

MINUTES
NEWBURY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Monday, January 11th, 2016
6:00 p.m.



MEMBERS PRESENT: Reeve Diane Brewer, Councillors, Chris Degraw, Ron Challis, Abe Van Der Wyngaard, and Mike Noe

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Chad Trethewey

STAFF PRESENT: Betty D. Gordon, Clerk-Treasurer

STAFF ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

No member declared a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda.

2. DELEGATIONS:

(a) **WATER:**

1. Meter repair list from the December was reviewed.
2. Information on SWM flushing lines north of Newbury was discussed.
3. Article in Chronicle dated Dec. 31, 2015 states Tri-County is increasing its rate to 83 cents in 2016.

(b) **SEWER:**

1. Letter from Jack Sonneveld of Corix Utilities Chatham-Kent advising that effective Jan. 1, 2016, the operating and maintenance fees for the Newbury Waste Water Treatment Plan will be increasing by 2%.

(c) **DRAINAGE:**

1. The invoice submitted by A-Xcavating was paid by Newbury as 70% of the invoice would have been billed to the roads.

(d) **FIRE:** Fire Chief Chad Trethewey

- Monthly training records were received.
- Portable radios – 3 radios are dead and 1 will hold a charge for 4 hours. Council suggested that for now batteries be ordered. Radios will be considered in the future once the County switches to digital.
- Fire call – gas vapours. Chad explained the call the department had regarding gas vapours.
- Flow testing on hydrants (colour of caps) Council agreed to get a quote on having the hydrants flow tested.
- Chad suggested that the hydrants have some kind of reflective paint on them.
- Chad advised Council that 2 volunteers have retired and that 2 others have joined.
- Chad also advised Council that Tim LaCroix has been promoted to Captain.

(e) **BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT:**

By-law Enforcement Report as per hours submitted. (cc. Council).

Confirmation on where No Parking signs are to be erected. (map enclosed)
Council decided that for now a Notice is to be circulated to all Newbury residents advising them of the new by-law and then if any issues arise the By-law Enforcement Officer is to send personal letters and then issue fines when necessary.

Discussion regarding the trees along the bank of the Robinson Dr. Council agreed that Newbury's maintenance employee should cut down the 2 trees in the spring.

(f) **CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL:**

Jerry has been reviewing Lucan's zoning by-law and making amendments to Newbury's. Hopefully in a month Jerry and Betty will be meeting with Council to discuss the amendments. Report provided as per hours submitted.

3. **COUNCIL MINUTES:**

Council minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 14th, 2015.

Moved By:

Seconded By:

“THAT the minutes from the regular Council meeting held December 14th, be accepted as presented.”

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Council asked the Clerk to verify whether or not the Transcript issued a retraction on information that was printed in a recent article about Newbury's water rates and agreement with SWM.

Council members were not available for the Four Counties Health Services Grand Re-Opening of the digital imaging suite. The Clerk will represent the Village.

Council asked if a thank you letter was sent to the Legion for its recent donation to the fire department.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:**INFORMATION ITEM**

1. Municipal World Magazine, Jan. 2016.
2. Ombudsman Ontario advising that as of January 1, 2016, they will begin accepting, resolving and investigating complaints about municipalities under the Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014.
3. Invest in Middlesex invitation to the 2016 County Agricultural Forum on Feb. 11th at the County Administration Building.
4. The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs has notified this office that our project to do maintenance on all Newbury's hydrants was not selected to move forward to the application phase. The Ministry was asked for a list of recipients who were selected to apply but they do not give out that information. . Council directed the Clerk to ask them again and if there is no information provided then she is to request the information through the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.
5. The County CAO and Warden will be attending the February Council meeting.
6. Newbury has been notified that starting Tues. Jan. 12th, its garbage pick-up day will be Tuesdays instead of Fridays.
7. A response has been received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding Newbury's question on how Newbury can have a voice at County Council. (cc. Council)
8. AMO AGM and Annual Conference will be Windsor this year on August 14 – 17th.
9. RBC has notified this office that the loan for the Tucker Dr. project has been approved. Papers will follow shortly.

10. An application to the Trillium Foundation for new LED street lighting was submitted on Monday Jan. 4th.
11. Documents have been forwarded to Sandra Tavares of SAI Global and to Cindy Sigurdson of OCWA for the 2 upcoming audits on Newbury's DWQMS (Drinking Water Quality Management System).

6. ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

1. By-law 100-16, being a by-law to set interest charged on tax arrears for the year 2015.

Moved By: Chris Degraw

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT By-law 100-16, being a by-law to set interest charged on tax arrears, be given first and second reading this 11th day of January, 2016.”

Carried

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Abe Van Der Wyngaard

“THAT By-law 100-16 be given third reading, taken as read, properly signed, sealed and numbered 100-16, this 11th day of January, 2016.”

Carried

2. By-law 101-16, being a by-law to set the interim tax levy for 2016.

Moved By: Chris Degraw

Seconded By: Abe Van Der Wyngaard

THAT By-law 101-16, being a by-law to set the interim tax levy for 2016, be given first and second reading this 11th day of January, 2016.”

Carried

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT By-law 101-16 be given third reading, taken as read, properly signed, sealed and numbered 101-16, this 11th day of January, 2016.”

Carried

3. Township of Montague asking for Council's support for their resolution that encourages the government to continue work on the Trails act. (cc. to Council)

Moved By: Chris Degraw

Seconded By: Mike Noe

“THAT Council support this resolution.”

Carried

4. Jardine Lloyd Thompson insurance renewal. (information cc. Council)

Moved By: Chris Degraw Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT Council accept the Jardine Lloyd Thompson insurance renewal proposal which indicated 2% increase.”

Carried

5. The lot on Concession Drive is up for renewal with Bob Davenport. Do you want to list it with his company again? He is also asking if Council would approve solar panels on that lot. Council agreed to renew with Bob for 1 year but did not agree on solar panels. Council directed the Clerk to ask Entegrus Powerlines Inc. if additional ground solar panels would be acceptable and permitted in the Village of Newbury.

Moved By: Mike Noe Seconded By: Chris Degraw

“THAT Council agree to renew for 1 year with Bob Davenport to sell the vacant lot on Concession Drive.”

Carried

6. City of Kingston asking for Council’s support for their resolution that endorses a national discussion of a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians and encourages the provincial and federal governments to work together to consider, investigate, and develop this proposal. (cc. Council)

Moved By: Chris Degraw Seconded By: Mike Noe

“THAT this item be noted and filed.”

Carried

7. Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command is asking if Council would like to advertise in their Military Service Recognition Book. (cc. Council)

Moved By: Ron Challis Seconded By: Chris Degraw

“THAT Council donate \$100 towards the Military Service Recognition Book.”

Carried

8. Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care asking for Council’s support for fluoridation of drinking water. (cc. Council)

Moved By: Mike Noe Seconded By: Chris Degraw

“THAT a letter be sent to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care notifying them that Council does not agree with adding fluoride to the drinking water.”

Carried

9. Township of Madawaska Valley asking for support for their resolution that requests that *“the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario; and that the Minister return to the table with Ontario’s doctors and work together through mediation-arbitration to reach a fair deal that protects the quality, patient-focused care Ontario’s families deserve”*. (cc. Council)

Moved By: Ron Challis

Seconded By: Chris Degraw

“THAT this item be noted and filed.”

Carried

7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Moved By: Chris Degraw

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT the financial statements be accepted as presented.”

Carried

8. **ACCOUNTS:**

Moved By: Abe Van Der Wyngaard

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT the accounts that total \$33,100.01 accepted as presented and paid in full.”

Carried

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

Year-end tax arrears will be mailed out in the near future. 2016 Interim Taxes will be mailed out by Friday, Jan. 15th. T-4 slips will be ready by Jan. 18th.

9. (b) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

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

Ron asked when Council could meet for a strategic planning meeting. Council agreed to schedule a date in April. Dates will be discussed in the near future.

The Clerk advised Council that Bartels have provided a contract for hauling sludge from the Newbury Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The County has sent a memo asking if Council wanted to join in on requesting a quote for stump removal and roadside weed spraying.

Council asked the Clerk to contact Progressive to see if they can offer a five year quote in the near future as the current agreement expires at the end of 2016.

- 2. By-law 102-16, being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Village of Newbury.

Moved By: Mike Noe
Wyngaard

Seconded By: Abe Van Der

“THAT By-law 102-16, being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Village of Newbury is given first and second reading this 11th day of January, 2016.”

Carried

Moved By: Ron Challis

Seconded By: Chris Degraw

“THAT By-law 102-16 be given third reading, taken as read, properly signed and sealed, and numbered 102-16, this 11th day of January, 2016.”

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved By: Ron Challis

Seconded By: Chris Degraw

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings (unless re-scheduled)

Regular Council on Monday, February 15th, 2016.

REEVE DIANE BREWER

CLERK-TREASURER BETTY D. GORDON