

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Steven Stackhouse
Councillor Doug Bobbitt
Councillor Harley Hunt

Deputy Mayor Patsy Shay
Councillor Paul Taylor

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 (Taylor/Hunt)

**Motion to approve the agenda for the January
21, 2020, Regular Council Meeting.**

DELEGATIONS:

RCMP Quarterly Report

Sgt. Jim MacPherson presented the 4th quarter report of RCMP activity in Sussex Corner. He commented briefly on each “call of service” for a total of 18 items and 3 “criminal record checks”. Questions were asked and answered.

Sussex Area Trails Association (SATA)

Corey McAllister provided a bit of background on the Sussex Area Trails Association. SATA is a non-profit registered organization, established to develop and maintain public trails by promoting its use for a self-propelled outdoor activity such as; walking, cycling, snowshoeing and skiing with an aim to minimize impact on the natural environment and to encourage outdoor activities. SATA “vision” is to preserve the natural wilderness and increase trail access in the Sussex / Sussex Corner area while encouraging community support and secure funding to aid in the restoration, development, and sustainability of the trail systems but most importantly to maintain and protect the public access to the trails for their intended use.

Corey then proceeded to ask Council if the Village would consider allowing the Association to groom the walking trail at their expense and install a sign on the water tower fence for the bluff trails. The sign would state the following: private property, use at your own risk, please respect the landowners, stay on the trail at all times,

no fires and pick up any litter. Members of Council had the opportunity to ask questions then Mayor Stackhouse thanked Corey for his presentation and told hm that Council will give consideration to his request and respond in writing within the next few days.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Stackhouse called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 17, 2019.

M/S/C (Shay/Bobbitt) **Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Reports - Operations:

M/S/C (Taylor/Hunt) **Motion to approve the December bills for payment:**

General \$ 213,575.84
Water & Sewer \$ 28,496.05

Operations - Accept Committee Reports:

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

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt) **Motion to accept the Operations and the EMO Action Committee Reports.**

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

BY-LAWS: n/a

NEW BUSINESS:

Waycon Heights Storm Sewer Project – Outstanding Invoice

The following motions are required to pay and transfer funds from the Gas Tax account to the operating account for the Waycon Heights Storm Sewer Project.

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Shay) **Motion to authorize payment for the outstanding invoice from Dillon Consulting Ltd. in the amount of \$30,796.94.**

M/S/C (Bobbitt/Shay)

Motion to authorize the transfer of \$27,928.67 from the Gas Tax Account to the General Capital Fund for the Waycon Heights Storm Sewer Project #19-9997.

Mayors Comments:

I would once again like to commend the Works Dept for the great job they continue to do under adverse conditions by times. They have installed 1 set of flashing lights at the crosswalk by the convenience store (beside the post office) and will install a second set at the end of Cunningham Ave. We are considering purchasing 2 more sets.

Our EMO Coordinator and I attended the Initial Planning Phase of the mock disaster in Fredericton and found it to be very informative. I was able to make contact with members of different departments who were very quick to offer any assistance to our EMO team. One of the warning systems they spoke of was HARS (Heat Alert Response System) and I have sent a request to Tim Nickerson on information regarding this. The next meeting will take place on Feb 12 and we both plan to attend.

I spoke with Carol Tracey, the Director of Development for Portage Drug Rehabilitation Center about the possibility of getting involved with them at some level to assist the people at the end of their in-house portion of the program, when they enter the “after-care” portion, possibly offering a practicum of sorts. We will talk further in the spring.

At the end of August and early September I spoke with Council about the possibility of adding to the Works building and selling the existing office. Since that time, I have spoken with a Contractor to determine what problems we would have (if any) and also contacted a Real Estate Company for information on the existing office building. Moving forward we will determine if it would be in the best interests of the Village to do so.

This concludes my first year as Mayor and I would like to thank Council and staff for their patience and support during that time.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Hunt/Shay)

Motion to adjourn the Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m.

Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor