council already looked into this matter and Councillor Loder still owns property here and until that is sold, she is still a resident of this Municipality.

Wilkins: Argued that fact, he stated that owning property doesn’t classify you as being a resident of the Village. His understanding was you had to figuratively live within the Village boundaries to be classify a resident of this Municipality.

Stackhouse: I guess our interpretation on this matter are totally different then yours.

Stackhouse: “is there a reason why you would like to see her resign?”

Wilkins: Yes, because she is not living in the municipality that she was elected to represent! I've never said anything for the last 8 months, and now her property is up for sale, so it's obvious she's not moving back.

Stackhouse: That may or may not be true. We haven't heard anything from Loder stating that she's not re-building here. She still owns property here and until that is sold, she is still considered a resident of this Village.

Wilkins: According to the Election NB in order to vote in NB you must establish where you reside first, that is my understanding of that.

Stackhouse: at this point I have answered your question, Council is not going to ask Councillor Loder for her resignation but, what I will tell you Wayne is, we will investigate again to make sure that we are on the right page and next month we will share the results with you and if you receive any further information regarding this matter if you could send it to the Village email address that would be great.

Wilkins: Was the new assistant Clerk hired from a Temp Agency? And the reason I'm asking this question is there was nothing said about who she is, where she came from, what her job history was. All that was mentioned was "her name and that she was hired".

Stackhouse: No, we advertised in the KCR, job bank and also on our website then we had the interview process from the candidates, and she was hired from that.

Wilkins: May I have all questions answered verbally and also a response in writing?

Stackhouse: Mr. Wilkins you are here now, and you are getting your answers now plus, your questions and answers will be recorded on the minutes, so "no"

Wilkins: I have no problems with that but the issue I'm having is the "accuracy" of the minutes. And what I've been told is that anything to do with this meeting including the minutes are dispose of once the minutes are finalized. And that's the problem I have, just so you know I have a letter into the RTIPPA regarding this method. So if I'm uncomfortable with accuracy of the minutes and how they are being typed up also I don't have it on me right now but I believe there is a by-law or procedure by-law that explains that I have the "right" to ask for a written response along with my verbal but I will have to look it up and get back to Council on that.

Stackhouse: Well I guess I will have to look that up too because I have never heard or seen that one. But as far as the "accuracy" of the minutes, I don't think I have seen anything since I've been mayor that has ever made me think of the "accuracy" of the minutes. All members of Council get a copy of the draft minutes and if no changes are required on the following month they are approved by Council then added to our website for the public to view. So, my answer still remains "no". But if you find the information that states anything different please share it with us then we'll have a look and figure out our next move. As I've stated many times, Council should be approachable and accountable"... and I believe we are!

You certainly have the right to ask any question but you have to remember you might not always like the answer that Council gives you.

Alaina Lockhart, MP – Gas Tax Funds 2018-2019:

The Village received correspondence from MP Alaina Lockhart confirming that the Village would be receiving an additional \$110,247.00 under the Gas Tax Funds.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #133-19 – Police Protection Services:

As required from the new Local Government Act under sub-section 10(2) the Village is required to have the following police by-law enacted.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt) Motion to have the 1st reading of By-law #133-19, the Village of Sussex Corner Police Protection Services By-law, by title only.

Mayor reads by-law by title only.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt) Motion to accept the 1st reading of By-law #133-19, the Village of Sussex Corner Police Protection Services By-law, by title only.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt) Motion to have the 2nd reading of By-law #133-19, the Village of Sussex Corner Police Protection Services By-law, by title only.

Mayor reads by-law by title only.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt) Motion to accept the 2nd reading of By-law #133-19, the Village of Sussex Corner Police Protection Services By-law, by title only.

By-law #134-19 - Code of Conduct:

The purpose of this bylaw is to establish standards for the ethical conduct of members of Council relating to their roles and obligations as presentative of the Municipality.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt) Motion to have the 1st reading of By-law #134-19, the Village of Sussex Corner Code of Conduct By-law, by title only.

Mayor reads by-law by title only.

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By-law #135-19 - Waste Disposal Amendment

This by-law is being amended to change the “wording” due to the results of the 3-bag system that came into effect late 2017.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt) Motion to have the 1st reading of By-law #135-19, a by-law to amend the Waste Disposal By-law #58-00, by title only.

Mayor reads by-law by title only.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt) Motion to accept the 1st reading of By-law #135-19, a by-law to amend the Waste Disposal By-law #58-00, by title only.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Five-Year Capital Investment Gas Tax Funds:

The Village is required to resubmit our 2016-2018 GTF application, so the following resolution is needed.

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Loder) Motion that the document entitled Village of Sussex Corner “Revised” Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the GTF Administrative Agreement 2014-2018 be adopted.

And, our 2019-2023 GTF application is finalized and the following motion is needed to proceed to the next step.

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Loder)

Motion to submit the document entitled Village of Sussex Corner Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the GFT Administrative Agreement (2019-2023) as the project identified as Waycon Heights Storm Sewer Improvement (Tower Street / Michael Street and by utilizing the figures that were submitted by Dillon Consulting Ltd.

Mayors Comments:

- Since April's Council meeting, Council has met with Rob Moore and discussed possible funding for projects if he were elected to office.
- The recent rain event did not have any major impact on the village with our ditches being monitored for any overflow. The ditching project should ease any potential problems.
- I met with MLA Bruce Northrup on behalf of a resident and expressed his concerns. Mr. Northrup agreed to take this concern further.
- I attended the re-opening of the Sussex Drive-In and Campground. Mayor and Council would like to extend their congratulations to the new owners.
- I attended the announcement at the Nutrien mines where it was announced the salt will be purchased for the province. This will create 16 new high paying jobs as well as maintain the 34 existing jobs.
- And in closing, I attended the RSC8 AGM in Norton on May 16th where there were several questions fielded by the Trustee and Steve Roberts.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

ADJOURNMENT:

M/C (Loder/Shay)

Motion to adjourn the Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38 p.m.

Robby Obermeier
Clerk / Treasurer

Steven Stackhouse
Mayor