

December 10th, 2013

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Brigus in the Town Hall, December 10th, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:, Mayor Byron Rodway, DM Ralph Trickett; Councillors, Lorne Youden, Shears Mercer Jr., Gregory Hiscock, Thomas Ryan Sr and Wayne Broughton.

ABSENT: Nil

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk/Manager Wayne Rose, Graham Hiscock, David King, Billy Pomeroy.

MINUTES: Motion: Hiscock/Mercer resolved that the minutes of our last regular meeting held on November 5th, 2013 be adopted as circulated. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried.

ARISING FROM MINUTES

C. Youden left the meeting due to conflict of Interest (8:05 pm)

The Clerk/Manager reported that he didn't receive any objection for the advertised application for a Convenience Store located at 290 Conception Bay Highway.

Motion: Mercer/Broughton resolved that the application received from 290 Conception Bay Highway for a Convenience store be approved. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

With regards to the water/sewer hookup the Clerk/Manager was instructed to talk to the owner on how and when the best time would be to do this.

The Clerk/Manager reported he received one (1) tender for the Land Council put up for sale on Cooperage Lane. It was received from Lorne Youden in the amount of \$305.00.

Motion: DM Trickett/Hiscock resolved that we sell to Lorne Youden a parcel of land on Cooperage Lane for \$305.00 with the condition he would give to Council in writing permission to continue pushing snow on his land further in Cooperage Lane. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried

C. Youden returned to our meeting (8:12 pm)

With regards to the sewer backup at 20 School Lane, Council instructed the Clerk/Manager to make contact with the owner and advise him to contact his insurance to correct the issue and they will determine their own investigation.

DELEGATION

Mr. Graham Hiscock and Mr. David King came to our meeting representing our Fire Department with the following concerns. Mr. Hiscock also stated that our Fire Chief Rodney Mercer couldn't make it due to mechanical problems with his vehicle.

1. Issues with protocol regarding the Bay de Grave not making our Fire Brigade aware that they are in our jurisdiction when they receive a call. 2. Defibrillator for our fire truck for the protection of fire brigade members only.

It was agreed that the Clerk/Manager would get in touch with the Fire Commissioner and the Chair of the Bay de Grave Committee to express our concerns. On another note it was agreed that the Clerk/Manager would apply for a student to update the files of the members of our Fire Brigade. Mr. Hiscock & King thanked Council for their time and left the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Rodway, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the 2014 Municipal Budget to Council and reported that the finance committee was pleased to announce that there would be no increase in the mill or water & sewer rates. Chairperson Rodway noted that no other changes were made to our tax structure. Also Chairperson Rodway stated that we have a balanced budget for 2014 in the amount of \$754,164.00

Motion: Hiscock/Youden resolved that our 2014 Municipal Budget be accepted and approved as presented. In Favour 6; Opposed 1 (DM Trickett due to not being satisfied with the increase our garbage collector will be getting starting in February 2014); Carried.

Motion: Youden/Mercer resolved that Municipal Tax rates for 2014 be accepted and approved as presented with interest charges of 12% annually. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried.

Motion: Mercer/Hiscock resolved that we borrow from the Bank of Nova Scotia for the year 2014, Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) as our operating line of credit. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>		
<u>FROM</u>	<u>REGARDING</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Billy Pomeroy	Model Schooner	File
Billy Pomeroy	Old Brigus Photo's	Check on photo's
Dept of Environment	Gola Roberts	File
Lodge MaCkay No. 1129	Financial Assistance	No Donation
Public Trustee	Estate of David Percy	Motion
PMA	Programs	File
Town of Cupids	Thank You	File

Mayor Rodway left the meeting due to conflict of interest while the letter received from Public Trustee was being discuss.

Motion: Youden/Hiscock resolved that we accept the offer from Public Trustee with regards to 245 Conception Bay Highway in the amount of \$1,500.00 and write off the balance of \$1,347.04. In Favour 6; Opposed 0; Carried.

Mayor Rodway returned to our meeting.

BILLS

Motion: DM Trickett/Hiscock resolved that the bills in the amount of \$102,785.86 be paid. In Favour 7 Opposed 0; Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Look at 3 way stop signs for Water Street/North Street/Harbour Drive.
2. No business cards for Council members.
3. Clerk/Manager reminded Council members on taxes/money owed to council must be paid in full by January 31, 2014.
4. Check on the purchase of iPads for Council meetings in the new year.
5. Town Clerk/Manager holidays approved from December 24, 2013 to January 2, 2014

Motion: DM Trickett/Mercer resolved we write of the taxes owing at 11-35 School Lane in the amount of \$6,590.50 in consideration that the Town now owns the land. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried

Council reviewed the cost associated with the installation of water/sewer for school lane and noted it was a learning lesson.

The Clerk/Manager reported on the Orientation workshop he attended on November 30/13 along with Councillors Youden, Ryan & Broughton at the Lions Club in Whitbourne. All felt that the workshop was very informative and covered quite a few topics. The Clerk/Manager e-mailed a copy of the presentation to all Council members.

C. Ryan noted that he along with C. Youden and Allisha attended the workshop with the Assessment Agency at the Capital Hotel in St. John's on December 3rd, 2013 and stated it was quite informative.

Being the last meeting of the year, Mayor Rodway and Council extended seasons greetings to all and thanked the staff for their dedicated work.

Motion: Mercer/Ryan resolved that our meeting be adjourned until January 14th, 2014. In Favour 7; Opposed 0; Carried.
Time: 9:55 p.m.

Byron Rodway, Mayor

Date: _____ 2014

Wayne Rose, Town Clerk/Manager