

MINUTES
NEWBURY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Monday, September 14th, 2020
6:00 p.m.



MEMBERS PRESENT: Reeve Diane Brewer, Councillors, Ron Challis, Mike Noe, Russ Patton and Stacey Goldrick

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Betty D. Gordon, Clerk-Treasurer

STAFF ABSENT: Fire Chief Chad Trethewey

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Diane Brewer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Mike Noe declared a pecuniary interest in item number 8.35.

2. DELEGATIONS:

2.1 WATER:

1. Water Financial Statements: (cc. Council – blue)

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT the water financial statements be accepted as presented.”

Carried

2. The signed SWM/Newbury water transportation agreement was forwarded to the Try-Cty Board.
3. DWQMS – Review. Council discussed Newbury’s infrastructure and was advised that the main meter malfunctioned on Sept. 2nd when ICONIX tried to calibrate it. Council asked that the Clerk provide 2 quotes on replacing it.
4. Newbury has been notified by the Mun. of West Elgin, that starting this month Newbury will be invoiced by West Elgin for water purchases and by SWM for the use of their lines to transport the water from the West Elgin Water Treatment Plant to Newbury.
5. Copy of the retroactive water cost owed from Newbury to SWM from January to the end of July. (cc. Council – orange)

6. The office was notified that Newbury's Municipal Drinking Water Licence has to be renewed by February 1, 2021.
7. Iconix Waterworks (previously known as Corix Water Products) inspected the main meter and found it to be faulty. Richard Pellerin suggested that his staff look at the meter before having it replaced.
8. Newbury's current policy for installing new water meters, is that the homeowner purchases the meter at the counter. The office is not always notified of when the meter is installed, nor does the office have the opportunity to approve its location until after it is installed and too late. Also, often times the meter does not read properly because their plumber did not have a meter gun to test the meter so then the meter is put on a repair list and repaired by CPE. Sometimes the turn around time is over a month or longer. Water is being consumed but not properly metered. Throughout the year it is possible that at the most 5 meters are installed – two or three in new homes and 2 replacing meters that do not work. I would like to suggest that CPE be asked to install all new meters in the Village and that a meter gun be purchased for CPE to keep to test meters immediately after they are installed and returned to the Village when their contract expires.

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick

Seconded By: Russ Patton

“THAT Council negotiates an agreement with CPE to install all meters for the Village and that the cost be determined after the Clerk provides fees from other municipalities and that a new gun be purchased so that CPE could use the current gun that would be returned once the contract with Newbury expires.”

Carried

9. Would Council consider amending By-law 104-2011, *Being a By-law to Enact Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance and Operation of a System of Water Works in the Village of Newbury*, specifically 39.a) by adding “after it has been inspected by a qualified person”. (cc. Council – pink)

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT the by-law be amended to say that the plumbing has to be inspected prior to the water being turned on.”

Carried

10. Tri-County update. Diane and Ron joined the zoom meeting on September 2nd. They advised the next Tri-County meeting will be a zoom meeting and then they will meet in the arena after that one.

2.2 SEWER:

1. Sewer Financial Statements: (cc. Council – green)

Moved By: Russ Patton

Seconded By: Mike Noe

“THAT the sewer financial statements be accepted as presented.”

Carried

2.3 DRAINAGE:

1. Quotes for the drainage repair for Old Pine Road. Russ provided a quote to repair the drain.

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick Seconded By: Mike Noe

“THAT Council accept the quote from Russ to repair the drain on Old Pine Road.”

Carried

2. SWM is maintaining the Stocking Dr. Newbury residents were sent a notice.

2.4 FIRE: Fire Chief Chad Trethewey was absent.

1. Monthly training records (received to November 19th, 2019).
2. Blue Card training.
3. Chief Report dated Aug. 13, 2020. (cc. Council – white)
4. Fire Chief provided a list of new fire fighters and junior firefighters duties and limitations. (cc. Council – blue)

2.5 BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT:

MEU Consulting (Bill Menzie) By-law Enforcement Report. (cc. Council – purple)

2.6 CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL:

CBO Report provided as per hours submitted. (cc. Council-orange)

3. COUNCIL MINUTES:

Council minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 10th, 2020.

Moved By: Ron Challis Seconded By: Russ Patton

“THAT the minutes from the regular Council meeting held on August 10th, 2020, be accepted as presented.”

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. The horse shoe pits were removed from the park.
2. The LED Christmas ornament lights have been ordered and received.
3. Park and Rec volunteers and Melanie, maintenance employee met at the park on Saturday, August 29th to hand out free sports equipment.
4. Retiree, Randy Vandendriessche was very pleased to receive a gift card from Council.
5. The three skunk benches were sold for \$50 each.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:**INFORMATION ITEM**

1. Municipal World Magazine, September, 2020.
2. Email from John Stroeder, CIMA, regarding the rip-rap required on the culvert/creek area. Council asked the Clerk to have MEU take a look at the farm equipment that was parked just over the culvert on Dundas St. Council questioned whether or not the sidewalk on Wellington St. would be repaired at the low area near 11 Wellington.
3. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has notified the office that it will received \$12,800 in COVID funding.
4. Final inspection and approval for the Road and Sidewalk project.
5. Marcia Ivanic, Legal Counsel, County of Middlesex, sent a letter by registered mail to the tenants of 34 Broadway St. regarding compliance with the Village of Newbury By-law No. 692.
6. The Municipality of West Grey providing a copy of their resolution that states they will activity work towards anti-racism and anti-oppression at every opportunity beginning with annual training for council, committee members, and employees for anti-racism, anti-oppression, diversity and inclusion and the history of Aboriginal peoples.
7. COVID update from Bettina Weber regarding terminating an emergency. (cc. Council – blue)

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick

Seconded By: Russ Patton

“THAT the office return to regular hours of service beginning with the Thursday shift on September 17th.

Carried

6. ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

1. Quote to paint the accessible parking space symbol and other spaces and as well the firehall parking lot. (cc Council –yellow)

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

“THAT Council accept the quote from Real Seal (Hamid)”

Carried

2. Community use of the locator. In the past Village employees have assisted Newbury residents in finding property bars, although it has come to our attention that Village employees are not qualified to identify property bars and could possibly give false information. In the past it was suggested that Newbury residents use the locator themselves but Newbury staff would be present to

provide the locator for a certain time. I am suggesting that if anyone needs to borrow the Village locator then Newbury staff should be present and the Newbury resident should be billed for Newbury staff time. Also arrangements should be made prior to its use with a limited time and cost determined.

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT Council agrees that the locator is not to be lent out or rented out.”

Carried

3. The City of Owen Sound is asking support for their motion that in their opinion the Government should designate August 1 of every as “Emancipation Day” in Canada. (cc. Council – lime green)

Moved By: Ron Challis

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

“THAT Council support this motion.”

Carried

4. Snow Contract proposal. Council may ask for tenders if current contractor increases his fees by more than 5% or if they are not satisfied with the job performance.

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

“THAT Council accept the quote from Russ Patton Excavating for the 2020-2021 winter snow season.”

Carried

7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** (cc. Council – pink)

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT the financial statements be accepted as presented.”

Carried

8. **ACCOUNTS:** (cc. Council - purple)

Moved By: Ron Challis

Seconded By: Russ Patton

“THAT the accounts that total \$59,997.80 be accepted as presented,”

Carried

9. (a) **NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Canada Post requires a hydro upgrade which CPE will schedule in soon.
2. The new lights have been installed in the band shelter.

9. (b) OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Each Council member was given the opportunity to bring new business to the table.

Council and the Clerk discussed the complaint received about the weeds and over grown trees along Veteran's Road and agreed to ask Rural Roots for a quote on removing all the vegetation and then Council will make a decision on how to keep the growth down.

Council suggested that the pavilion ceiling at the park be painted.

2. By-law 117-20, being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Village of Newbury.

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT By-law 117-20, being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Village of Newbury is given first and second reading this 14th day of September, 2020.”

Carried

Moved By: Russ Patton

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

“THAT By-law 117-20 be given third reading, taken as read, properly signed and sealed, and numbered 117-20, this 14th day of September, 2020.”

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings (unless re-scheduled)

Regular Council on Monday, October 5th, 2020

REEVE DIANE BREWER

CLERK-TREASURER BETTY D. GORDON