

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Steven Stackhouse	Deputy Mayor Patsy Shay
Councillor Doug Bobbitt	Councillor Paul Taylor
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 Stackhouse called for a motion to approve the agenda.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt)	Motion to approve the agenda for the December 17, 2019, Regular Council Meeting.
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DELEGATIONS: n/a

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Stackhouse called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 19, 2019 and the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

M/S/C (Shay/Taylor)	Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, and the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019.
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Reports - Operations:

M/S/C (Hunt/Taylor)	Motion to approve the November 2019, bills for payment:
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General	\$ 270,903.55
Water & Sewer	\$ 47,604.19

Operations - Accept Committee Reports:

Mayor Stackhouse called for a motion to accept the committee report:

M/S/C (Shay/Taylor)

Motion to accept the Operations Committee Report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Wayne Wilkins – Questions:

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

Question: On a scale of 1 to 10, how would Council rate the contractor that they approved for the Waycon Heights Storm and Water Project?

Question: The contractor was asked why the storm drain system was only on one side of the street, the contractor's response was it was "cheaper" to do one side. So, was it cheaper for the contractor or for the Village?

Feedback: Wayne when you submitted these questions back in November they were asked and answered by the Clerk, but since you have re-submitted the questions again, I would like to extend a brief explanation on the process. When the Village decides to look at a project and in this case the Storm Sewer Project, we would hire an engineering firm to do a study and within that study it would outline the job step by step then at that point the job would be tendered and awarded to the lowest bidder. Then the company undertakes the project as outlined in the plans submitted by our engineering firm (Dillon) and each day that Carsons are on site Dillon, has a field manager there making sure things go smoothly. So, it isn't a question on "is it cheaper to do just one side or both sides because the specifications set by Dillon has already made those decisions. And then the Village receives certified stamped copies from Dillon stating the contractor has completed the phases and has met all requirements and are now ready for payment. There is also a percentage of a "hold back" which is held until the full completion of the job which now is laying of the sod and any driveway repairs that has settled during the winter and this step will be completed next spring. So, I don't think it's fair to ask Council to rate the contractor performance because when we hired Dillon we hired them to monitor the project and report back to Council and to date they are pleased with the results. Councillor Hunt added that technically that's what the catch basin does and it's not practical to do both sides. Mayor Stackhouse stated, "we appreciate your concern Wayne".

- M/S/C (Shay/Taylor)** **Motion to authorize the transfer of \$2,500 from the Water and Sewer Operating Fund to the Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund, restricted only for any replacement costs as per the Building Canada Fund Post Road Project.**
- M/S/C (Bobbitt/Hunt)** **Motion to authorize the transfer of \$1,160.00 from the Water and Sewer Operating Fund to the Water and Sewer Operating Reserve for future operational needs.**
- M/S/C (Hunt/Taylor)** **Motion to authorize the transfer of \$20,000.00 from the Water & Sewer Operating Fund to the Water & Sewer Capital Reserve Fund for new or replacement capital projects.**
- M/S/C (Hunt/Shay)** **Motion to authorize the transfer of \$87,650.00 from the General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve Fund for future capital projects.**
- M/S/C (Taylor/Hunt)** **Motion to authorize the transfer of \$23,100.00 from the General Operating Fund to the General Operating Reserve for future operational needs.**

Appointment of Auditor:

Municipalities is required to appoint an auditor to complete the audit of the year ending December 31, 2019. Council has chosen to retain Buckley Professional Corporation in that role.

- M/S/C (Shay/Bobbitt)** **Motion to appoint Buckley Professional Corporation as Village Auditor to complete the audit of financial records for the year ending December 31, 2019.**

Outstanding Invoice - QC Pumps:

When a budget item has exceeded the amount previously approved then a motion is required to pay the invoice.

- M/S/C (Taylor/Bobbitt)** **Motion to approve payment from QC Pumps & Compressors Ltd for \$9,655.86**

“on the question” *Councillor Taylor explained that we have been experiencing problems with our current pump, so a new pump was needed.*

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Taylor/Shay) Motion to adjourn the Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor