

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Bobbitt at 6:00 pm.

**Attendance:** Deputy Mayor Shay, Councillors Bobbitt, Hunt & Taylor as well as the Clerk Treasurer, and Works Supervisor.

**1. Works Supervisors Report:**

Works Supervisor, Craig Dixon read his report for the month of October. Questions were asked and answered.

**2. Correspondence – Ditching / Culvert:**

Two written request were received regarding concerns for drainage on Harding Avenue.

*..... Arthur Medford explained that yes, Dixon dug the ditch on Harding Avenue and lowered a portion of the culvert, but he felt that this wasn't enough to fix the problem. He explained that in the winter when the ground is frozen the water sits there in a "pool" and freezes and constricts Tim Brown's culvert down to roughly 6 inches, so when we get rain in the winter and the grounds is frozen and there is ice laying there, it's backing up onto everyone's back yard.*

*After a lengthy discussion the Committee instructed Craig to lower the pipe by a foot to give it a better grade (slope) and dig the ditch further. And if this project leads to a monetary overage, Council will need to address the issue at our November Council meeting for additional approval.*

*.... Aaron Stanwix stated that Arthur had already addressed all his concerns.*

**3. By-law #134-19 Code of Conduct:**

Councillor Bobbitt recognized this is a new by-law that was recently adopted by Council but feels there are a few additions that need to be discussed with the first being under "definitions". He recommends the wording "**a person**" be added.

2.9.2 "**a person**" includes, Mayor, Council, staff, Village committee members, or citizen of the Village of Sussex Corner.

The Clerk will prepare the suggested wording above and email the draft copy to each Council member. The Committee recommends this by-law be ready for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at our November Council

meeting and giving notice that Council intends to read a summary of the by-law instead of reading the by-law in its entirety as permitted by the Local Governance Act.

**4. Sewer By-law 18 A:**

Councillor Hunt would like to amend By-Law #18A to remove the wording that states “the portion of the sewer lateral from the building to the property line shall be the property of the homeowner and the remaining portion shall be the responsibility of the Village”, He recommends that portion be removed so that the Village would be responsible for all repairs to the lateral instead of the homeowners. After a lengthy discussion Bobbitt suggested that Hunt identify the section or sections that he is requesting to be changed. Bobbitt also pointed out with these changes, the Village would be enduring some amount of cost, which means adding a budget line will be required. He suggested Dixon get quotes on what the cost would be and for Obermeier, how would this affect our budget structure, and would this cause an increase to our tax rate and if so, how much. Also, check with a few other Municipalities on what their “wording” states. This will be tabled until December Committee meeting.

**5. RSC8 Solid Waste Agreement -Draft:**

A draft copy of RSC8 Solid Waste Agreement has been reviewed by all parties. RSC8 has sent the draft copy to a law firm for final remarks. Once this step is completed a resolution of Council will be required.

**6. Amalgamation:**

Councillor Hunt is requesting a plebiscite be held on the next Municipal Election (May 2020) as a simple question added to the ballot:

“Are you for amalgamation, yes or no”?

Hunt will be making the above motion at our November Council meeting.

**7. Next Operations Meeting:**

**December 5, 2019 @ 6:00 pm**

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Clerk / Treasurer

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Operations Committee Chair