

September 30, 2015

**Whitbourne Town Council
Regular Meeting
Whitbourne Town Hall
September 30, 2015**

In Attendance: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Roger Morgan
Councillors: Peter Petipas
Brent Cole
Terry Gillam

Absent: Councillor T. Rose, T. Howe

Present: Crystal Peddle, Town Clerk, Admin Assistant K. Bennett, Outside Foreman,
Jason Hutchings

Spectators: S. MacDonald & N. MacDonald

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

Motion-2015-09-108–Deputy Mayor Morgan/B. Cole

Let it be resolved that council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 16, 2015 without any errors or omissions.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Roger Morgan
Councillors: Peter Petipas
Brent Cole
Terry Gillam

Carried

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Business Arising

Ditching for Mr. Wayne Mercer

Deputy Mayor Morgan asked when this was going to be done. The town clerk said she will contact Mr. Daniel Gosse in the morning.

Targa NL

Deputy Mayor Morgan asked if there was anything said about Targa NL while it was in the community. The town clerk said after it was all over that afternoon, she did not receive one phone call. Councillor Petipas said there was a lot of outside chatter about what Targa did and didn't do, but nothing to do with the town.

Training course – Proper Chlorine Handling

The three full time outside workers attended the training course last Thursday September 24, 2015 in Clarendville.

Bus Shelter request

Deputy Mayor Morgan asked if the bus shelter was done. Jason said it's complete but not on Mill lane yet.

Properties listed for auction

The date is set for the auction for November 10, 2015 and will be held at the town hall.

Fire Department Issues

Scott MacDonald said Tim Horton's picked the Whitbourne Fire & rescue to be the charity for the month of September. The donation was between \$1300.00 & \$1400.00.

Sports and Recreation Issues

Letter about the sports commission end of summer bbq

Mrs. Patti Kennedy sent a letter to council apologizing for the last letter for the invite to the bbq for only to members of council. She sends her sincere apologies.

Deputy Mayor Morgan asked what amount they are looking for towards there bbq. It amount was listed in the letter but the town clerk will check with Mrs. Kennedy in the morning.

The last meeting the council had asked the town clerk to set up a meeting with the Sports commission. The commission said Monday October 5th at 7:30 was ok for them. The meeting with the Sports commission will go ahead on October 5th, at 7:30pm.

Items for the outside Foreman

Storage shed construction – 91 Main Street

Motion-2015-09-108–Deputy Mayor Morgan/P. Petipas

Let it be resolved that council approves the construction of a Storage shed at 91 Main Street.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Morgan
Councillors: Peter Petipas

Brent Cole
Terry Gillam

Carried

New Commercial construction – 19 Brown’s Place

Motion-2015-09-109–Deputy Mayor Morgan/B. Cole

Let it be resolved that council approves the application from a new commercial building construction on 19 Brown’s Place in principal subject to approvals from Department of Health and any other government agencies.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Morgan

Councillors: Peter Petipas
Brent Cole

Terry Gillam

Carried

New Construction – 550 Main Street

Motion-2015-09-110–Deputy Mayor Morgan/B. Cole

Let it be resolved that council approves the application from a new building placement on 550 Main Street and approval to connect to town water and sewer system.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Morgan

Councillors: Peter Petipas
Brent Cole

Terry Gillam

Carried

Request from resident on Brigus road

The resident is requesting to have crushed stone put on the shoulder of the road in front of her property. The council does not put crush stone on the shoulders of the town roads and not for any resident in particular.

Administration

Letter to council for damages to the town Fire hydrant

Mayor Whelan read the letter from Mr. Nathan Russell about the damages he caused to the Fire Hydrant. He had spoke with the Deputy Mayor about the damages he caused a day or two after it occurred and he had agreed to pay for the damages if the town did not go to his insurance company. The town clerk had sent him a bill for the parts only for \$540.00. Mr. Russell is now saying he should not have to pay for the damages because this was all cause by the condition of the shoulder and a pot hole.

Council’s decision is if Mr. Russell does not pay his bill for parts within two weeks, they will follow up with this issue with the RCMP and the insurance company. The town clerk will forward a letter stating this to Mr. Russell.

Motion-2015-09-111–Deputy Mayor Morgan/T. Gillam

Let it be resolved that council will give Mr. Russell two weeks to pay the invoice for parts totaling \$540.00 if not paid the town will contact the RCMP and the insurance company.

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Terry Gillam Carried

Councillor Gillam asked Jason how many fire hydrants around town are not working. Jason said the hydrant next to the fire Hall on Grange Road is the only one. It's been out of commission since last year.

Deputy Mayor Morgan asked if all hydrants will have markers before the winter.

Request to operate a Family child care program – 47 Amber Drive

Motion-2015-09-112–P. Petipas/B. Cole

Let it be resolved that council approves the application requesting permission to operate a family child care program in a residential home at 47 Amber Drive pending Government approvals and inspections.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Morgan
Councillors: Peter Petipas
Brent Cole
Terry Gillam Carried

Request to operate a Consulting business – 47 Amber Drive

Motion-2015-09-113–Deputy Mayor Morgan/T. Gillam

Let it be resolved that council approves the application requesting permission to operate a Consulting business in a residential home at 47 Amber Drive.

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Morgan
Councillors: Peter Petipas
Brent Cole
Terry Gillam Carried

Municipal Capital Works Program – 2016/2017

The council has agreed to apply for Brigus Road, starting at the intersection of Main Street and Brigus Road. The town Clerk will contact Doug Short, with Hatch Mott MacDonald to get the application started.

Use of Bond's Park summer 2016

The town clerk got two requests to use Bond's Park for weddings June the 11th and September 3rd, 2016. The town clerk will inform them and get the agreement and deposit.

KIXX Ghost Riders

The council has decided not to take part in the KIXX Ghost Riders program this year.

Comments from Councillors

Councillor Cole: Wondered if the town decided to host a recycling program in the town. All proceeds could go to the Sports and recreation committee and Fire Department. The outside will see to it that a trailer get placed somewhere for public use.

Also Councillor Cole asked if any of the councillors have ever thought on moving the playground to a different location in the town. This has never been discussed before.

Councillor Gillam: He had asked about the situation with the property of Wayne Noseworthy and the right of way to the pump house. The town clerk said she had spoken with the town's lawyer and he suggested on getting this done. The town clerk will contact the lawyer and get this agreement drafted.

Councillor Gillam asked what the issue is at the Fire hall with the building. Deputy Mayor Morgan said he was there and looked at it and the problem is the roof truss is cracked off in the bay. This can be easily replaced. This should get done before the winter.

He also asked about the green truck. What is the issue with it? The truck always had issues with the wiring. Jason said Mr. Terry Dodd said these trucks are famous for it; apparently the harness is not heavy enough. The truck always has problems with the headlight and signal lights. The town clerk will check the expenses for this truck over the last few years.

Councillor Gillam asked why the workers were not going to Ultramar getting fuel. The town had always switched monthly for each gas bar. Jason said last year they had issues with the vehicles because of water in the fuel at Ultramar. Councillor Gillam told Jason that he needs to inform his workers that starting in October they have to use Ultramar for fuel.

Councillor Gillam asked about a few sewer leaks that were around town. Jason said there was one on Brigus Road by Bishop's Lane and one by Andy Pinsent's on Brigus Road. Jason explained to council about the leak that took 10 hours and the issue about not having the parts available.

Councillor Gillam suggested the town purchase a generator that can be mobile and that way it can be use around the community of need be.

Deputy Mayor Morgan asked if the town clerk had heard anything back about the Fire Department's operating grant. The town clerk said she contacted Fire and Emergency services about this and the response she received was that the request would be forwarded to the Fire Commissioner Derek Simmons. She will contact them again.

Outside Foreman Jason said Scott Hutchings is requesting to have next week off. The council asked if there was much need for him to be on full time now. Jason said no the workers that are here are getting the snow clearing equipment ready. The decided based on Jason's comment that Scott Hutchings will no longer be needed full time, just call in bases.

Councilor Petipas: Wondering if the town can write a letter to Department of Transportation about the sign for the clinic across from Frank's Store, he said he had contacted them a few times and it's still not done. The town clerk had contacted them also.

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Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Let it be resolved that council adjourns the meeting at 8:50pm

In Favor: Mayor Hilda Whelan
Deputy Mayor Morgan

Councillors: Peter Petipas
Brent Cole
Terry Gillam

Carried

Hilda Whelan
Mayor

Crystal Peddle
Town Clerk