

A regular meeting of Council was held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Scott Goldsworthy
Councillor Tom Toope
Councillor Christian Hayter
Town Clerk/Manager Linda Sweet
Water & Sewer Operator Glen Vokey

Visitor:

Tom Kennedy, Sue Stapleton, Barbara Warren, Paul Stapleton

Mayor Goldsworthy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes for November 9th were circulated and Mayor Goldsworthy asked if there were any errors or omissions. No errors or omissions were noted **Motion 2023-12-84:** was made by Councillor Toope to adopt the minutes of November 9th, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope and Hayter in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Councillors' Stapleton and Warren were asked to join Council where both were sworn in.

Town Clerk/Manager called for nominations for the Mayor's position. Scott Goldsworthy nominated Paul Stapleton, it was seconded by Christian Hayter. Paul Stapleton accepted the nomination. Thomas Toope nominated Christian Hayter, it was seconded by Scott Goldsworthy. Christian Hayter declined the nomination. A third and final call for nominations with no other nomination, Paul Stapleton is the new Mayor.

Town Clerk/Manager called for nominations for the Deputy Mayor's position. Mayor Stapleton nominated Scott Goldsworthy for the Deputy Mayor's position, it was seconded by Barbara Warren. Scott Goldsworthy accepted the nomination. Town Clerk/Manager called for the second nomination for the Deputy Mayor's position with no nominations and a third and final call with no other nomination, Scott Goldsworthy is acclaimed the new Deputy Mayor.

Members of Council Present:

Mayor Paul Stapleton
Deputy Mayor Scott Goldsworthy
Councillor Tom Toope
Councillor Christian Hayter
Councillor Barb Warren

Motion 2023-12-85: was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to adopt the agenda we post online; it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Fire Department

Mayor Stapleton asked if there was a report from the Fire Department and the Town Clerk/Manager explained that we didn't get a report. Council agreed that moving forward we needed better communication with the Fire Department.

Water & Sewer Operator

The Water & Sewer Operator informed Council that we had the regular maintenance on the pumps completed and the line was switched over. **Motion 2023-12-86:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to approve the report, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy and Councillor's Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Incoming Correspondence

a) Fort Point Lions Club Re: Donation. A discussion took place and **Motion 2023-12-87:** was made by Councillor Warren to donate \$50.00, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillor's Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

b) Canada Revenue Agency Re: New reporting requirements. - File

Outgoing Correspondence

- Letter of approval for 107 Main Road. - File

- Letter of approval for 19 High Street. - File

Invoices for Operating Account from November 10th, to 30th, 2023, \$42,580.40. A discussion took place and **Motion 2023-12-88:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to pay the invoice in the operating account but hold Bayview Equipment's cheque until the contract was signed, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillor's Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Income for Operating Account from November 12th to 30th, 2023, \$6,169.57

Operating Account	\$56,852.06
Southside Trail	\$352.20
Fire Dept. Funds	\$57,798.82
Trinity Festival	\$5,827.45

A discussion took place and **Motion 2023-12-89:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to approve the finances as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillor's Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

New Business

Town Clerk/Manager suggested holding a planning/orientation day in January. It was suggested that we have an evening session from 6:00 to 9:00 and if we needed more time hold a second evening session. Town Clerk/Manager to email some dates for consideration.

Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that Kyle Hurdle who works for the Trinity Historical Society (THS), through funding received from Ability Employment Corporation, and does work for the town asked if the town would purchase a snow blower. She went on to explain that the THS pays Kyle's wages and the Town provides all the equipment, and supplies as Kyle keeps the grass cut, garbage cans empty, etc,. She also informed Council that Kyle keeps our flushing stations, the church and chapel cleared, and he usually brings his own snow blower to do the work. A discussion took place and Council agreed to get a quote for a snow blower and email to Council so they can make a decision.

Town Clerk/Manager asked Council if we would be donating to the local food bank. A discussion took place and **Motion 2023-12-90:** was made by Councillor Warren to donate \$350.00 to the local food bank, it was seconded by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillor's Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

A discussion took place and **Motion 2023-12-91:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillor's Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of Council will be Monday February 5th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Building.

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager