

Town of Florenceville-Bristol
Regular Council Meeting
July 11, 2017 @ 7:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

Council: Mayor Karl Curtis, Deputy Mayor Tom Davidson, Councillor Dan Guest, Councillor Elizabeth Campbell, Councillor Dan McCarthy

Staff: Sarah Pacey, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk and Michelle Derrah, Administrative Services Manager/Assistant Clerk

REGRETS:

Councillor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, Councillor Janice Kinney

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Karl Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Approval of the July 11th, 2017 Town Council Agenda. Moved by Deputy Mayor Tom Davidson seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell.

CARRIED. #070-2017

PRESENTATIONS:

a. Andrew Cogle, Fire Chief

There were the following calls this past month - 2 motor vehicle accidents, a lightning strike and mutual aid to a structural fire in Upper Kent. Ten members completed a defensive driving course. Nine members were recertified in slope rescue. Currently testing all hoses to make sure they pass inspection. The Fire Department volunteered at Prom, Canada Day Parade and McCain Day. The Fire Chief and CAO attended the Regional Fire Dispatch meeting where we learned Public Safety is launching a new dispatch system for our region in 2018. Our current dispatch service through Woodstock costs \$1,500 annually and our costs for the new system will be \$19, 259.31 less the LSD's coverage portion of approximately \$5,500 for a net cost of \$13,759.31. The net increase over what we currently pay will be \$12,259.31.

Council reviewed the Fire Hall generator quotes. The lowest quote was from Anderson Electric's at \$24,820 for the generator, and \$6,272 for installation, plus HST.

MOTION: To accept the lowest quote from Anderson Electric for supply and installation of a generator to the Fire Hall in the amount of \$24,820 plus HST for the supply of the Generator, and \$6,272 plus HST for installation. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #071-2017

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Ratify approval of the June 13th, 2017 Town Council Minutes as distributed. Moved by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell and seconded by Deputy Mayor Tom Davidson.

CARRIED. #072-2017

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nothing to add to the minutes.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

MOTION: To accept the General Operating Fund Financial Reports for June 2017 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$120,078.68 and approve payment of unpaid bills in the amount of \$227,559.28 for a total of \$347,637.96. Moved by Deputy Mayor Tom Davidson, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell.

CARRIED. #073-2017

MOTION: To accept the Utility Operating Fund Financial Reports for June 2017 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$31,836.51 and approve unpaid bills in the amount of \$9,366.57 for a total of \$41,203.08. Moved by Deputy Mayor Tom Davidson, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #074-2017

CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Dog Control Report:

Council reviewed the Dog Control Report for June.

b. Request from the Village of Bath

The River Bend Balloon Fest week will include the Trevors-Goodine Professional Lumberjack Competition on September 4. The Lumberjack TV series has offered to cover this year's event, so it may be a unique opportunity to showcase our area. The cost to bring the TV crew to the area is approximately \$5,000 plus transportation and lodging.

MOTION: To make a donation of \$1,000 to the River Bend Balloon Fest so they can bring the Lumberjack TV series to the Trevors-Goodine Professional Lumberjack Competition. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tom Davidson.

CARRIED. #075-2017

c. Federal Gas Tax Fund – 2017 Allocation

Council received notice that the Town of Florenceville-Bristol will receive \$115,370 under the Federal Gas Tax Fund program to be invested in municipal infrastructure or capacity building projects from our 2014-2018 Capital Investment Plan.

d. Municipal Designated Highway Program

Council received notice that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) is looking for the Town of Florenceville-Bristol updated five-year plan by no later than September 30, 2017.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Tom Davidson:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Janice Kinney:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Dan Guest:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Elizabeth Campbell:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Dan McCarthy:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Nancy Whyte-McCauley:

Nothing report.

Mayor Karl Curtis:

Attended a Western Valley Regional Service Commission meeting and will be sitting on the Finance Committee and the Commission is looking at curb-side recycling.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Carleton North Rural Community Feasibility Study

Council reviewed the number of signatures received to date from the LSD's, and discussed whether Council wants to move forward with the feasibility study.

MOTION: Based on the initial assessment of the Carleton North Rural Community, Council would like to move forward with a feasibility study for the Carleton North Rural Community. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tom Davidson.

CARRIED. #076-2017

b. Community Hall Contract and User Fee

Council discussed changes to the Community Hall contract and rental fee from \$30 to \$50. They reviewed comparable rental rates from other halls in our area. Council agreed to make the amendments to the Community Hall Rental Agreement, including a rental fee increase to \$50.

MOTION: To amend the user fee policy for the hall rental to \$50. Moved by Councillor Dan Guest, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #077-2017

c. Unightly Premises

There are 4 properties in the Town that have received complaints for Unightly Premises:

- 12 Rogers Street is vacant and owner passed away several years ago. PNB are not able to send for tax sale until the legal land description and title can be searched. They have this on their list but will take some time.
- 20 Pine Street is vacant and owned by PNB. They are planning to demolish the house and shed by the end of the summer, and place the land for sale.
- 8594 Main Street is out for tender by PNB. Tenders close July 10. The Town received a call regarding someone interested in placing a bid, so it should be resolved once there is a new owner.
- 8 Dyer Street is vacant and boarded up. The Town's Building Inspector visited the property, and was confident based on his exterior inspection that the building is not habitable and based on the broken second floor windows, he expects wildlife has taken shelter inside. It is his opinion that the property poses a major safety concern, and that the most economical solution is for the Owner to demolish the building and foundation. We will be forwarding this to the property owner for action.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business items.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy seconded by Deputy Mayor Tom Davidson.

CARRIED. #078-2017

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 8, 2017

MAYOR

CLERK

CLOSED MEETING:

The following matters were discussed:

Financial Gain or Loss
Personnel

MAYOR

CLERK