

Meeting
December 13, 2022

Present: Mayor Jim Cashin
Deputy Mayor Eileen Hann
Councillor Gordon Johnston
Councillor Art Barry
Councillor Edith Gaudon

Mayor Cashin called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m and welcomed Councillor Gaudon to Council. She was elected on November 22 and was sworn in at a privileged meeting.

Minutes of meetings held on November 8th 2022.

Motion 81-2022

Councillor Barry/Deputy Mayor Hann

Resolved, that, the minutes of meeting held on November 8, 2022 be approved as presented.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Correspondence:

- Requests for donation. Deferred from a previous meeting.

Stephenville Emergency Food Services – Council discussed this and referred to a town policy which states that the “Town of Port au Port East shall only make donations to community groups and school functions within the town such as Safe Grad, Yearbook, Hershey’s Track & Field, and Achievement Awards. The amount donated will be in accordance with the Town Budget”.

- Christmas Greetings on CFSX – Don Gibbon’s contacted the office inquiring as to if we wanted to extend greetings to the town this year? Costs: \$225.00 + tax for 20 spots – Council discussed this and decided not to avail of this service.
- Wendy Squires (Nurse Practitioner – Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital) Seeking an incentive from the town to make the hospital more attractive for health care workers. – Council discussed this and decided that we are unable to provide financial assistance and that there are many worthwhile organizations out there, that we as a small town, are unable to assist. Again, we refer to the town policy as above.
- Stephenville High Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony – Invitation – Mayor Cashin will attend.

- Darren Roberts – Invitation to his Retirement Celebration – Mayor Cashin will attend.

Finances: Accounts Payable _____ **\$ 32,373.83**

Motion 82-2022 **Councillor Barry/Mayor Cashin**

Resolved, that, the Accounts Payable as presented be approved for payment.

Vote: Mayor Cashin – yes Councillor Johnston – yes
Deputy Mayor Hann – yes Councillor Gaudon – No
Councillor Barry – yes

In Favor – 4

Opposed – 1

Motion Carried

Permits: Demolition (House)

121 Main Street

Motion 83-2022 **Councillor Johnston/Councillor Barry**

Resolved, that, property owner of 121 Main Street be issued a permit to demolish a building on her property.

All In Favor

Motion

Permits: Culvert

64 Hynes Road

Motion 84-2022 **Councillor Gaudon/Councillor Barry**

Resolved, that, a resident was required to supply a culvert of at least 24” in diameter as per town regulations. After a discussion between council and the resident, the resident agreed to install a 30” culvert. The town agreed to also install a 30” culvert to ensure the free flow of water and prevent flooding at the site, and to alleviate flooding upstream.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Items for Discussion:

- Bacteriological Water Analysis Reports November 23rd and December 5, 2022 – All Satisfactory
- Please complete new Disclosure Statements – New ones to comply with “Code of Conduct” were completed.
- Code of Conduct – Motion to accept

Motion 85-2022

Mayor Cashin/Councillor Barry

Resolved, that, the Municipal Code of Conduct be adopted as directed by the Department of Municipal Affairs & Climate Change.

Vote: Mayor Cashin – yes Deputy Mayor Hann – yes
Councillor Johnston – yes Councillor Barry – yes
Councillor Gaudon – No

In Favor – 4

Opposed – 1

Motion Carried

- Time of Regular Meetings going forward – Councillor Gaudon requested to have meeting times changed to 6:30. Discussion of Council followed and a vote took place.

Motion 86-2022

Councillor Gaudon/Councillor Barry

Resolved, that, the meeting times of Council will remain the same at 4:30 p.m. Vote as follows:

Mayor Cashin – 4:30 Councillor Barry – 6:30
Deputy Mayor Hann – 4:30 Councillor Gaudon – 6:30
Councillor Johnston – 4:30

Vote 3 in Favor of keeping the time the same, and 2 requesting a change

Motion defeated – Meetings will continue to be held at 4:30 p.m.

- Budget – 2023 – Clerk presented Council with 2 possible mil rates (5.4 and 5.5). Council discussed this and then held a vote. Budget includes a 2% wage increase for paid employees as per past practices.

Motion 87-2022

Councillor Johnston/Councillor Barry

Resolved, that, the Municipal Budget with 5.5 mil rate will be accepted for the year 2023.

Vote: Mayor Cashin – yes Councillor Johnston – yes
Deputy mayor Han – yes Councillor Barry – yes
Councillor Gaudon – no – did not support (did not attend prior meeting to discuss)

In Favor – 4

Opposed – 1

Motion Carried

- Tax Rates – 2023 – Motion to adopt 2023 tax rates with no changes.

Motion 88-2022

Councillor Johnston/

Resolved, that, the tax rates for 2023 will be adopted with no changes.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

- Complaint that our Snow Clearing Contractor is tearing up a resident property. Council discussed this and pointed out that the Town has jurisdiction of 33 feet from the centre of the road. Damage is minimal and council feels that this is not a legitimate complaint.
- Culvert – Motion to purchase

Motion 89- 2022

Councillor Gaudon/Councillor Barry

Resolved, that, the Town of Port au Port East will purchase a 30" culvert for install on Hynes Road to prevent damages caused by flooding in this area.

- Waste Disposal Quote – 1 bid was received from Containerized Sanitation Ltd.

Motion 90-2022

Councillor Barry / Councillor Gaudon

Resolved, that, the bid from Containerized Sanitation in the amount of \$38,641.20 be accepted and that Containerized Sanitation will be our Waste Disposal Contractor for 2023.

All In favor

Motion Carried

Other Information:

- New Bridge for the Port au Port Peninsula
- Project Nujio'qonik – update (Cemetery – No intention of going this route)
- Local 10 digit dialing coming to NL
- Diocese of Corner Brook – Purchase agreement for 9 Hynes Road

Waste Collection – Christmas

Will Start at 7 a.m

Collection on Mon, Dec. 26 will be moved to Wed, Dec 28 and

Collection on Mon, Jan. 2 will be moved to Wed, Jan 4, 2023

Adjournment

Time of Adjournment: 5:50 p.m

Motion 91-2022

Councillor Barry / Mayor Cashin

Adjournment

Time of Adjournment: 10:55 a.m

Mayor

Jim Cashin

Clerk/Manager

Florence Barteaux