

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2010
7:00 p.m., Civic Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in the Civic Center at 7:00 p.m..

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Chaulk, Chair
Dale Pineo, Vice-Chair
James Redmond, Commissioner
Maynard Stevens, Commissioner
Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Pothier, Superintendent of Public Works
Gordon Silver, Resident

REGRETS: Dean Hatt, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Dave Chaulk, Chair

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: October 12, 2010

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the Agenda of the regular Commission meeting of October 12, 2010 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 13, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo that the Minutes of the regular Commission meeting held September 13, 2010 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) CANKOR Holdings Limited – Update

T. Silver advised she had spoken with Mr. Wallace, who volunteered to poll the landowners to sign the Petition for the expansion of the Village’s boundary. She stated she also has a volunteer to do up a description, which is also a requirement.

b) Roundabout/Highway 101 – Update

T. Silver stated there really is no update, except, as everyone is aware, the roundabout is being constructed.

COMMITTEE REPORTSa) Water Commission Report – Commissioner Maynard Stevens

Commissioner Stevens read the report of the Water Commission (attached to original minutes).

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that the report of the Water Commission be accepted as submitted. MOTION CARRIED.

b) Area Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

No report was available for the Area Advisory Committee.

c) Recreation Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Dale Pineo

Vice-Chair Pineo stated there was no meeting, but he gave an informal report of the RAC, based on information from the Rec Director.

Chair Chaulk stated that in answer to an RAC member's query whether the RAC should continue, he stated he feels the RAC should remain in force. He then asked why the Harvest Family Fest was cancelled. T. Silver explained that due to staffing issues for the event, particularly the lack of volunteers, and the Rec Director being away for training, it was necessary to cancel this event, but it is being replaced with two other events at which staff will volunteer their time – Children's Hallowe'en party/dance, and Seniors' Hallowe'en Costume Dance. Chair Chaulk asked if the Commission should have made the determination whether the event be cancelled, and stated the Commission should have, at the very least been informed of the change, and Silver advised in the future they would be informed of any event changes. Vice-Chair Pineo agreed with Chair Chaulk that the RAC should not be disbanded.

Chair Chaulk also spoke of the Recreation Advisory Committee, its number of cancelled meetings and requested that a Director's report be presented to the Commission and RAC when there is no RAC meeting in a given month.

Silver stated all programs and events are listed on the Village's website for constant updates on all programs and events, and this would be a good source of information when meetings are not held. The quarterly Village newsletters are also informative.

d) Transportation Advisory Committee – Commissioner Dean Hatt

There was no TAC meeting and no report was available.

NEW BUSINESSa) Illegal Commercial Businesses – Chair Dave Chaulk

Chair Chaulk stated that following the AAC meeting, he was approached about a dealership setting up in the parking lot of the former Tradesman Restaurant. He stated he then contacted the County to investigate the situation and found out that the temporary business was set up illegally, and when they were told to shut down and would be charged a fine, the dealership was happy to pay the fine (\$215/day). T. Silver advised that she, too, was contacted and spoke with the County bylaw enforcement people, and was told the same thing. She stated this is the same business that was prohibited from setting up a business because of the Wellfield Protection section of the Land Use Bylaw. Chair Chaulk expressed concern that the business and owners would have such a disregard for the Village's water source, and for the bylaws of the Village.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens that the Clerk contact the appropriate authority to explore options of increasing penalties for illegal commercial businesses setting up in New Minas, particularly in sensitive areas. MOTION CARRIED

b) Thunder in the Valley – Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Stevens brought the Commissioners' attention to an article in the Advertiser September, and the inaccuracies and insulting comments made by County Councilors/Warden as cited in the article. He stated the Water Commission has dealt with the utility-related issues, and a motion was passed for the Water Commission Chair to write a letter to the editor clarifying some of the points. He feels there are other things in the article that shows disrespect towards the Village Commission as well. Such things as the comment that people do not speak out about Thunder in the Valley because they "feel threatened", a comment on the "tone" of a letter from the Village on an unrelated matter, infuriates Commissioner Stevens and causes him concern that the public is being misled.

Chair Chaulk stated he felt that before the letter went to the editor, the Village Commission should have had input, and the letter should have been signed by the Commission Chair as well as the Water Commission, since reference was made to the Village. Commissioner Stevens apologized for the oversight.

It was moved by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Vice-Chair Pineo, that the Village Commission place "Thunder in the Valley" event on its yearly July agenda for discussion. MOTION CARRIED

c) Bylaw #1 – Regular Meetings of Commissioners - Amendment

Chair Chaulk reminded the Commissioners they have all received a copy of Bylaw #1 amendment.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Pineo, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, that the amendment to Bylaw #1 Regular Meetings of Commissioners be adopted and forwarded for approval. MOTION CARRIED

On motion of Commissioner Stevens, the meeting adjourned.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer