

January 31, 2018

**Whitbourne Town Council
Regular Meeting
Whitbourne Town Hall
January 31, 2018**

In Attendance: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam
Councilors: Peter Petipas
Lionel Rodrigues
Thomas Howe
Deanne Hillier- White

Present: Town Clerk C. Peddle, Outside Foreman J. Hutchings

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm. Mayor Whelan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Motion-2018-01-006- T. Rose/D. Hillier-White

Let it be resolved that council approved the minutes of the regular council meeting held on January 10, 2018 be adopted as read with no errors or omissions.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam
Councilors: Peter Petipas
Lionel Rodrigues
Thomas Howe
Deanne Hillier-White

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Backhoe Repairs

The town clerk put a tender ad to the companies who can provide a quote. This will be in effect for 2 weeks and will be listed for purchase only not lease.

Day Care centre - Business tax - Mil Rate

The daycare owner is very pleased with the mil rate reduction.

Canopy Group – Marijuana Company

Mayor Whelan spoke with the company and they will be in contact with Mr. Daniel Gosse about the land on Brigus Road.

Compost Facility committee

The committee is actively working on the compost proposal. The committee may be seeking a lawyer.

Petitions and/or comments from spectators

Letter from resident about paving Evergreen place

Mr. Pitcher is asking council to look at paving Evergreen PL. Council has stated that their budget is already prepared for 2018 but will look at getting the road upgraded and paved in the spring of 2019

Letter from a resident about naming the ball field

Resident Rick Galway wrote a letter to council suggesting that they look at naming the ball field after former Deputy Mayor Roger Morgan. Council will look into this and see what can be done.

Fire Department

Councillor Howe mentioned that the Town's fire chief accepted a fire fighting position at the Vale Site.

Sports & Recreation

The sports commission is seeking reimbursement for the cost of loop bags for the 2017 Christmas parade.

Motion-2018-01-007- T. Howe/P. Petipas

Let it be resolved that council approves to reimburse the sports commission \$459.35 for loop bags for the Christmas parade.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam

Councillors: Peter Petipas
Lionel Rodrigues
Thomas Howe
Deanne Hillier-White

Carried

ITEMS FOR THE OUTSIDE FOREMAN

Inquire from property owner Mr. Raymond Hynes

Mr Hynes would like to know if council will extend the road to his property on Grange Road. Council said they will not extend the road to his property that will be Mr. Hynes responsibility.

Request from resident – Mr. Lloyd Peddle

Mr Peddle is asking council to have the curb stop replaced in front of his property. This has been broke off for years. Jason will get this done in the spring.

- Jason mentioned to council about the request for snow clearing from Howard Gushue at the end of Main Street. Council do not own the road there snow clearing operations will stop at the turn around By Mr. Lloyd Gosse's.

Applications

Administration

Invoices for the January 2018

Because of the delay in invoicing residents this year, the town clerk is asking that council wait to pay the monthly invoices at a later date until all residents have received their tax bills.

Council agreed to delay playing the bills until the next meeting in February.

Upgrades to the town's computer system and software updates.

The town approved the system and software updates to be completed by Barron's computer repairs for an estimated cost of \$800.00

Motion-2018-01-008- T. Howe/P. Petipas

Let it be resolved that council approves to have the office computer upgraded and software updates completed by Barron's Computer repair.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam

Councilors: Peter Petipas
Lionel Rodrigues
Thomas Howe
Deanne Hillier-White

Carried

Tax Structure 2018

Town of Whitbourne

2018 Tax Structure

Due Date for Municipal Taxes – June 29th, 2018

Discount Offer: 2% if invoice is paid in full on or before March 30th, 2018

Interest Payable: Interest on Arrears will be 2% monthly.

Municipal Taxes & Fees

Business Tax:

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Boarding Houses/B&B's – 10.5 mill rate/\$150.00 minimum tax per year
Broiler Farms – 19.5 mill rate/\$300.00 minimum tax per year
Lounges – 17.5 mill rate/\$300.00 minimum tax per year
General Commercial – 19.5 mill rate/\$600.00 minimum tax per year or 1.5% of gross revenue
Beauty Salons – 22.5 mill rate/\$300.00 minimum tax per year
Day care/childcare facility – 5 mil rate/\$300.00 minimum tax per year
Funeral Homes – 22.5 mill rate/\$300.00 minimum tax per year
Professional – 42.5 mill rate/\$300.00 minimum tax per year
Banks & Financial Institutions – 200.5 mill rate/\$300.00 minimum tax per year
Self Storage Mall – 500 mill rate/\$600.00 minimum tax per year
Utilities – 2.5 % of gross revenue

Property Tax:

Residential Property tax – 5.7 mill rate/\$300.00 minimum tax per year.
Vacant land tax – 5.7 mill rate by assessed value
Business Property Tax – 10 mil/\$300.00 minimum tax per year
*15% discount on property tax invoices only for anyone 65 and over

Water/Sewer Fees:

Residential Water/Sewer - \$390.00 per year
Residential Water Only - \$249.00 per year
Commercial Water/Sewer - \$420.00 per year
Commercial Water Only \$280.00 per year
Water/Sewer on Vacant Lots - \$25.00 per year
Newfoundland & Labrador Youth Centre - \$47,300.00 per year
Schools \$4000.00 per year
Clinic \$8,000.00 per year
Forestry - \$3000.00 per year

Miscellaneous:

Residential Building Permit - \$250.00
Permit to Build Shed, Patio, and Porch – \$25.00
Permit to erect Fence – \$10.00
Residential Permit to Repair - \$20.00
Commercial Building Permit - \$1.50 per sq. m of gross floor area
Commercial Repair Permit - \$250.00
Water/Sewer Connection Fee - \$1500.00
Permit to erect signs – 20.00 per sign
Commercial/Residential Occupancy Permit – 25.00
Hodge Water Estates Fire Protection - \$1500.00/ year
Fox Marsh Road Fire Protection - \$1500.00/Year
Markland Fire Protection - \$5000.00/Year
Ocean Pond Fire Protection - \$10,000.00/Year
Tax Certificates - \$100.00
Compliance Letters - \$50.00
Demolition Permit – 0.00
Composting bins - \$20.00
Copies - .25 per page
Direct Sellers Tax - \$25.00 per year

Land Development:

Residential Development Permit - \$100.00 per lot
Commercial Development Permit – 2% of estimated value

Motion-2018-01-009- T. Rose/P. Petipas

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Let it be resolved that council approves the 2018 tax structure as presented and listed above for the tax year 2018.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam

Councilors: Peter Petipas
Lionel Rodrigues
Thomas Howe
Deanne Hillier-White

Carried

2018 Yearly budget

Motion-2018-01-010- T. Rose/P. Petipas

Let it be resolved that council approves the 2018 budget as presented in the amount of \$1,410,845.55 and balanced.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam

Councilors: Peter Petipas
Lionel Rodrigues
Thomas Howe
Deanne Hillier-White

Carried

The Regular Council meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Motion-2018-01-011- T. Rose/P. Petipas

Let it be resolved that council approves to adjourn the council meeting at 8:50pm

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Terry Gillam

Councilors: Peter Petipas
Lionel Rodrigues
Thomas Howe
Deanne Hillier-White

Carried

Mrs. Hilda Whelan
Mayor

Crystal Peddle
Town Clerk