

**Town of Irishtown-Summerside**

**Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday, January 10, 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. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Parsons.

In Galley- , , , and .

**2. Motion 2024 – 327 DM Morgan / Councilor Gushue**

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

**5. Delegation- and was given the floor 7:07**

Residents explain that Brake Heights is listed in the Snow clearing contract that was signed on December 15, 2023. Residents would like to know why they are no longer plowing Brake Heights but it is on the signed snow clearing contract. Residents also mentioned that they were given a months' notice that they have to bring their garbage to the bottom of the hill effective November 1, 2023. Why didn't they get this notice with the snow clearing.

Council explained to the Brake Height residents that they had been contacted by the contractor and was told that Brakes heights was not safe to plow. Councilor Bursey and Mayor Parsons visited the area and both felt that the road was not safe. Council had discussed at the December 19, 2023 meeting and made the decision to advise the contractor there would no longer be snow clearing on Brake Heights. Council also explains that there was a guard rail that had been taking down by a resident that owns property there and it would need to be replace.

**arrived to meeting 7:20 pm**

Resident stated right now they can't get oil delivered to their address because the hill is not being snow cleared. Resident also told council the same contractor has been doing the snow for years, so why the change now. Residents also asked why no work gets done to that road, there is no ditches for water run off and the summer time the road is ruff and no work gets completed like other roads.

Council explained to the Brake Heights residents that they will contact the contactor again and see what the contactor got to stay and will advise what the contactor got to say.

**Delegations .. and**

**Finished at 7:26**

**Delegation .                      took the floor 7:27**

stated to council that she was asked to represent 40 people in the Subdivision on the water supply issue, the color of the water and the fact that there are residents that can't use the dishwasher and washer at the same time. They done have a lot of pressure in the subdivision. The residents would like to be more informed and have a better understanding of what is being down to fix this issue.

**arrived to meeting 7:28 pm**

We informed                      that we have applied for a capital works and have not heard back on their decision at this current time. The cost of this project is anywhere between 4-5 Million dollars.                      had asked what engineering firm we were using, and council had informed All North.                      also wanted to know if the town had the 20 percent for the capital works project if the town got approved and we informed                      that the town does have the 20 percent of the funds needed. Mayor Parsons passed along that we have over a million in accounts at this current time.

told council that she went and looked at the Irishtown water supply that she was sent and can see why the water is discolored at times more than some more.

also asked Council if the town got a plan in place for the years to come. Bennett spoke and explain that we have an asset management plan for the towns infrastructure.

discussed a PWDU (Potable Water Dispensing Unit) which can supply drinking water to residents, it a station where you come to the building and fill reuseable bottle with clean drinking water. The average cost is \$375,000.00. Council told                      this was researched by our planner Cox and we would need to apply though the Capital works program.

asked about further development in the area, because there is currently not enough pressure on the water to have dishwasher and washer going at the same time. Council will not be selling anymore lots in the area till the water supply is greater in the area. The only houses that will be built in the area now are on the land that has already been sold.

Bursey asked                      if public updates would be informative. They all agreed in the gallery it would be great to have information sent out and to know what is going on and what is being done.

**step away 8:09pm**

Question open to the Gallery on the town water issue.

**Question from** : asked would town take a loan to have the water issue addressed in the town if the capital works grant don't go though. The answer was yes, they have to go to Municipal Affairs for approval before they could go that route.

**Question from** : Resident new to the community and wanted to know if we have somewhere to collect clean drinking water in our community. Replied to resident and told resident not in our community there is a place in Coxs Cove.

**Resident** / made mention it would be better off having an artesian well to have access to clear water and drinking water.

Break 8:15 All resident dismissed themselves expect

Return 8:20 (Resident in Galley)

3. **Motion 2024 – 328 DM Morgan / Councilor Taylor**

Moved to adopt the Minutes of December 13, 2023. All in favor, carried.

**Motion 2024 – 329 Councilor Gushue / Councilor Burse**

Moved to adopt the Minutes of December 19, 2023. All in favor, carried.

4. **Business from December 19, 2023**

-If contactors say an area is a safety concern, this will need to be sent in a letter. Will contact the contractor to explain this and to get an update on Brake Heights.

- Any letters going out from minutes are to be sent by Friday after the meeting.

6. **Committees:**

**(a) Public Works**

- Flashing red light on Jarvis Road, been looked into by western pump and they are looking into it.

**(b) H.I.S**

- The fire dept election is coming up soon. The Chief reached out to their department's liaison McAuley to have brought to Council of the idea of also having the Assistant Chief appointed the same as the Chief gets appointed. The Department can't have an acting fire chief, council can have a person in charge when the Chief is on leave from the department. Council had talked about maybe setting a timeline on the chief and assistant that after so many years you would have to send in a resume for the position. The chief is looking for more information on what other departments are doing for the assistant chief position. Council will have the election go ahead as the department always have and next election will ask for resumes from the department and appoint the positions. Will defer this matter.

- The new rescue pick-up is ordered, and the accessories parts should be in sometime February.
- The Wildfire grant has been sent to Chief and Cox will go over this with him to get the grant application filed.

**c) Recreation/Halls**

- Will schedule meeting Wednesday January 24, 2024 with groups using the Pynn's Pond Recreation Hall, will have one member from each group attend, this being the head person of the group.

**d) Building Inspections**

- N/A

**e) Beautification**

- Light pole out in the Christopher's Cove Road area, Mayor Parsons will get the pole number for Clerk Burse to report the issue.

**f) GHJC-N/A**

**g) H/R**

- Hiring of another maintenance person, person hired will need to provide a code of conduct and driving abstract.
- Kayla take on the role of being in charge of Maintenance.
- Council reviewed resumes that were passed in by the deadline for the Maintenance job and the decision was to offer the position to [redacted] has been working with the town as back-up for a couple of weeks and has been working out.

**Motion 2024-330 Councilor Taylor / Councilor Gushue**

Motion made to hire [redacted] as permanent full time maintenance employee, with the rate of pay starting as discussed.

- Will remind staff that if the dismissed employee continues to show up on the work site or in the office to record all times and dates.

**h) Public Relation**

- Water issue posted on Facebook, was addressed at the beginning of the meeting.
- Mayor Parsons would like to start a water committee, Council asked to have a list and plan for the next meeting.
- Cox explained to council that though her research fire hydrates should only be flushed twice a year between May and October.

- Cox is coordinating a time with \_\_\_\_\_ to have a meeting with staff on the water issue.
- Clerk Bennett is going to look into having the roads plowed on a regular basis to the Chlorine buildings.

**7. Correspondence**

1. Resident concern with lack of lighting at the intersection at the top of Shamrock, where the roads of Paddy Drive, Clover and Celtic Meet. Council had discussion and right now there is no infrastructure at this location but will view the area for decision.
2. Resident send email regarding the color of the water in the Summerside area. Clerk Bennett informed council that Maintenance went to the Chlorine building and turned up the Choline for the Summerside area after this complaint. Cox made comment that since they did the adjustment to chlorine, she had seen a difference. Will send letter to resident to advise the adjustment was made to the levels. Will also ask resident in the letter if they have seen any improvements.
3. Compliant of the water quality on Facebook. This was addressed at the start of the meeting with the delegation.
4. Crown land application for land to add a well and Septic System to property. Council approved this with stipulation they have approval to go through their neighbor's property and approval from Department of Health.
5. Resident concerned about the further development of Clover Street due to the resident having a personal well in the area and when work was being done in the area of Clover before they had some discoloration. Will send letter to resident advise there are no plans for new development in the subdivision area until adequate infrastructure is established.

**8. Financial Update**

**Motion 2024-331 Councillor Bursey / DM Morgan**

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

**9. Unfinished Business**

- (a) Reviewed the quote to have work done in the garage, only one quote received to the office from Clancey's Contracting.

**Motion 2024-332 Councillor Taylor / DM Morgan**

Motion to go ahead with the Quote on the garage from Clancey's Contracting. All in favor. Carried.

(b) Change order sent from All North. Council reviewed will send this to \_\_\_\_\_ to review before council signs this Change Order.

10. **New Business**

a)

11. **Late Items**

a) Advertised for the position of Municipal Assessment Position in November and only had one person come forward for the position. Council reviewed the application and accepted the application.

**Motion 2024-333 Councillor Bursey / Councillor Morgan**

Motion to accept \_\_\_\_\_ application for the Municipal Assessment position. All in favor. Carried.

b) Letters on the boil water advisory status letters for the Summerside water supply and the Irishtown water supply. Will continue to do water reading and send then in.

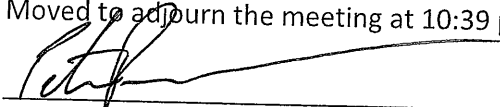
12. **Deferred Items**

**Date and time of next meeting:** January 24, 2024

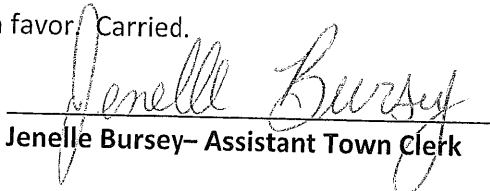
**Meeting Adjourned**

**Motion 2023 – 334 Councilor McAuley / DM Morgan**

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 p.m. All in favor. Carried.

  
Peter Parsons – Mayor

Date Adopted: January 24, 2024

  
Jenelle Bursey – Assistant Town Clerk