

MINUTES

A public council meeting held at the Town of St. George's Town Hall on Thursday December 8th, 2022 with the following in attendance.

Mayor Conrad White
Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin

Councilors: Joe Blanchard
Sharon O'Neill Parsons
Rhonda Sheppard
William Vincent

Absent: Jean Legge

Also present: Manager Danny Conway
Town Clerk: Jocelyn Deluney-King
5 members of the public

Call to Order: Mayor Conrad White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all members of council, staff and residents present. Councilor Vincent took this moment to thank council and staff for the fruit basket that was sent to him during his stay in St. John's.

Adoption of agenda:

Motion #22- 210 Deputy Mayor A. Tobin 2nd by Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

In Favor: 6

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Adoption of the minutes:

Motion #22- 211 Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons -2nd by Councilor R. Sheppard

Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10th, 2022, as presented.

In Favor: 6

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Business Arising From Minutes- Action Report:

The town manager gave his report to council concerning the 2021 audit, he has been in constant contact with the auditor and we should have the final draft on Monday November 14th. It was discussed that we pay insurance in total instead of monthly installments to save on interest.

The cost to get meters for the town water systems is approximately \$40,000.00 but because water is an important commodity the town could apply under to use GAS Tax money to purchase, or check to see if there is a Greed Fund loan available. Purchasing of the meters will be a costly venture but one that will keep water usage and costs down as water leaks can be discovered more quickly by using software that can be hooked to public works telephones for monitoring. There was a leak discovered in the area of the dock, it wasn't on the town side so it will be up to the company to repair, the town will assist in any way to help with the work needed. Council advised that the water be kept shut off so that the residents don't lose water.

The manager explained that he has sent out letters to land owners, who have overdue taxes on accounts, in conversation with Municipal Affairs and Municipal Assessment Agency the town has to establish ownership with a survey, title search, and a lawyer before we can have a Tax Sale. When selling land the town must advertise in 3 conspicuous places for example, post office, newspaper or town website so that all residents and others get a fair chance at knowing what is for sale.

The Emergency Response Plan for the stadium in the event of an ammonia leak has been accepted and passed with OH&S; it is done in conjunction with the Town of Stephenville and the Fire Department.

Signs on Messervey's Lane have been erected on the front and back of The Eatery on Main requesting not to block the lane, this is the solution until the Lane is brought up to standard. The letter received concerning land on Station Road that was tabled for December's meeting, the manager spoke to Municipal Affairs and explained to the person who had inquired that the town

Motion #22-228 Councilor W. Vincent 2nd by Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons

Be it resolved that the town of St. George's does agree to hire LW Consultants to conduct interviews that will see a new Assistant Town Clerk hired early into the new year.

In Favor: 6

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

Adjournment

Motion #22-229 Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons 2nd by Councilor R. Sheppard

Be it resolved, as there is no more business to discuss that the meeting will adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

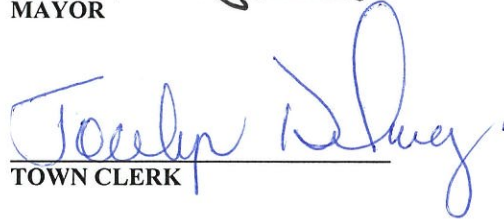
The next meeting of council will be January 12th, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

In Favor: 6

Against: 0

Abstained: 0


MAYOR


TOWN CLERK