

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
NEW MINAS VILLAGE COMMISSION**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2002
7:30 P.M.**

In Attendance:

Chairman Ted Nicholson
Marvin Messom
Les Barrett
James Redmond
Wayne Merrill

Councillor Dan Watters

H. Heidi Foshay Kimball, Solicitor

Call to Order:

Chairman Nicholson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Special Meeting August 7, 2002**
- **Special Meeting August 19, 2002**
- **Regular Monthly Meeting August 19, 2002**

**ON MOTION OF MARVIN MESSOM AND LES BARRETT SUBJECT
MINUTES OF MEETINGS BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. MOTION
CARRIED.**

REPORTS:

- **Recreation Advisory Committee**

No report.

- **Water & Sewer Commission**

Marvin Messom, Chairman, Water and Sewer Commission, reported that quarterly and annual water testing has been done.

Sand and fat trap inspections have been completed and the Double Dragon and Zellers Restaurants both have 10 days to comply.

It was agreed to calibrate the Hostess-Frito Lay meter at a cost of approximately \$350.00.

The deeds for the Milne property rights-of-way were received from the Solicitor.

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The March 31 and June 30 quarterly bills for Valley View Mobile Home Park Limited were billed incorrectly because a new meter installed by the Contractor was never recorded. The Village owes the Park \$5,361.42 which will be applied to their account.

The Engineer's recommendation to remain with the existing gas chlorination systems was accepted.

A boil order was issued August 28 and lifted August 30 after two clear consecutive samples.

A question was raised at the last Village Commission meeting concerning Roscoe Cook's certification and in talking to Bob Rowe was advised that Roscoe has a Level 3 in Kentville and a Level 1 out here.

Well drillers have cleaned out the Towers Well and the Jones Road East Well.

MARVIN MESSOM MOVED THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT OF THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION. SECONDED BY JAMES REDMOND. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Area Advisory Committee**

James Redmond, Chairman, Area Advisory Committee, advised there was a Public Participation Meeting August 28 concerning the new R1 zone for the Golfview Subdivision only and called upon Wayne Merrill to elaborate on the meeting, which he attended.

Wayne Merrill explained that the residents of the Golfview Subdivision made an application that the zoning in the Golfview Subdivision be R1 only. The Area Advisory Committee passed a motion at their July 23 meeting to apply the new R1 zone only to Golfview Subdivision and leave the rest of the residential areas in the new R2 zone which was formerly the R1 zone.

The County sent a letter out to all of the people in the area including Orchard Drive and Forsythe Road who became very upset and started a petition as this had nothing to do with the residents outside of Golfview Subdivision. Upon calling the County we were told that the planner who sent out the letter was on vacation and could not get an answer.

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After meeting with some of the people there it was decided to call a meeting of the AAC and Dan Watters is also a member of that Committee. We asked if we could have a list of the people this letter was sent to but were unable to as we would have to go through the Freedom of Information Act. Dan was able to figure out who the letter was sent to and drafted up and delivered a letter to these people from the New Minas Village Commission and Area Advisory Committee.

Wayne Merrill went on to explain that at the Public Participation Meeting he raised the question three times to find out who actually made this recommendation. It was the Kings County Planning Department, not the PAC. However, we came out looking quite bad but New Minas was not responsible for this. Dan Watters agreed that Wayne asked the question of who made the change and the planner finally admitted he did.

WAYNE MERRILL MOVED THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY JAMES REDMOND. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Clerk's Monthly Report**

Christmas & New Year's Holidays – Office Closed

ON MOTION OF JAMES REDMOND AND MARVIN MESSOM THE OFFICE BE CLOSED FROM NOON DECEMBER 24, 2002 TO 9 A.M. JANUARY 2, 2003. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Update – Bylaw Vendors, Peddlers and Hawkers

Councillor Watters reported the proposed bylaw would be presented at the Committee of the Whole next Tuesday.

Proposed Salary Increases

ON MOTION OF JAMES REDMOND AND MARVIN MESSOM THE RECREATION DIRECTOR'S SALARY BE INCREASED TO \$29,000 AFTER SIX MONTHS' PROBATION AND DONNA BYRNE'S SALARY BE INCREASED TO \$23,000 EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2002. MOTION CARRIED.

Municipality of the County of Kings re Asset Management, Kent Co-Op Limited

Letters were received from the County of Kings advising Council gave final consideration and passed a resolution approving the application of Asset Management Limited for a development agreement to permit the development of a Residential Multiple Family Dwelling at 5773 Prospect Road as well as Council giving notice of its intention to enter into a proposed development agreement with Kent Co-Op to permit the display of manufactured homes on a vacant lot at 9293 Commercial Street. A public hearing concerning this matter will be held September 26 and Council will give final consideration of the development agreement October 1.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Letter Chester M. Lightfoot – Condition of Roads – Aalders Avenue & Jones Road

A letter was received from Chester Lightfoot, 1033 Aalders Avenue, expressing his concerns about the condition of the roads on Aalders Avenue and Jones Road. Mr. Lightfoot indicated that with the opening of the new Wal-Mart Store there are concerns about the safety of residents in this area and he felt a sidewalk should be installed, roads widened and repaved and persons parking in front of the various apartment buildings be instructed to park elsewhere.

It was agreed to acknowledge Mr. Lightfoot's letter advising his suggestions will be considered and meetings will be scheduled to address safety and traffic issues in this area.

Marvin Messom pointed out he and Wayne Merrill met with Transportation officials and requested a 3-way stop at Aalders Avenue and a 4-way stop on Redden Avenue and Crescent Drive which they will consider when we request it in writing.

ON MOTION OF WAYNE MERRILL AND LES BARRETT WE APPROACH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTING FLASHING LIGHTS FROM 11:30 P.M. TO 6 A.M. AT THE INTERSECTION OF Highbury Road and Commercial Street, Valley View Drive and Commercial Street and Cornwallis Avenue and Commercial Street. MOTION CARRIED.

It was agreed to write a letter to Department of Transportation and Public Works requesting a meeting to proceed with the completion of an additional access to Highway 101 at Granite Drive. Traffic in the Village will increase substantially with the opening of Wal-Mart next year. In the Village's opinion completion of the Granite Drive access would provide a perfect answer to the problem by potentially eliminating a large percentage of eastbound traffic and providing an alternative for westbound traffic.

Letter Bruce MacArthur Concerning Full-Time Position With County of Kings

Correspondence was received from Bruce MacArthur informing the Commission he has been appointed Recreation Coordinator with the County of Kings on a full-time basis and will not need to take advantage of the offer the Village made last year to return to the Village if his position with Kings County did not continue beyond one year.

Difference Between Village and Municipal Sewer 2002/2003

ON MOTION OF JAMES REDMOND AND MARVIN MESSOM RALPH SMITH AND ALVIN VAUGHAN EACH BE REIMBURSED THE AMOUNT OF \$56.00 REPRESENTING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VILLAGE AND MUNICIPAL SEWER FOR 2002/2003. MOTION CARRIED.

Letter – Helen North - Land South Side of Jones Road/Aalders Avenue

A letter was received from Helen North notifying the Commission that she and her sister-in-law own a small pie-shaped piece of land on the south side of the Jones Road/Aalders Avenue intersection. They offered the small piece of property in exchange for a \$1,000 donation to the IWK in memory of Tyler North, and payment of legal fees for transfer of the property.

No action was taken to acquire the property.

PAYABLES:

ON MOTION OF JAMES REDMOND AND LES BARRETT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BE ACCEPTED AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

VILLAGE	\$ 67,857.54
VILLAGE – CAPITAL	233,536.61
HALL	100.00
TRUST FUND	189.45
FIRE DEPARTMENT	8,882.57
RECREATION	<u>33,626.01</u>

\$344,192.18

MOTION CARRIED.

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Date of Next Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK-TREASURER