

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Ed Card
	Deputy Mayor	Dennis Butt
	Councillors:	Nick Blackwood
		Stephanie Greene
		Michelle Noseworthy
		Ann Marie Young

Also, present:	Maintenance Man	Harry Noel
	Relief Clerk	Carol Ann Roberts

Absent:	Councillor:	Greg Hurley
	Town Manager	Pansy Hurley
	/Clerk	

Call to order:

Discussion:

1. Mayor Card welcomed Fire Chief Gus Loder to the meeting.
Fire Chief Loder gave his report.
The Fire Department has had no breakdowns or maintenance issues with any of the equipment since his last report.
The Department has three new members.
Fire Chief Loder stated that the attendance has been down lately but he attributes it to the fact that it may be due to the upcoming holiday season and members are busy this time of the year.
Fire Chief Loder stated that they would be applying for Municipal grants and would need the town's assistance in completing the application.
Fire Chief enquired about the cost of the meal for the Annual Firemen's Ball which was held on October 27, 2018. He wanted to know if the town would be contributing towards the cost associated with this event.

Discussion:

1. Fire Chief Loder asked if retired firefighter Clayton Young had received the one hundred dollar gift card appreciation award. Mayor Card informed him that the appreciation gift was received by Mr. Young and going forward any member retiring from the Fire Department with twenty (20) or more years of service would also be receiving this token of appreciation from the town in recognition of their service to the department.

Fire Chief Loder asked about the operating budget for the Fire Department for the upcoming year and wanted to know how council determines the amount in which the department receives each year. He stated that it would be beneficial to the department if they had a breakdown of where their budget is being spent. He stated that if they knew what their expenses were each month they could look at ways of reducing their expenses to allocate their budget to be used in other areas. He also enquired about the GST refund for the department and if there was claims being made on expenses the fire department submit each year. Council stated that it would be of benefit to the department if the Fire Chief and Treasurer could set up a meeting with the Town clerk/manager to discuss their operating budget as she is the person who would handle this process.

Fire Chief Loder asked if council had made a decision on acquiring a pick-up from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro. Discussion took place and Council informed Fire Chief Loder that a decision will be made soon.

Fire Chief Loder extended an invitation to the Badger Town Council and staff to the Firemen's Annual Christmas social which will be held on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 9:00 pm at the Community Center.

Fire Chief Loder left the meeting at 7:25 pm

Discussion:

2. Mayor Card welcomed Rob Kearley our town engineer from Exploits Engineering to our meeting. Mayor Card informed council that he had meet with Mr. Kearley , Mr. Wilf Maloney and Mr. Mario McDonald prior to tonight's meeting.

Mr. Kearley spoke with Council regarding the project on the North side of the Trans Canada Highway (Badger Drive). He stated that because of the depth of the waterlines on the North Side ranging in depths up to twenty feet it would be a better solution to abandon the old waterlines and install new waterlines approximately eight feet in depth. A new hydrant would have to be installed up at the end of the North side to facilitate flushing. He stated that it would be approximately seven hundred and forty eight meters of waterline to start at beginning of Earle Street to the end of Badger Drive on the North side. The cost of this project would cost approximately Four Hundred and Seventy two thousand. Mr. Kearley stated that the cost for this project could be reduced if the monies left over from the Sewer project on Third Avenue (approximately Ninety thousand dollars) could be used to complete the water service laterals on Earle Street and continue on up the north side to 6 Badger Drive where the depth to that point is shallow and less than twenty feet. This would then reduce the amount which would have to be applied for to install new waterlines on the north side from the Badger Diner to the end of the north side. Mr. Kearley stated that this would be two projects that would be taking place on the north side and he recommended that they be completed at different time frames and not together. Mr. Kearley also spoke briefly to council regarding the Procurement Act and how the process works regarding tendering for these projects.

Mayor Card thanked Mr. Kearley for attending tonight's meeting.

Mr. Kearley left the meeting at 7:50 pm

Discussion:

3. Mayor Card welcomed town maintenance man Harry Noel to tonight's meeting.

Harry informed council that they have been working on flooding the ice surface at the stadium and will continue to do so.

The equipment is working good. Welding had to be completed this morning on the loader which was broken during snow clearing.

Chlorine levels are good and they are checking the levels and recording them on a daily basis.

Harry stated that Scott Luscombe is doing well and is expected to return to his position in early March. Harry made a request asking if during the time that the town superintendent is away from his position if it would be possible that he could receive the wage rate for superintendent as he is now responsible for these duties. Discussion was held and council will make a decision regarding this request during tonight's meeting.

There being no other further discussion town maintenance man Harry Noel left the meeting at 8:10 pm

Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Card asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13th, 2018 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Deputy Mayor Butt noted that in the November 13th, 2018 minutes there was an error on page three under discussion which said discussion on roof trusts on stadium. This should be changed to I-Joists not roof trusts

Adoption of Minutes:

Motion #98-2018

M. Noseworthy /N. Blackwood

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held November 13th, 2018 be adopted as circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting and corrected.

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; N. Blackwood; A. Young
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Card asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the special meeting of the November 27, 2018 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Deputy Mayor Butt noted that there was an error in the November 27, 2018 minutes of the special meeting. In motion # 95 and motion #96 it should read John Deere 544 front end loader not 554.

Motion # 99-2018

M. Noseworthy /N. Blackwood

Resolved that the minutes of the special meeting of Council held November 27, 2018 be adopted as circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting and corrected.

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; N. Blackwood; A. Young;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising

Deputy Mayor Butt stated that the deadline for the tender for the Front End Loader which they submitted to the Town of Baie Verte will soon be decided upon and we should hear back within the next week if we are successful.

2. Councillor Greene asked if there was any update on the parking of vehicles on the TCH adjacent to Loder' Irving and Robins. Councillor Greene will gather information regarding this matter to present at the next regular scheduled council meeting.

3. Councillor Young asked if there was any update on the land request from Tony and Donna Huxter located on Badger Drive. Mayor Card informed her that they are working on this and some details have to be completed before it is approved.

4. Councillor Greene wanted to know what the decision was on installing a street light for a resident on Third Avenue. She was informed that a decision was made and the resident was already notified in writing that the Town would not be in a position to fulfill this request and the resident was advised to speak with the property owner to have motion lighting installed.

Councillor M. Noseworthy left the meeting at 8:25 pm

Correspondence:

1. Modern Business & Equipment- Discussion took place regarding the leasing of a new copier for the office.

Motion #100-2018

S .Greene /N. Blackwood

Resolved that council accept the new lease on the Samsung SL-X3280NR copier for the Town Office from Modern Business.

**In Favor 5: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young ; S. Greene
N. Blackwood**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0:

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business:

Motion #102-2018 S. Greene/D. Butt

Resolved that Council will purchase from NL Hydro a 2009 Ford Pick-up for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) which will be used to transport equipment and to be used in emergency services for the Badger Fire Department and will be parked on site at the parking lot of the Badger Fire Department when not in use by the department.

**In Favor 5; E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;
 S. Greene; N. Blackwood**

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

2. Discussion took place regarding the request from Town Maintenance man Harry Noel to have his wages increased to the Town Superintendent's rate while the town superintendent Scott Luscombe is away from his position. Discussion held.

Motion #103-2018 S. Greene/N. Blackwood

Resolved that Town Maintenance man Harry Noel will receive the wage rate of Superintendent while he is carrying out the duties of Town Superintendent Scott Luscombe. Once Mr. Luscombe returns to his position of Town Superintendent, Mr. Noel will return to his regular hourly rate.

**In Favor 5; E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;
 S. Greene; N. Blackwood**

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

Other Business :

3. Councillor Young asked if any of the councillors had been receiving complaints of a rodent (specifically rats) problem within town. She stated that a number of residents have spoken to her about having a problem with rats on or in their property. Councillor Young said that she would speak to a representative of pest control and see how we could address this matter.

4. Councillor Greene asked if there was anyway in which we could set up email money transferring to accommodate tax payers who would like to pay through their bank account. She stated that residents who pay through post-dated check find that their payment is always coming out up to two weeks after the date the check is written for. Councillor Greene will research this process of email money transferring with local banks and present the information at the next scheduled council meeting on January 8, 2019.

5. Discussion of Town Christmas bonuses for staff was discussed. It was discussed that the Christmas yearly bonus would be paid out each December to staff.

Motion #104-2018

A. Young/N. Blackwood

Resolved that yearly bonuses will be issued to employees annually each December. Town Clerk/Manager; Town Superintendent; Town Maintenance man who are considered full-time employees will receive Four Hundred dollars (\$400.00) annually. Relief clerk, considered part-time, will receive Two hundred (\$200.00) annually and wage subsidized employee, considered part-time, will receive Two Hundred (\$200.00) annually.

**In Favor 5; E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;
S. Greene; N. Blackwood**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business continued:

2. Discussion on the proposed 2019 Operating Budget Salaries and wages of town employees were discussed.

Motion #106-2018

D. Butt/A. Young

Resolved that all town employees will receive a fifty cent per hour wage increase effective January 1, 2019.

**In Favor 5; E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;
S. Greene; N. Blackwood**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0:

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion continued on the proposed 2019 Operating Budget. Discussion held on the expenditures and revenue sections of the proposed budget.

Motion # 107-2018

S. Greene/A. Young

Resolved that the 2019 Operating Budget for the Town of Badger be adopted by Council, as presented, with Revenues and Expenditures totaling \$648,288.84

**In Favor 5; E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;
S. Greene; N. Blackwood**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0:

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment:

Motion # 108-2018 S. Greene/A. Young

Resolved that there being no further discussion
Council will now adjourn to meet again on
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

**In Favor 5; E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young;
 S. Greene; N. Blackwood**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0:

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager