

Town of Irishtown-Summerside

**Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

In Attendance:

Deputy Mayor Morgan, Councilors, McAuley, Taylor, Hackett, 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 7:58 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Morgan.

2. **Motion 2023 – 313 Councilor Bursey / Councilor Taylor**
Moved to adopt the agenda as circulated. All in favor. Carried.
3. **Motion 2023 – 314 Councilor Gushue / Councilor Bursey**
Moved to adopt the Minutes of November 29, 2023. All in favor, carried.
4. Business arising from November 29, 2023
- as started with the Pynn's Pond Hall
5. Delegation-NO
6. **Committees:**
 - (a) **Public Works**
- Water repair fixed on Pynn's Pond Road
 - (c) **Recreation/Halls**
- is working on the electrical for the Pynn's Pond Hall

Kayla Arrived to Meeting 8:05
Councilor McAuley arrived 8:06

 - (d) **Building Inspections**
- N/A
 - (e) **Beautification**
- Christmas tree is up
 - (f) **GHJC-N/A**
 - (g) **H/R**
- Dismissed an employee

- The employee has been seen on job sites. Will advise other employees if any issues are being caused on the job site to call the RCMP.

h) Public Relation

- The Tree lighting was great. Had a great turn out. Music was a hit, and the Fireman did a wonderful job with the Fireworks.

b) H.I.S

The Christmas parade went well, they had more floats than what registered. They had their Christmas get together Saturday passed. The next item to plan looks to be the Ball. The Fire Departments honorarium was completed, they will receive \$5.00 for meeting/call/training and a \$500.00 tax break for 100 hours.

Councilor Bursey Step out 8:30

Discussions on members not going to meetings and missing training. Being trained for calls major.

Motion 2023 – 315 Councilor McAuley / Councilor Taylor

Motion to amend H.I.S. Honorarium – All members that meet all required stipulations will be entitled to a municipal tax break in the amount of \$500.00 to be applied towards their municipal taxes to the Town of Irishtown-Summerside. The term for each period will be November 30 – November 30. For members that do not reside in the Town of Irishtown-Summerside, existing members prior to October 19, 2022, will be grandfathered in, any members that joined the department after October 19, 2022, will not qualify for the tax credit incentive. To qualify, members are required to have a minimum total number of 100 hours, which includes a requirement of a minimum of 20 meetings/training (which is equivalent to 60 hours). All qualifying members will receive \$5.00/call/meeting/training, etc. to be paid in December of each year.

Councilor Bursey returned 8:42

Project Organizer Cox explained that they have a Chev truck on hold for the Dept. Fire Services wanted a Ford because they would be able to have 4 SCBA seats and they are only able to put 3 SCBA seats in the Chev. The Ford would have to be ordered and would take close to a year. So, they agreed to move forward with the Chev which will have 3 SCBA seats in the truck. The estimated equipment cost is \$53,000.00 they say this truck will be top of the line when completed. The estimated total will be \$144,765.00 and this excludes the cost of the 911 seats which are estimated to be \$25,000.00. This truck will

be 80/20 cost share for the town. The fire dept have been doing fundraising for a new rescue unit.

Motion 2023-316 Councilor Taylor / Councilor Hackett

Motion to except the cost sharing arrangement for new fire fighting vehicle based on an 80/20 Provincial/Municipal ratio as proposed by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador – Department of Justice and Public Safety. Council will collect all funds raised by H.I.S. Fire Rescue fundraisers that were intended for the purchase of the new vehicle. All in favor. Carried.

7. **Correspondence**

1. Resident complaint on the water flowing down hill and pooling in front of her house, Council discussed this matter. Will send letter to resident and advise resident this is not a town issue and resident will need to look into drainage.

2. Resident reached out to the office to about the concern of neglected, lost animals in the community. This is out of the town means. Will thank resident for reaching out.

3. Letter from Minister of Health and Community services looking for Municipalities to be a distribution site for Naloxone kits. Council disused and will pass due to the safety concerns.

4. Norten will no longer be offering flow meters rental service. The town would have to purchase their own flow meters and Norten would service.

Motion 2023-317 Councilor Bursey / Councilor Gushue

Motion to not processed with Norten and to stay with Biomax. All in favor. Carried.

8. **Financial Update**

Senior Clerk Bennett advised council that the Town received the MOG

Motion 2023-318 Councillor Hackett / Councillor Taylor

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

9. **Unfinished Business**

10. **New Business**

c) Project Organizer Cox informed council the Emergency Town Plan is completed and sent in. Told council that about the Charged for Change Grant and what would be involved, council disused and will pass on this grant.

- The Compost Bin Distribution Program - council will pass due to the amount we have in storage.

- There is also a Fire smart program that Project Organizer will pass along to the Chief.

- Recreation has cancelled their last couple of meetings. Recreation is required to have one meeting a month, will advise recreation of this to be looked at in January.

a) Clerk Bennett mentioned to council that we need storage for road signs and other items that are currently outside in the weather. Suggestion of a Sea can on the far side of the garage would work for these items. Councilor Gushue will look into the price for council.

b) Resident spoke about the garbage can being removed from the mailboxes in Summerside. Currently there is a blue bin with a lid in the area. Will have signed place on the bin to advise residents they can place flyers inside.

11. Late Items

a) Helping residents who are grieving the loss of a loved one or a major disaster. Council had discussion and decided not to proceed as disussed due to not always knowing when someone passes and would not want to leave anyone out.

b) Vehicles are being left on the side of the roads in some areas of town and it is causing an issue for snow clearing. Will post snow clearing regulations and have a letter sent to resident.

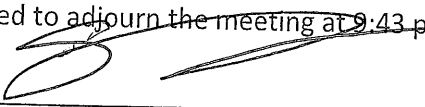
12. Deferred Items

Date and time of next meeting: December 19, 2023

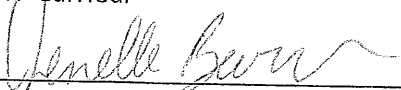
Meeting Adjourned

Motion 2023 – 319 Councilor Hackett / Councilor Bursey

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. All in favor/ Carried.



Shannon Morgan – Deputy Mayor
Date Adopted: December 19, 2023



Jenelle Bursey – Assistant Town Clerk