



Souris Town Council and Souris sewer and water Utility Corporation

MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, May 10, 2010

Time: Regular Public Meeting 7:00pm
Town Hall ~ Council Chambers
75 Main Street, Souris, PEI

Present: Mayor David MacDonald, Councillors Kenny Peters, Thelma MacDonald, Wanda Bailey, Donnie Aitken, Jim Cheverie & Denis Thibodeau.

A. Calling the meeting to Order and Quorum

Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order with a quorum at 7:10pm.

B. Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Aitken to approve the agenda as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

2.2 Additions to Agenda

No additions.

C. Conflict of Interest Declaration

No Conflict Declared.

Part VI, Section 23 of the Municipalities Act, which maintains that no member of Council shall derive any profit or financial advantage from his/her position as a member of Council and, where a member of Council has any pecuniary interest in or is affected by any matter before the Council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon.

D. Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2010

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters to approve the minutes of April 12, 2010 Council meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business:

E. RCMP Report Chair C. Peters stated that all appeared to be in order. Const. MacInnis not in attendance.

Motion by C. Peters and seconded by C. Aitken to approve the report as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

F. Province of PEI, Application to subdivide off a section of the Hospital property and consolidate on to the new Manor property.

C. Aitken tabled application until Planning Board meets.

G. Velvet MacGillvary, Application to construct an accessory structure over 500 sq ft. at 29 MacPhee Ave.

C. Aitken tabled application until Planning Board meets.

Financial Information:

H. General Account Revenue & Expenditures as of April 30, 2010

C. Thibodeau stated that this was the first Statement of Revenue & Expenditures since the New Year and that all appeared to be in order.

I. Water & Sewer Account Revenue & Expenditures as of April 30, 2010

C. Thibodeau stated that all appeared to be in order.

J. Town of Souris – General Account Invoices for Approval as at May 5, 2010

C. MacDonald questioned the ADL Foods invoice of \$1,018.37. Patty explained that this was basic cleaning supplies/toilet tissue/paper towels for all the Town Properties.

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. MacDonald to approve \$11,214.68 in payables for the General Account, as per list provided. All in favour. Motion carried.

K. Town of Souris – Sewer & Water Utility Corp Invoices for Approval as at May 5, 2010

Motion by C. Thibodeau and seconded by C. Peters to approve \$5,333.69 in payables for the Water & Sewer Account, as per list provided. All in favour. Motion carried.

L. Cheques Issued during the Month of April for review.

Town of Souris – General Account	\$497,087.03	
Town of Souris – Sewer & Water	<u>\$ 9,923.77</u>	
Total		\$507,010.80

Mayor MacDonald commented on the fantastic job that the Administrator and Finance Committee have done to secure such attractive interest rates on the various loans for the Town.

Other Business, Correspondence, Requests and/or Additions:

M. Request from Souris Consolidated School Breakfast Program. It was decided that the Town would table this until the Administrator can contact the Principal to find out if they have received adequate funding yet. Council will revisit this at the next meeting.

N. Sportsplex Payables & Receivables for review

Chair Kenny Peters stated that MRSB Chartered Accountants are working with Darla MacPhee to complete the financial statement for the 2009-2010 year. He noted that things look like they are going in the right direction. Wages were lower than most years, due to a lot of volunteer hours by Colin LaVie and others. This will make a difference when there are more permanent people put into position. He will report further when the audit is completed.

O. Council Reports attached.

C. Peters spoke with Fire Chief and there is nothing new to report.

C. Peters stated that Suzette Peters and Scott McInnis, of the Sportsplex Board of Directors, will be leaving as their terms are up. Also, the board and glass are in need of repair/replacement, approx. \$200,000 for replacement. There may be funding for this through the Players Association.

P. New Business:

C. MacDonald requested that the Town install a light at the Mariner's Park to deter loitering and vandalism. The bench was thrown over the bank last Saturday and the Gazebo needed extensive repairs due to vandals. C. Cheverie suggested that something to blend in with the park would be appropriate. C. Thibodeau will ask the Administrator to contact Foster Campbell and see what would work for approx. \$2,500.

C. MacDonald asked if the Harbour Authority plan to fix up Breakwater St. area that is a mess. C. Cheverie suggested hydroseeding. C. Thibodeau stated that Brian Ching usually does the seeding but he will check into the hydroseeding. They will remind Island Coastal to come back at the end of the month to reseed and move slabs.

C. Bailey wondered if anything could be done with the area around Shirley's TakeOut to make it more attractive. C. Thibodeau stated that it is industrial property. C. Cheverie suggested a swinging gate.

C. Peters asked if anything could be done with the old MacIntyre House property. C. Aitken suggested that he file a complaint with the administrator re unsightly premises. She will then contact the by law officer to start the ball rolling. Mayor MacDonald wondered if there is a safety issue, who is liable. C. Aitken stated that the property owner is liable.

C. Peters asked for clarification on the Grass Cutting contract. Patty explained that there was an issue with the wording of the previous contract and that since there were no problems, the Town would honor the contract as Mr. Holt had interpreted it.