

Meeting # 5  
March 8, 2022

**Present:** Mayor James Cashin  
Deputy Mayor Eileen Hann  
Councillor Gordon Johnston  
Councillor Jan Crane  
Councillor Mary Cole

**Residents:** Avis Lafitte, Kenny Greene, Art Barry, Denis Burke, Jim Cochrane Jr, Edith Gaudon, Kim DeGroot. Darlene Marche,

**Guests:** Kay & Paul Lidstone. Mr. & Mrs Lidstone asked to speak to Council in regards to snow accumulation and run off of rain and melting snow on Romaines road and letters that were received regarding the same.

Mayor Cashin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Mrs. Lidstone asked to be allowed to read a letter that she and other residents had received in regards to piling snow in ditches on Romaines Road. She requested that an apology from the town is in order. Mayor Cashin told her that a friendly letter should have been sent asking people not to place snow in ditches as it causes flooding. Mayor Cashin also stated that apology letters were sent out saying that this should have been a reminder and that Clerk/Manager had written the apology letter while he was in the office. Clerk/Manager acknowledged that the letter should not have been worded as strongly as it was but that there had been previous reminders (via newsletters) sent out to all residents throughout the years. Mrs. Lidstone said that there had always been issues with flooding on Romaines Road.

Mrs. Lidstone also discussed that the fire hydrants were blocked in. She was advised that cleaning them out had already been scheduled with maintenance and Gabriel's Construction the next morning (Wednesday).

There was further discussion on what avenues could be explored in order to alleviate flooding throughout town ie: former Floor Control Project that many residents rejected and having Jamie Goosney do some work to see if there are other places that water can be diverted away from homes.

Other issues that were discussed were increase in taxes and budget.

Mayor Cashin thanked all for their input and then proceeded to call the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes of meeting held on February 22, 2022**

**Motion 11-2022**

**Councillor Johnston / Councillor Cole**

Resolved, that, the minutes of meeting held on February 22, 2022 be adopted as presented.

**All In Favor**

**Motion Carried.**

**Correspondence:**

- MMSB – Application approved for Come Home Year Community Cleanup Project. We were eligible for 1000.00 (amounts vary according to population size)

**Finances: Accounts Payable** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$ 20,250.60**

**Motion 12-2022**

**Councillor Councillor Cole / Councillor Johnston**

Resolved, that, the Accounts Payable (omit first 3 items – duplicate from last meeting) be approved for payment.

**All In Favor**

**Motion Carried.**

Variance report was requested but it was explained that this is done each year at the end of May and August. Clerk also said that she had been in contact with Deer Lake Tech Support in order to get this set up on our Town Manager Program.

2022 Budget approved by Municipal Affairs – Separation of Commercial/Residential Taxes was required so we need to send in a new motion to reflect the changes.

**Motion 13-2022**

**Councillor Cole / Councillor Crane**

Resolved, that, as per Municipal Affairs, the commercial and residential taxes will be separated in the 2022 budget.

**All In Favor**

**Motion Carried.**

**Items for Discussion:**

- Bacteriological Water Analysis Report – 1 unsatisfactory test (issues at treatment plant) but no action required – re: David Janes Environmental Health Officer.

- Website – Minutes of last two months were not on the town website. Clerk will contact our web administrator to have them added. It was noted that the town office do not control when items go on. We just forward along the messages.
- Receipts – Councillor Crane said that she heard from a resident that receipts were not being issued for payments. Clerk/Manager said that we are constantly asking people to forward a valid email address to the office so that we could send receipts and that normally, people would just call into the office and this would be sorted out. The idea of emailing receipts was to save on costs.
- Town Maintenance workers going onto private property ie flooding or repairs. Who would be responsible if something went wrong? – There was a discussion and noted that town workers only do work to the curbstoep, and not in on private property. Workers would be covered under Workers Compensation if an accident occurred on town jurisdiction (waterline to curbstoep) but are not covered on town insurance while on private property.
- Fire Department Meeting – Mayor Cashin gave an update on a meeting he had with Fire Chief Wayne Deaves and Desmond Hunt (laison for the Town of Port au Port West, Aguathuna & Felix Cove. Chief Deaves stressed the need for a second truck and requested that the East and West each contribute \$5,000.00 as our 10% on a 90/10 project.

**Motion 14-2022**

**Councillor Cole / Deputy Mayor Hann**

Resolved, that, if the Port au Port Regional Volunteer Fire Department receives approval for a second truck, the Town of Port au Port East will pay \$5,000.00 conditional upon approval from the Town of Port au Port West, Aguathuna & Felix Cove.

**All In Favor  
Motion Carried.**

Other items discussed at that meeting were new Bunker Gear and Jaws of Life upgrades. The plan is to apply for projects and cover their share using the Fire Department Budget.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion 15-2022**

**Councillor Cole / Mayor Cashin**

**Time of Adjournment:**

**8:15 p.m**

Mayor *Jim Cashin*

Clerk/Manager *Florence Baster*