

**Meeting # 8
October 6th, 2021**

Present: Mayor James Cashin
Deputy Mayor Eileen Hann
Councillor Gordon Johnston
Councillor Michael McCann

Mayor Cashin called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m

Minutes of last meeting held on September 7, 2021

Mayor Cashin asked if there were any errors or omissions.

Motion 42-2021 Councillor Johnston / Deputy Mayor Hann

Resolved, that, the minutes of the last regular meeting held on September 7, 2021 be adopted as presented.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Mayor Cashin adjourned this meeting at 5:55 p.m

New Meeting: Town Clerk (Municipal Elections)

Present: James Cashin
Eileen Hann
Gordon Johnston
Michael McCann
Jan Crane

Town Clerk calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m

Town Clerk proceeds with Municipal Elections.

Town Clerk now asks for nominations for position of Mayor (three times)

Gordon Johnston nominated James Cashin for **Mayor**, seconded by Eileen Hann.

Town Clerk asked James Cashin if he accepts the nomination. He accepts

Town Clerk asked if there were any more nominations for Mayor (**three times**)

There were no further nominations for Mayor. Clerk asked James Cashin if he accepts the nomination and he accepted the position of Mayor.

Our newly elected Mayor is James Cashin. Congratulations Jim.

Clerk calls for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor **(three times)**

Mayor Cashin nominated Eileen Hann for Deputy Mayor, seconded by Gordon Johnston.

Clerk asked if there were any more nominations for Deputy Mayor **(three times)**

There were no further nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. Clerk asked Eileen Hann if she accepts the nomination for Deputy Mayor, she accepted.

Eileen Hann is our newly elected Deputy Mayor, Congratulations Eileen.

Our new Councillors are Gordon Johnston, Jan Crane and Michael McCann. Congratulations to all.

Clerk calls Municipal Elections to a close.

Mayor James Cashin takes over the meeting at 6:05 p.m

Correspondence:

- Regional Aquatic Centre – seeking a financial donation. Councillor Crane proposed that we could look at the next budget. There was a discussion and Mayor Cashin filled Councillor Crane in on the history of the town's support for the Aquatic Centre. Mayor Cashin read Mr. Alexander's request for support. All were opposed to providing financial support at this time.
- Call for Nominations – Western Region Director – No one is available.
- "BEST" Open House Celebration, October 8 at 12 p.m – Mayor Cashin read out the invitation to Council members and Councillor McCann gave an update.

Finances: Accounts Payable: _____ \$17,653.36

Motion 43-2021

Councillor McCann / Councillor Crane

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

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Finances: Bank Statement for September, 2021 – Reviewed by Council

Items for Discussion:

- Election - Councillor McCann requested to have this item placed on the agenda.

Councillor McCann said that he heard from a member of the public that there was a perceived conflict of interest. He stated that going forward, the election should be run by an independent source and not town employees. Mayor Cashin said that his line of questioning was insulting to the Town Clerk and Former Town Clerk that they were affecting the outcome of the election.

Councillor McCann disagreed and said that he wanted to see where it said that clerk was supposed to be handling the election. Clerk informed Councillor McCann that the Department of Municipal Affairs dictates who runs Municipal elections but would check to be sure.

Councillor Crane interrupted and asked if the Town Clerk should even be speaking as this is an elected council official debate. Councillor Crane suggested that the Clerk should not be a part of this discussion.

Mayor Cashin said that "Yes, the Clerk should be there"

Clerk said that "I speak up to provide information when necessary and if I can't speak, how am I to relay information out to council. What is the point of me even being there"?

Councillor Crane argued this and said that "only Councillors should have the right to speak".

Mayor Cashin cut her off and said that Councillor McCann had the floor and that this was unacceptable. Mayor Cashin then asked if the matter could be deferred until verification could be provided that the Clerk was 100% correct. Mayor Cashin also said that Clerk will continue to contribute to the discussion whenever she has information relevant to the item at hand.

- Councillor Orientation Training – Fall 2021 (Stephenville, December 9 – 9 a.m-4:30 p.m) – Councillor Crane will be attending and will complete the registration required.
- Fire Chief Bill Abbott – Resigning – Motion to support Wayne Deaves efforts to become the new Fire Chief

Motion 44-2021

Councillor Johnston / Deputy Mayor Hann

Resolved, that, council will support Wayne Deaves efforts to be Chief of the Port au Port Regional Volunteer Fire Department.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Councillor McCann said that OK Tire in Stephenville now does Rust Check and that we should talk to Daren to make an appointment to have the Fire Truck done to protect it.

- Paving – There was some discussion regarding repairs to asphalt on the town's side streets. Clerk had already placed a call to SNC Lavalin and waiting a response on cost.
- New Well – Jamie Goosney (Aguathuna Drafting & Consulting) offered to provide his services to help locate an area in town where we can drill another well. Mayor Cashin

asked if Council would allow him to check with Mr. Goosney. All members were in agreement.

- Romaines Land – There was some discussion around prospective buyers wanting to know how many lots they could receive water permits for. Council will not commit to a fixed number of permits at this time. Would prefer to have a plan submitted before a decision is made.
- Recreation – Hockey Rink. Councillor Crane was wondering if Council would consider placing one at the parking lot next to the Senior's Building. Mayor Cashin said that it had been done in the past and hardly anyone used it. He was concerned with having this because of vandalism around the Town Hall and Senior's Building. All other councillors were not in favor of this idea.
- Facebook – Clerk will delete the Town Facebook page off her personal page and set up one just for the town.
- Webpage – Lack of control for the Town. Clerk will ask Junior Grandy if he would transfer the website over to the Town Office and leave us with the domain as well.
- Covid-19 Vaccinations – Mandatory

Motion 45-2021

Councillor McCann / Councillor Crane

Resolved, that when the Newfoundland Government says that staff must be double vaccinated in government departments, The Town of Port au Port East will mandate all council members and staff be double vaccinated as well.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Other Info

- Recycling Product News – July/August, 2021

Adjournment : 8:25 p.m

Motion 46 – 2012

Councillor Johnston / Councillor McCann

Mayor

Jim Cashin

Clerk

Florence Barter