

Meeting # 7
September 8, 2020

Present: Mayor James Cashin
Deputy Mayor Eileen Hann
Councillor Gordon Johnston
Councillor Michael McCann
Councillor Elaine Martin (absent – Working)

Mayor Cashin called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m

Minutes of meeting held on June 9th, 2020
Mayor Cashin asked if there were any errors or omissions

Motion 53-2020 Councillor Johnston / Deputy Mayor Hann

Resolved, that, the minutes of Regular Meeting held on June 9th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

All In Favor
Motion Carried

Minutes of special meeting held on July 7th, 2020
Mayor Cashin asked if there were any errors or omissions

Motion 54-2020 Councillor McCann / Councillor Johnston

Resolved, that, the minutes of Special Meeting held on July 7th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

All In Favor
Motion Carried

Minutes of special meeting held on August 5th, 2020
Mayor Cashin asked if there were any errors or omissions

Motion 55-2020 Councillor Johnston / Deputy Mayor Hann

Resolved, that, the minutes of Special Meeting held on August 5th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

All In Favor
Motion Carried

Correspondence:

- Essential Workers Support Program - Applied to Government NL and was approved for \$3,300. Government deposited \$5,657.96 into our account. Error (Returned \$2,357.96)
- COVID-19 Community Resilience Infrastructure Funding – Clerk will keep in contact with MP Gudie Hutching’s office to see when applications are out

Motion 56-2020

Councillor Johnston / Councillor Mc.Cann

Finances: Accounts Payable _____ **\$ 51,717.66**
Resolved, that, the Accounts Payable as listed above be approved for payment.

All In Favor
Motion Carried

Motion 57-2020

Councillor Johnston / Councillor McCann

Finances: Financial Statement January 1 – August 31, 2020.
Resolved, that, the Financial Statement from January 1 to August 31, 2020 be adopted as presented by Clerk.

All In Favor
Motion Carried

BMO – Bank Statements for June & July 2020 – As per auditor’s request, Clerk presented Council with reconciled bank statements for June and July, 2020

Motion 58-2020

Councillor McCann / Councillor Johnston

Permits: General Repairs & Maintenance
Resolved, that, the following property owners be granted a permit to do General Repairs & Maintenance on their property.

Permits:

- 12 Cashin’s Lane
- 92 Main Street
- 116 Main Street
- 145 Main Street
- 5 Robert Drive
- 211 Main Street
- 7 Leonard Drive

- 215 Main Street
- 11 Oceanview Drive
- 14 Mountainview Drive
- 81 Hynes road
- 147 Main Street

**All In Favor
Motion Carried**

Items for Discussion:

- Bacteriological Water Analysis Report – June 10th, and July 8th, 2020 – All Satisfactory
- Self-Imposed Boil Water Advisory – Due to the shutting off water because of low levels – Awaiting Government Services to give the ok to remove the advisory.
- Voting in Proxy Guidelines (request from Councillor McCann) – Clerk researched this and found out that there is no proxy voting and that majority of council members present rules.
- Clerk – Request Vacation (Week of September 14-18th) Council will permit Clerk to take her vacation and ask acting clerk to fill in.
- Background Report – Any changes that should submitted to Smith Community Planning. Council discussed this and clerk will send a list of changes to Mr. Smith. Council also agreed to proceed with public meetings as long as Covid-19 recommended measures are followed.
- Maintenance/Water Operator – (Letter) Asking for an increase in salary, the required rest time (Labor Standards Act) each week, and extra hours to account for wear and tear on his vehicle. Council agreed to hire someone for the weekends, to relieve on vacation time, and to assist when required. Increase in wages will come at a later date once a public services union contract has been negotiated and signed. Council is not willing to increase hours at the present time. (PLEASE NOTE) Clerk was asked to leave the room as staff wages were discussed. Left at 7:20 pm and invited to return at 7:40 pm. Clerk will advertise for a Back-up Maintenance/Water Operator asap so that this individual will be able to become familiar with the duties to be able to fill in when needed.
- Municipal Affairs – Jonathan McCarthy – List of consultants (Add/Delete) – Council wants to add Aguathuna Drafting & Consulting and remove Gorman Engineering from the list.
- Letter from Town of Port au Port West, Aguathuna, Felix Cove – Re: Incident Report (Christmas Social) Incident which transpired during the 2019 Christmas Social. Port au Port West, Aguathuna & Felix Cove Clerk felt threatened. Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief dealt with this and stated same in conversation with Mayor Cashin. Council asked for clarity and said that names should be given. Clerk will send another letter to Mayor Kook-Marche & Council regarding the incident and their suggestion regarding an alcohol free social.

- Town Beautification – Mayor Cashin wanted to discuss some projects that we could do to enhance the look of our town ie: flower boxes, benches, improve the signs at both entrances to town and picnic tables that can be removed in the fall. Council discussed this and said that maybe during the winter months, maintenance can build some items. Councillor McCann noted that he will try and get pictures of some nice looking ones that can be placed on cement pads and bolted down.

Other Info:

- MNL Presidents Report
- Recycling Product News – May/June 2020
- Infrastructure – Vol 25 – Numbers 6 & 7

Adjournment

Motion 59-2020

Councillor McCann / Councillor Johnston

Time of Adjournment: 8:40 pm

Mayor Jim Cashin

Clerk Florence Barten