Town of Irishtown-Summerside

Minutes of Meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2024

In Attendance:

Mayor Parsons, Deputy Mayor Morgan, Councilors, McAuley, Taylor, Bursey and Gushue. Also in attendance, Senior Town Clerk Bennett, Assistant Town Clerk Bursey and Project Organizer Cox. Minutes recorded by Assistant Town Clerk Bursey. Councilor Hackett absent due to work. Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Mayor Parsons.

2. Motion 2024 – 340 Councilor McAuley / Councilor Bursey

Moved to adopt the agenda as circulated. All in favor. Carried.

3. Motion 2024 – 341 Councilor Gushue / Councilor Taylor

Moved to adopt the Minutes of January 24, 2024. All in favor, carried.

4. Business from January 10, 2024

- Water and waste management in Gander, all hotels are booked up, will book hotels next time training dates becomes available.
- Resident on Park line have been updated on the information we have found on the sewer issue.

6. **Committees:**

(a) Public Works

- Councilor Bursey asked if the fire hydrates could have extensions added to them or if they needed to be replaced. Will have to look into the matter to see what the best option would be.

(b) H.I.S

- Elections went well with the Department. McAuley and Chief will have a conversation about the next election with enough time for the firefighter to send in resumes for the chief and assistant chief position before the next election.
- Chief contacted Amanda and said they are going to update their constitution.

Delegation

arrived at 7:42 pm to chambers.

c) Recreation/Halls

- Reviewed email from Planner Cox on questions from recreation commission on the Ball Park and the dog park. Council told Planner cox that she is not responsible for looking up quotes for recreation, they have to look up their own information.

(Move to Delegation)

5. **Delegation-** given floor at 7:44pm

had concerns about the ATV trail next to his property. Residents concerns on people using the trail and it being so close to his property.

Resident asked why the trail can't go up straight and why it got to have the turn into it. Morgan suggested to the resident that he could maybe put a fence on his property. Mayor Parsons asked if he had contacted the RCMP or Forestry and he said he did and there is nothing they can do, not in their jurisdiction. Resident wants to make it know that he feels that it is safety for him and his wife.

Councillor Taylor made mention that we could put out a notice on ATV/Skidoo safety to the town page.

had asked if they could move the trail over and Council explain to that they can't move the trail as it is not a town trail. said that he just wanted to bring it to council is attention.

Council had suggested to contact the western snow riders and they may be able to assist in getting the trail moved. Council will also have it posted to the town page on ATV/Snowmobile safety.

Delegation left Chambers at 8:05pm

6. **Committees:**

(c) Recreation/Halls

- Recreation is down to 5 members, no one to run the meetings. They had asked about getting iPads to have online minutes, council had discussed and said no as the turnaround is too high. They are planning a movie night for the kids and a spring market.
- Town planner Cox has looked up some grants for the group, but they have not applied.
- Recreation had asked about the Ball field and a dog park, council had discussion and the ballpark will move forward as a ballpark and if they can fine a location for a dog park, they can percent to council the location and the information for approval.

d) Building Inspections

- N/A

e) Beautification

- Look into the last letter sent to resident on the removal of vehicles from his property.

f) GHJC-N/A

g) H/R

- Waiting for the worker report on

h) Public Relation

- One resident compliant on Facebook

7. Correspondence

1. Council reviewed the letter from the Lawyer on the Residents land issue and advise this is a land issue between the residents and not a council matter. Resident can attend next council meeting.

Mayor Parson had spoken about how Corner Brook go about doing their delegation request. Council discussed and they will still go ahead with having delegation schedule for the meeting though the office and the delegations will be given a time and 15 minutes to speak in council chambers.

Break 9:07 Break Ended 9:14

- 2. Discussed in delegations
- 3. Information sent from the RCMP on the number of calls 2023 and the difference from 2022.

8. Financial Update

DM Morgan stepped away 9:17 pm

Motion 2024-342 Councillor Gushue / Councillor Bursey

Motion to accept financials as presented and pay outstanding bills. All in favor. Carried.

DM Morgan returned 9:19 pm

9. Unfinished Business Councillor Gushue Stepped out 9:20pm

(a) Reviewed email from lawyer on Brake Heights snow clearing. Brake Heights was deemed unsafe by the contractor because the road is not up to town regulations so therefore is not safe to hire someone else to plow the snow on Brake Heights. Will make an amendment to the snow clearing contract and have the top of Brakes Heights removed from the contract and add in the contract to have a parking place cleared for the resident at the bottom. Once amendment is made will have town Lawyer and council review and once reviewed will have the amended snow clearing contract signed. **Councillor Gushue returned at 9:35pm**

10. New Business

- a) Discussed under Correspondence 7.1
- b) The So Long to Summer festival is an incorporated committee. The committee decides how to send the budget. No meeting has been scheduled for the next So Long to Summer festival for this year. The last festival was under budget. Talked about changing the weekend this year and relook at the bar sales. The committee will have a meeting and bring it back to the council.

11. Late Items

a) Reviewed the Municipal Client Agreement and Mayor Parsons signed.

Planner Cox told council that she applied to have a green house for the town and to maybe partner with 4-H for this project.

12. Deferred Items

Date and time of next meeting: February 21, 2024

Meeting Adjourned

Motion 2024 - 343 Councilor Taylor / DM Morgan

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m. All in favor, Carried.

Peter Parsons - Mayor

Date Adopted: February 7,2024

Jenelle Bursey– Assistant Town Clerk