

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present: Mayor: Ed Card
Deputy Mayor: Dennis Butt
Councillors: Pat Paul
Terry Best
Stephanie Greene
Michelle Noseworthy

Also, present; Mr Mohammad Khayer, Water Resources
Mr. Mohamed Mostafa
Mr Michael Lynch

Fire Chief: Gus Loder
Superintendent of
Works: Scott Luscombe
Town Clerk/
Manager: Pansy Hurley

Discussion:

Mayor Card welcomed Mr Khayer and his group to the meeting.

Mr Khayer explained the steps they follow when working with their modeling system predicting ice conditions in the river system around our community. The Exploits River is divided in 32 segments and they use satellite images to locate the ice cover in the River. Mr Khayer contacts Mayor Card each day to discuss flooding conditions. Mr Khayer said that he wanted to meet with councillors to make them aware of the process for motoring ice conditions and how the potential for flooding is determined. General discussion held.

There bring no further discussion Mayor Card thanked gentlemen for attending tonight's meeting and they left at 7:20pm

Discussion continued:

2. Discussion with Fire Chief Gus Loder.

-Fire Chief Loder advised that they have one new member and two honorary members have returned to active duty.

They now have their full 40 members in service.

Attendance is good with 17 to 20 members in attendance for practice and 28 members at their last weekly meeting.

-Fire Chief said that they applied for a decommissioned ambulance from Central Health but there has been no reply to date. Mayor Card will check on the request. Fire Chief said they maybe able to get a truck from Hydro when they begin the auction of surplus equipment. The unit purchased from Freake's Ambulance now needs to be replaced.

-Discussion on replacement of equipment including six pairs of gloves at \$117.00 per pair, three helmets at \$300.00 each. You can replace the shields for \$150 each; however, replacing the helmet may be more cost effective. Also, ten pairs of waterproof gloves to be left in the van to be used by members when required.

-Fire Chief said they are working on a glitch with the phone system that connects to the members cell phones. We may have to look at another system. He will check on the invoice received for the present system. Hitech Communications did repairs to the communication system at the Fire Hall at a cost of approximately twenty-one hundred dollars.

There being no further discussion Mayor Card thanked Fire Chief Loder for attending the meeting and the Fire Chief left the meeting at 7:40pm.

3. Discussion with Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works.

-Mr Luscombe advised that the water system is working good.

Discussion continued:

3. Discussion with Mr Scott Luscombe continued.

-Discussion on digging graves. A request was received to dig a grave in the Pentecostal Cemetery. Mr Luscombe, Superintendent of Works, determined that he was unable to dig the grave due to safety concerns and possible damage that may be caused to the fence and surrounding headstones. Other graves in that area were not dug by Town equipment. Mr Luscombe said there were issues concerning damage at this cemetery in the past. Councillor Greene said the Church was not aware of past damages. The concern was denying the service to this family. It was explained that this is not the first time the town was unable to dig a grave due to similar circumstances and there has never been an issue. General discussion on if the Town should be offering this service.

-Councillor Greene asked Mr Luscombe if they had a schedule for ploughing streets. Scott advised that they do the main streets first and then the other roads and the church parking lots. Councillor Greene said she received a complaint that during the last snow fall Main Street wasn't ploughed. Mr Luscombe replied that he wasn't working at that time. Councillor Greene asked why the town was ploughing the parking lot in front of J & E. Groceteria. It was explained that the area in question is part of the Trailway. We are clearing this area to give people that normally parked in the area of our rink a new place to park. It was questioned why are we clearing church parking lots. This has been a service the town as always provided. General discussion.

There being no further discussion Mayor Card thanked Mr Luscombe for attending the meeting. Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 8:00pm.

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Card asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 16, 2018 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Councillor Greene questioned if page 3 #2 should it have read that the Clerk did not give Council the information regarding the Municipal Plan. Mayor Card said it would have to be a Council decision to have a Municipal Plan. General discussion held and it was agreed to add "previous" before Council in that section.

Motion #014-2018 M. Noseworthy/Pat Paul.

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 16th, 2018 be adopted as revised.

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; P. Paul; T. Best;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business arising:

1. Councillor Noseworthy asked if the bay door at the Fire Hall had been repaired. Mayor Card advised that one of the lasers that operates the door had to be adjusted. The door is now working properly.
2. Mayor Card advised that the \$25,715.00 has been transferred to our Gas Tax account.
3. Scott Luscombe checked the measurements for land that Mr Harold Crann requested to purchase. Everything is in order for the purchase. It was agreed that letters will be sent to residents in that area to see if they would be interested in purchase land under similar conditions.
4. We are registered for the recycling cell phone program. Information will be posted to our social media.

Correspondence:

1. Letter received from Tammy Card, President of the Badger Firettes requesting the use of the community centre and kitchen for fund raising and social events. In the past the Firettes have used the community centre and kitchen. The only time they have to pay the rental fee is when they have an event where there is a charge for public admittance like bingo, card game, etc. The charge covers heat/lights and cleaning. All present were in agreement with the request. Councillor Noseworthy said the Firettes are aware of what is required when using the community centre. She volunteered to bring Council's decision back to the Firettes.
2. Information received regarding the MNL central regional meeting being held in Grand Falls-Windsor March 23 & 24, 2018. The registration fee is \$130.00. Councillors Stephanie Greene and Terry Best advised that they would be attending.
3. Information received from the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment, Water Resources Management Division regarding the Clean and Safe Drinking Water Workshop to be held in Gander March 27 to 29, 2018. Discussion held. Check will be made with Mr Scott Luscombe and Mr Harry Noel to see if one of them would like to attend. Councillor Best would be available if no one else is able to attend.
4. Letter received from Mary Ellen Brophy regarding a casino development in our community. Letter will be acknowledged explaining that this is an issue for the provincial government.
5. Letter received from Trina Eveleigh regarding a donation to the fund raiser for her daughter Sydney's trip to Disney. Unfortunately, this request does not comply with the donation policy adopted by Council.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated February 13th, 2018 totaling \$23,022.24 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

Motion #015-2018 S. Greene/Pat Paul

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated February 13th, 2018 for disbursement as presented.

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; P. Paul; T. Best;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion #016-2018 T. Best/M. Noseworthy.

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$92.25 for general office expenses.

**In favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; P. Paul; T. Best;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Councillor Best advised that Central Waste Management is working with representatives from the west coast of the province to have them become part of the waste management program. He asked if we could have a video on the CNWM website regarding the blue bag recycling program links to our website and Facebook.

2. Councillor Greene said that our website needs some updating with some business closures. Councillor Greene said that residents have been expressing concern about the quality of internet service in our community. General discussion held. It was suggested a letter could be written to the internet supplier expressing the concerns to see if improvements can be made to the service.

Other Business continued:

3. Councillor Noseworthy advised that this is “Teacher Appreciation Week” and every year Council donated a food tray and card to the teachers and staff at Avoca Collegiate. All present were in agreement. Tray will be delivered for Thursday of this week.

4. Councillor Noseworthy said that she received three separate complaints from residents regarding Councillor Terry Best living in his business on Main Street. Business owners can live on the property where their business is located. Councillor Best said that he was grand-fathered-in because his building was there before the Plan. It was agreed that we will have to check into the issue and Councillor Best would have to abstain from that discussion due to conflict of interest. Councillor Noseworthy said she was just asking for clarification because she was asked by residents. Councillor Best said that to the best of his knowledge he is not in any type of conflict by living in his business. Mayor Card asked about the planning for Badger Day. General discussion held and it was agreed that planning for Badger Day needs to begin as soon as possible.

Adjournment:

Motion #017-2018

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 13th, 2018 at 6:30PM

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; P. Paul; T. Best;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager

