

VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
April 14, 2014
7:30 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commission of New Minas was held on April 14, 2014 in the Conference Room at the Louis Millett Community Complex, New Minas, at 7:00 p.m..

In Attendance

Chair Dave Chaulk
 Vice-Chair Maynard Stevens
 Commissioner James Redmond
 Commissioner Mary Munroe
 Commissioner Kenneth Pineo
 Recording Secretary Lynn Spencer

Also In Attendance

Jim Winsor, Kings County Councillor
 Anne Rogers, Resident

Regrets

Terry Silver, Clerk Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chaulk called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and he gave a recap of the By-Election results of the March 12, 2014.

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| Votes counted | 187 |
| Kenneth Pineo | 95 |
| Bruce MacArthur | 92 |

Kenneth Pineo was declared the official winner following a recount on March 12, 2014.

Chair Chaulk congratulated Kenneth Pineo and welcomed him as a member of the Village Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA **April 14, 2014**

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Munroe, that the agenda be approved with the following additions New Business (c) Governance Study and (d) In Camera Meetings for Villages. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **Regular Meeting February 10, 2014**

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Vice- Chair Stevens, that the regular Commission Minutes of February 10, 2014 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

(a) Sale of Civic Centre – Update

The agreement has to be signed again for another term if the commission agrees.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Redmond to sign with the realtor for another year. MOTION CARRIED

(b) LED Lighting Program- Update

Clerk Terry Silver provided the commission with a report updating them on the proposals received and the recommendation by Hiltz and Seamone.

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Vice-Chair Stevens that Black and MacDonald be awarded the project as recommended by Hiltz and Seamone. MOTION CARRIED

(c) Kings Partnership Steering Committee Village Membership-Update

The commission requested to have this item taken off the agenda.

(d) Fire Department Capital-Update

Commissioner Redmond reported on this issue (report attached to original minutes). Commissioner Redmond feels that the Village of New Minas Fire Dept and citizens of New Minas will not benefit from the Funding Proposal for Fire Protection in Kings County. Ratepayers of New Minas will see an increase fire tax of 53% and this increase will not necessarily come back to the New Minas Fire Department, as the increased taxes will not be allocated just to New Minas but will go to fund other departments in other areas of the county.

The New Minas Fire Department has increased fundraising efforts to ensure adequate Capital funds that are needed run the New Minas Fire Dept.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Recreation Director's Report-John Ansara

Recreation Director John Ansara gave his report to the Commission (attached to original minutes).

The following items were highlighted:

- Splash Park Fundraiser \$3400.00 raised
- County Grant \$30000.00 over 2 years
- Summer Programs and Staff

It was moved by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Munroe, that the report of the Recreation Director be accepted as reported. MOTION CARRIED

(b) Water Commission –Chair Maynard Stevens

Chair Stevens gave the report of the Water Commission (attached to original minutes). The following items were highlighted:

- Update on Regional Sewer Capital Budget
- API Capacity
- Follow up to Regional Sewer Meeting-the cost associated with the capacity are not being placed upon the partners the County is paying for all of it.

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

(c) New Minas Area Advisory Committee

The New Minas Area Advisory Committee has not met in the last month; therefore, there was no report. Dave took this opportunity to appoint Commissioner Pineo as a member of the New Minas Area Advisory Committee and he accepted the appointment.

Vice Chair Stevens excused himself from the table and sat in the audience.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) LMCC Civic Centre Events-License Alternative Adjustments

Village administrative staff would like the Commission to permit staff to book special and controlled events where the Lions Club would not have to be present. Commission policy states that only alcohol served by the Lions Club is permitted, but since we have had the license there are a number of inquiries where other types of events, such as a wine tasting organized by local Wineries, a wedding party wanting to supply wine for the tables during supper, etc..

The Village Commission requested staff to supply a list of events that will need special permission for the next Village Commission Meeting to review.

(b) Call for Nominations Nomination Day April 23-2 Village Commissioner Seats

Chair Chaulk announced that Nomination Day is April 23, 2014 for Two Commissioners.

(c) Governance

Commissioner Redmond talked about some issues he is having concerning the Governance for the Village of New Minas and feels that it is time that the Village should be looking into doing a study to determine the cost of becoming a town. He stated he would like to have Clerk Terry Silver explore the cost of such a study.

Chair Chaulk informed the Commission that he and Councillor Winsor have had meetings to discuss what is happening with regard to governance specific to the Village and Kings County. Chair Chaulk asked the committee if they wanted to have discussions and try to come up with a united front or to follow through with Commissioner Redmond's recommendation re the cost of doing a study. The Commission agreed to cost out the study for budget time.

(d) In Camera Meetings for Villages

Legislation in the House today made an amendment to the Municipal Government Act to allow Villages to hold In-Camera Meetings (report attached to original minutes).

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Councillor Winsor commented on Regional Sewer Capacity saying it is his understanding that the capacity has not been given to anyone, and the cost is \$9700.00 to the Municipality.

Chair Chaulk- The partners should have made that decision. He feels the decision should not be made by King County since there are partners who should have collaboratively made the decision on what was to happen to the API capacity.

Vice-Chair Stevens- the County has taken over the capacity and is paying for it, but the partners should have all been a part of the decision.

Councillor Winsor- Fire Department Changes- Council has not made any changes and if this is not sitting well with County Councillors and things are not complete to their satisfaction, the final decision will be made by County Council. That has not been done to date.

The upcoming Meeting being held April 22, 2014 is just a presentation of what has been done to date.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Redmond, the meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Dave Chaulk, Chair

Lynn Spencer, Recording Secretary