

The Meeting of the Bath Village Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on December 13, 2021.

**Present:** Mayor Mike Allen, Barb McIntosh, Jodi O'Neill, Rodney Broad, Christa Holmes, Adam O'Donnell.

**Approval of Agenda:** On **Motion** to approve the agenda as presented.

**McIntosh/O'Neill 01-12-2021**

**Approval of Minutes:** On **Motion** to approve the minutes as presented.

**Broad/McIntosh 02-12-2021**

**Business Arising from Minutes:** Adam had another issue with the sewer pump and had to be taken back to Hartland Armature. Adam plans to discuss with Mr. Salmon the sale of the old dump property. Adam is still trying to locate some potato barrels.

**Correspondence:**

1. Letter from Three Sons Distributors dog control – resigning from position as of Dec 31, 2021
2. Application for membership Flor-Bristol Chamber of Commerce. On **Motion** to purchase a one year membership for \$40.00.

**McIntosh/Broad 03-12-2021**

3. Thank you card from Upper River Valley Hospital Foundation re: support for the Smile Cookie Week.

**Committee Reports:**

**Legal Finance and Administration:** The budget was approved by the province. Mayor Allen attended a Zoom meeting with Regional Service Commission on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> on public safety. There is a new program under Dept of Public Safety where former RCMP officers are handling issues that deal with neighbourhoods to keep them safe. The program deals with issues such as illegal activities, landlord issues. This group formed will investigate the problems and send out the necessary correspondence to deal with it. They will lay charges against the person involved and there will be no cost to the village. Clerk to contact this group on a matter.

**Economic Development:** Bath Non Profit Housing received a letter of approval from Federation of Canadian Municipalities they have been approved for a \$20000 grant for work on the old

hospital building. This building will be heated by solar and will house apartments. Council asked Mayor Allen about the old train station. Mayor Allen spoke with Mr. Brennan about the building and the project is on hold at this time.

**Community Development:** Adam will continue to look for potato barrels from local farmers.

**Recreation:** The Bath Lions Club donated \$750 towards the liner for the outdoor rink.

**Public Works:** Adam has been working behind the school getting an area ready for the children to use for sliding this winter. Adam is working on the outdoor rink. Ebbett's did not have time to level off the area for the rink. There have been several complaints from the area concerning the guard rail Mr. Feeney has installed along the NB Trail. Coun Broad to speak with Mr. Kinney about this issue.

**Public Safety:** Coun Broad suggested that there needs to be more lighting around the village. Clerk to contact NB Power to price the cost of a light and pole for Main Street and also a light on pole on School Street. Adam checked with Town of Florenceville-Bristol on cost of black light posts and they paid \$3000 per post in the new year. Clerk to set up a meeting with Mr. Blanchard to discuss some projects crosswalks and light posts. Coun Broad attended a Zoom meeting with Mr. Kinney on the use of NB Trails. There is some literature that will be made available to residents. There is a lot of garbage along the trail. The RCMP Meeting at the multiplex in Centreville was informative. RCMP are responsible for an area as large as PEI with only 4 officers. There is only 19-20 hours a day with 4-5 hours with no coverage. There are no body cams or cameras in cars. Mayor Allen has already spoke with MLA Margaret Johnston and MP Richard Bragdon to discuss this major policing issue. There is a lot of criminal activity going on in this area. RCMP use to be most respected force but are not equipped and federally funded.

**Transportation:** Mr. Landry spoke with Mayor Allen about the plowing issues. Council does not was the truck used on plowing the sidewalk. Council is not satisfied and would like to set up meeting with Mr. Landry to discuss these issues. Send a copy of the contract to all council.

**New Business:** Mayor Allen attended a zoom Meeting on November 23 to discuss the White Paper. Changes will not take place until January 2023. A new election will be held on November 2022. There are some issue with some areas, there is an advisory team handling the complaints. Letter will go out to residents to explain what is going on. On **Motion** to reserve 4000.00 from the Utility Operating Account to the Utility Capital Reserve.

**Broad/McIntosh 04-12-2021**

**Accounts Payable:** On **Motion** to approve the bills presented.

**Broad/McIntosh 05-12-2021**

On **Motion** to pay the bills previously paid since last meeting.

**McIntosh/O'Neill 06-12-2021**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting January 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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