



Village of New Minas
Water Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 25, 2018; 7:00 p.m.
Commission Room, Louis Millett Community Complex

Commissioners Present: Chair, Maynard Stevens
Vice-Chair, Dave Chaulk
Village Commissioner, James Redmond
Citizen Member, Scott Crowell
Citizen Member, Bruce MacArthur

Staff Present: April Ernest, Clerk Treasurer
Krista McDonald, Deputy Clerk

Others Present: Village Commissioner, Ken Pineo
Ken Barrett

Call to Order:
Chair Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcoming those in attendance.

Agenda:
The swearing in of new citizen member, Bruce MacArthur, was moved up in the agenda. He was sworn in at the start of the meeting.

Redmond-Crowell
THAT the agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

Redmond-Chaulk
THAT the minutes of the March 28, 2018 & April 3, 2018 meetings be approved as presented.
CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes:

- a) New Technical Report on Ken Barrett's Proposal
A Memorandum prepared by Allnorth Consultants Limited was circulated. The report summarized the available information and concluded with the recommendation that a gas/service station not be developed in the proposed area as it is a protected wellfield zone.

It was discussed that fuel storage technology has greatly improved and that the requirements used now are based on outdated technology. Mr. Barrett added that the current double-walled tanks have had zero reported leaks and that insurance companies acknowledge the risks are minimal with modernized fuel storage systems. Mrs. Ernest reported that there are more studies needed, but that the county would be involved through those stages. It was requested that staff research what other municipalities are doing in similar circumstances. It was acknowledged that moving the gas station would mean removing the older tanks thus resulting in updated technology.

Chaulk-Redmond

THAT the Water Commission have no objection to the proposal of the service station relocation to 8965 Commercial Street moving forward.

CARRIED

b) Draft Water Operating Budget

The draft was reviewed. It was noted that the need for a water rate study is a priority for the coming year. It will be added to the budget.

Water Department Report:

The report was circulated.

Chaulk-Redmond

THAT the Water Department Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

New Business:

None

Correspondence:

A letter from Doug Seamone was received and circulated.

Public Discussion Period:

Ken Pineo commented that this is the appropriate time for a Water Rate study and congratulated the Water Commission on moving forward with Mr. Barrett's proposal.

Adjournment:

Redmond

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

Maynard Stevens, Chair

April Ernest, Clerk Treasurer