

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Commissioners of Cornwallis Square was held in the village office, Cambridge on **TUESDAY, MAY 16 2023.**

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman – Best
Commissioners – Foote, Keith & White
Clerk – Bill Farrell

Fire Department – Chief Johnstone, Fire Fighter Gates

Guests – Councillor Dick Killam

CALL TO ORDER: The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES: **MOVED BY COMMISSIONERS WHITE AND FOOTE THAT
THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL
18, 2023, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.
MOTION CARRIED**

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Apr. Fire Department incident report.
- Hall rentals are up.
- Training Tower – Building of training tower has begun again.
- Fire Dept. requesting that the Village approve the Fire Departments purchase of flashlights for helmets and work boots for forest fires fighting for 53 fire fighters. Fire Department will pay for the initial purchase and the Village to take over the cost of maintenance and replacement equipment.
- Fire Dept. thanked the Village for the financial contribution to put on the annual Fire Fighters Mothers Day Banquet at the Fire Hall.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- The Financial Statement for 2022-2023 with the tax rate set at 12.5 cents and Revenue of \$957,934.82 and expenditures of \$869,035.00 with a surplus of \$88,899.82. The Budget for 2023-2024 was presented with the tax rate set at 12.5 cents and estimated revenue of \$1,124,600.00 and expenditures of 1,116,680.00 with a surplus of \$ 7,920.00.

**MOVED BY COMMISSIONERS WHITE & FOOTE THAT THE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2022-2023 AND THE BUDGET FOR 2023-2024
BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED**

- Village Name Change- Under the MGA villages do not have the authority to change their name. We are working with the province to change the MGA to give villages this authority. We will be sending out a letter to all organizations and businesses in the village for input for a new name.
- 5 Year Capital Plan and Budget for 2023–2024. This is in the works.
- Abuse Policy- Commissioner White prepared a draft policy for the Village and including the Fire Department in this policy.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Clerk presented the invoices for Apr. and May. To be paid \$17,850.68 and paid during the month \$10,911.78

MOVED BY COMMISSIONERS KEITH & FOOTE THAT THE INVOICES BE PAID AS PRESENTED AND TO RATIFY THOSE PAID DURING THE MONTH. MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- N.S. Municipal Affairs & Housing – Some Municipalities may be borrowing money for capital purchases without ministerial approval.
- N.S. Municipal Affairs & Housing – Municipalities can apply for provincial funding programs administered by the Department of Municipal Affairs,
- County of Kings – Notification of application for Development Agreement at 7311 Hwy. #1 Coldbrook. Proposed Dog Daycare will operate from morning to evening.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- JAAC Members for New Term.

(1)-That the Village Commission re-appoint Mike Bishop (Village of Kingston) and Andy Vermeulen (Village of Canning) as Village Commissioner Representatives on the JAAC for a 3-year term commencing June 1, 2023.

(2)-That the Village Commission appoint Rick Balsor (Village of Aylesford) as Village Commissioner Representative on the JAAC for the remainder of a 3-year term ending May 31, 2024.

(3)-That the Village Commission re-appoint Dino Wamboldt and Alan Price as Citizen Representatives on the JAAC for a 3-year term commencing June 1, 2023.

(4)-That the Village Commission appoint Shelley Hopkins as Citizen Representative on the JAAC for a 3-year term commencing June 1, 2023.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONERS WHITE & FOOTE THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF THE 3 COMMISSIONERS AND 3 CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES ON THE JOINT ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED

- Xerox Pricing Proposal- C400 Color A4 Printer. Purchase Price \$749.99. Monthly service charge \$5.00. Cost per color copy .1300. Cost B&W copy .0310.

- Tendering of Goods and Services Policy- The Village will prepare a written policy for all to follow.

- Village Side Walk Plow – repairs will be required, to be ready for next year. New rubber cutting edge for blade. Overhaul of Salt Spreader. Work on the exhaust system.

GUEST: Dick Killam

- At a recent Municipal Conference there was a push for Municipalities to amalgamate.
- Recent meeting in New Minas – Stink from the waste water treatment plant. This is due to equipment problems.
- Residents have been paying property tax on vacant lots in the county that they can not build on. A1 and A2 is agriculture land.
- Greenwich Fire Dept. – Annual Banquet 90 years. They used to have 44 fire fighters, last year 33.
- Recent house fire in Halls Harbour, a fire fighter was injured, he is still in the hospital.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business and **MOVED BY**
COMMISSIONER FOOTE, meeting adjourned at 8:50p.m.

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Colin Best, Chairman

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William Farrell, Clerk