Minutes

A public council meeting held at the Massey Drive Town Hall on Tuesday April 9th, 2024 with the following in attendance:

Mayor: Don Brown

Deputy Mayor: Penny Piercey

Councilors: Dianna Wiseman
Kerry Ryland
Elizabeth Chaulk
Gary Warren
Roger Target

Clerk/Manager: Rodger Hunt
Assistant Town Clerk: Pennie Oke
Residents:

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7PM
Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting

Ryland/Targett

32-24 Be it resolved that council will accept the minutes of the March 19th, 2024 public council meeting as presented.

Motion Carried Un

Targett/Chaulk

33-24 Be it resolved that council will declare April 14-20, 2024 as Volunteer Week in the Town of Massey Drive.

Motion Carried Un

Council reviewed the accounts payables.

Piercey/Warren

34-24 Be it resolved that the clerk will pay the bills in the amount of $ 39,175.72 as presented and that council will ratify the bills paid since the last meeting in the amount of $ 37,888.19 as identified

Motion Carried Un

Rodger H gave council an update on the meeting he attended with the community garden committee. There will be an announcement for accessible and youth beds soon and that people will have to sign up and pay in advance of building the beds.

Council discussed moving the crosswalks on Massey Drive a little further away from intersections. Council decided they would leave it up to the town manager how far they would be moved.

Rodger H informed council that there has been a lot of back and forth between the consultant and the department concerning the Lift Station Overflow tank project tender document and with Water Resources concerning permits. Hopefully the tender will be ready to go in the next couple of days.

Rodger H told council that they had received a $5000.00 grant from Active NL for the Tipping's Pond trail revision. And 5200.00 for the summer program including money for a salary. Also will have 3 students through Canada Summer Jobs.

Councilor Chaulk gave council a brief report on the Naming and Renaming of Town Assets policy. Council then discussed how a list would be composed for potential names to be used for naming or renaming of town assets and that any suggestions will have to meet the criteria set out in the policy to be on the list. Council also decided that the list would not be in any particular order and no names on the list would have priority by order of placement on the list. Councilor Targett express concerns of the renaming portion of the policy opening up assets being renamed. Councilor Chaulk told council that to have a town asset renamed the policy clearly states that a current name would have to become offensive or derogatory and have a negative impact to the town. There is very specific criteria that has to be met for that to happen. Deputy Mayor Piercey asked if a developer wanted to name a street or something they were developing in the town, would the town entertain the name. Councilor Chaulk said only if it met the criteria in the policy.

Piercey/Warren

35-24 Be it resolved that council will accept the Naming and Renaming of Town Assets as presented with a change to have added that the reserve name list will not have any priority of the names listed.

Motion Carried Un

Council discussed town hall rentals and people cancelling at the last minute. Council discussed having a nonrefundable deposit to hold rental dates.

Targett/Wiseman

36-24 Be it resolved that a 50% nonrefundable deposit of the rental fee amount will be required to book a rental date of the town hall.

Motion Carried Un

Councilor Targett left council chambers.

Council discussed a request from Jennifer Targett to have the town hall donated for the Eastside Elementary Grade 6 farewell party on June 19, 2024.

Piercey/Ryland

37-24 Be it resolved that council will donate the town hall on June 19, 2024 to the Eastside Elementary Grade 6 Farewell Party, with a $50.00 cleaning to be paid.

Motion Carried 6-0(Councilor Targett left council chambers and did not participate in the discussion or voting of this motion)

Councilor Targett returned to council chambers

Council discussed the sign for the dog park. Councilor Warren suggested that a arch be built at the entrance of the dog park and the sign be mounted on top of the arch. Council agreed.

Ryland/Targett

38-24 Be it resolved that council selected the sign with the dog wearing sunglasses, with a rounded top design as the sign for the dog park

Motion Carried Un

Councilor Warren asked if a date had been set for cleanup week. Council discussed and it was decided that May 27-May 31 would be the dates. He then mentioned that it was time to paint the town hall. Council agreed.

Councilor Targett asked if the town was planning on running a basketball program again this summer and council agreed as long as they could find someone to run it like last summer. Councilor Ryland said that he had been asked by residents if more nets could be added. Council discussed and said more nets would make it really congested so maybe look at another court somewhere else in town would be a better plan.

Rodger H. no new business

Councilor Ryland asked if the staff could start fixing some of the places that were tore up during snow clearing and do some cleanup around town.

Councilor Chaulk asked who on council would like to attend the MNL Symposium in Gander in May. Council discussed and Councilor Chaulk and Councilor Wiseman will attend and Deputy Mayor Piercey had to check her work schedule. She then said that the work to make Tipping's Pond Trail more accessible and the accessibility garden bed at the community garden reflects really well on the town. She then said residents had asked her if the town could do anything about the size of the trucks travelling on the Main Road. Council discussed and asked Rodger to check about better signage for the detour at the bottom of the hill

Councilor Wiseman asked if the town had applied to the Qalipu for students. Rodger said he had in the past but never received funding but he could check on it again.

Deputy Mayor Piercey told council that she will meet with the recreation committee about volunteer week and then speak to the Mayor to set something up.

Mayor Brown set the next meeting for April 23, 2024 at 7PM

Warren/Wiseman

39-24 Be it resolved that the meeting will adjourn at 8:45PM

Motion Carried Un

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Mayor **Assistant Town Clerk**