

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Ed Card
	Councillors:	Ann Marie Young Nicholas Blackwood Stephanie Greene Michelle Noseworthy
Also, present;	Fire Chief:	Gus Loder
	Relief Clerk	Carol Ann Roberts
	Town Maintenance	Harry Noel
Absent;	Deputy Mayor	Dennis Butt
	Councillor	Greg Hurley
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley

Discussion:

1. Discussion with Fire Chief Gus Loder. Mayor Card welcomed Fire Chief Loder to the meeting. Fire Chief Loder gave his report. The Fire Dept is on summer schedule now with meetings once per month on Thursday nights and practice is every second Wednesday night. Fire Chief advised that they will be picking up the suits from St. John's Regional Fire Department when he is in St. John's. Fire Chief said they received one medical call. He stated that they need to replenish their medical oxygen and that he has already placed the order and it should be arriving soon at the town office. Relief Clerk will advise him when it arrives. The department will also be ordering a new regulator and O Rings. The Fire Chief feels this is necessary because the department has been receiving more calls for medical attention than for fire calls. The Firefighters Convention will be held in Gander on September 27th to September 29, 2019. Fire Chief will be placing a call for interest for those who would like to attend and two couples will be chosen to attend. Fire Chief wanted to know if there was any funding or programs under the Municipal Infrastructure Program that the department could avail off to purchase hoses, adaptors, nozzles as the current equipment needs upgrading. Mayor Card will check with MHA Chris Tibbs and see what funding may be available.

Discussion:

The Annual Firefighter's Ball will be held on October 19, 2019. Fire Chief asked that the hall be booked for October 18th and 19th as they will be preparing the hall on the 18th of October. Relief Clerk will reserve these dates for the Fire Department.

Fire Chief asked if the Town received the extension for the OHS issues at the stadium and was told by the Mayor that the town had received the extension. The Fire Chief stated that he had been talking to Roger Bussey and if Harry or Scott would like to obtain more information regarding what other town's are doing to cut down on costs they could contact Dez St. Croix of Martin Industrial. There being no further discussion Fire Chief Loder left the meeting at 6:45pm

Discussion with town maintenance man Harry Noel. Mayor Card welcomed Harry to tonight's meeting. Harry stated that the equipment is working good. Councillor Greene asked if the students could do some clean up down around the Sewer Treatment plant to remove shrubs and mounds of gravel. They have been filling pot holes around town with gravel as they are unable to fill with asphalt because they are waiting for the asphalt cart to become available from United Rentals.

Badger Day clean up is all completed.

Mayor Card asked when the waterline work at 12 Badger Drive would be completed as the homeowners have contacted the town with complaints of flooding and wanted to know when work will be completed. Harry informed council that the work was scheduled to be done on Monday past but Scott was unavailable to start the work. They will try to get it started when Scott returns to work. There being no further discussion, Harry left the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Business arising:

3. Councillor Greene asked if the posts had been put in place by the playground area to eliminate vehicles from using this area.
4. Councillor Greene stated that she felt that Badger Day was a good success and that everyone worked really good together. She also stated that for Badger Day 2020 she would like to see the planning stage for this event start earlier in the new year to ensure events and activities are completed earlier rather than just a few weeks prior to to the festival.

Correspondence:

1. Letter received from town engineer Rob Kearley. Mayor Card informed council that he has delivered the tender notification to JAMAR regarding the project for the Third Avenue Extension Sewer Line Extension and the Water Service Lateral Replacement on Earle Street. JAMAR informed Mayor Card that once all the documents required of them are submitted they will be ready to proceed with the project.
2. Badger Day 2019: Mayor and Councillors agreed that the events and activities for this years festival ran very smoothly and are looking forward to next years planning.

Correspondence continued:

3. Quote for block courtyard located at corner of River Road and Heritage Park was discussed.

Motion #045-2019 A. Young/S. Greene

Resolved that council accept the quote for the block courtyard located on the corner of River Road and adjacent to the Heritage Park at a cost of \$727.95

**In Favor 5: E. Card; A. Young;
 N. Blackwood; S. Greene;
 M. Noseworthy.**

**Opposed 0:
Abstained 0.
MOTION CARRIED**

Finances:

1. Accounts payable deferred until next regular scheduled council meeting.

Other Business:

1. Councillor Greene mentioned that she was wondering about the Maritime Gold project which is in the process of operating in our region and she felt that as a council we should be making contact with this company to express our interest in the economic and residential housing development potential stemming from this project. Councillor Greene will draft a letter to Maritime Gold and present it at the next regular council meeting.
2. Councillor Noseworthy asked what duties the summer students were currently working on and asked that the walking trail be cleaned of any debris and removal of weeds and shrub be removed before the end of their project date. Councillor Noseworthy suggested that in future that a student summer supervisor position be implemented to ensure that this type of work is being completed. Councillor Noseworthy stated that as a Councillor she would be willing to volunteer to assist in supervising summer students.
3. Councillor Noseworthy enquired about the MNL Convention and wanted to know if hotel rooms have been booked. The MNL Convention will take place November 13 - November 16, 2019.
4. Mayor Card informed council members that the Central Regional Meeting will take place on September 20th to September 21st in Gander and stated that if any Councillor wishes to attend they can let the Town Clerk/ Manager know as soon as possible.
5. Mayor Card said that there was a sod company that would be doing a quote on Wednesday, August 14 for the playground. He will present the quote to council once it is received.

Other Business continued:

6. Mayor Card stated that he would like to look at the possibility of purchasing a laptop for the purpose of town business while he or other councillors are writing or responding to emails and correspondence concerning town matters.

Motion #046-2019 **M. Noseworthy/A. Young**

Resolved that council accept the quote for the purchase of a laptop for use by members of council for matters concerning town business.

In Favor 5: **E. Card; A. Young;**
 N. Blackwood; S. Greene;
 M. Noseworthy.

Opposed 0:
Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Mayor Card informed members of council that the Town Manager/Town Clerk is currently away from the office. He stated that in the Town Manager/Town Clerk's absence the Relief Clerk is only handling the Accounts Receivable on the town suite program. The concern is that in the event that the Town Clerk/Manager should be away for a longer period of time or if something were to happen the Relief clerk would not be trained in accounts payable and payroll on the new Town Suite program. Discussion on this matter took place.

Motion #047-2019 **M. Noseworthy/S. Greene**

Resolved that the Relief Clerk be trained in the areas of accounts payable and payroll on the Town Suite Program.

In Favor 5: **E. Card; A. Young; S. Greene**
 N. Blackwood; M. Noseworthy

Opposed 0:
Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment:

Motion #048/2019 A. Young/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, September 10th, 2019 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

**In Favor 5: E. Card; A. Young; N. Blackwood
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Mayor

Relief Clerk

