

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 9th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Mayor	Shane Kearney
	Councillors	Shelby Murphy
		Mark Pike
		Paul Slaney
		Jackie Strang
	Town Clerk	Shelby Cox
	Public	Trudy Jarvis & Lindsey Power

AGENDA

7:00 pm Mayor Kearney called the meeting to order

MOTION: Strang/Slaney

23-379 Resolved to adopt Agenda for January 9, 2024. All in favour, Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: Pike/Strang

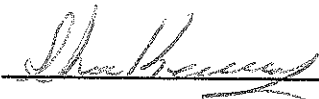
23-380 Resolved to approve the minutes of Dec. 20 2023. All in Favour, Motion Carried.

MOTION: Pike/Murphy

23-381 Resolved to approve the minutes of Jan. 3 2024. All in Favour, Motion Carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Council discussed that now that 2024 has started they will be continuing to do their two meetings per month. Tonight meeting being the first then going every second week.

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APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**MOTION: Strang/Pike****23-382 Resolved to approve expenditures from Dec. 21, 2023 to Jan. 9, 2024.****Maintenance update**

The maintenance workers will go on a week by week schedule of who is on call and do the morning checks. If a snow storm is pending then both workers will be on call and ready to go if need.

MOTION: Strang/Slaney**23-383 Open to discuss. All in favour, Motion Carried.**

Council discussed if the town truck should go home with the maintenance workers on their on-call weekend. Decision was deferred until more information was collected from Municipal affairs.

Priority list for roads: A few adjustments were made to the list. All side roads are left to the end. Main roads are to be opened first. A final list will be available for viewing when adjustments are made.

REGULAR MEETING**MOTION: Strang/Murphy****23-384 Open for councillors to discuss. All in favour, Motion Carried.****Letter from RC Legion**

Requesting that the Taxes for 2024 be exempted.

MOTION: Strang/Murphy**23-385 Exempt taxes for 6 months of 2024. All in favour, Motion Carried.**

This topic will be revisited in 6 months then council will decide the next 6 months. Taxes won't be back dated when revisited.

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Letter from Troy Kearney

Send a letter to Mr. Kearney stating that the works committee will go have a look at the area that he would like to build on. This is private land therefore he would have to pay for council to dig in the lines for water and sewer to his property. Before a permit is issued to build he will have to provide council with some information like a survey, house plans etc. This will all be detailed in a letter to him.

Letter from 29 Drake's Road

Residents from 29 Drake's road are requesting to have their driveway put back on the list.

MOTION: Pike/Slaney

23-386 To defer decision until information is provided. All in favour, Motion Carried.

Council needs more information on who owns the land. Is it a right away or is it private land. A letter will be sent to the resident asking for this information then a decision will be made.

Letter from the Concert Troupe

Request from the concert troupe asking for permission to have their practices and concert here at the hall and wave the rental fee. The proceeds from the door will be decided on at a later date.

MOTION: Strang/Murphy


23-387 Open to discuss. All in favour, Motion Carried.

A letter will be sent back to the Chairperson Alexa Pretty approving the request. A discussion on dressing room availability will also need to take place.

MOTION: Strang/Murphy

23-388 To wave the rental fee for the concert troupe. All in favour, Motion Carried.

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Letter from 10 Drake's Road

Resident from 10 Drake's road expressing concern over the Windmill Project.

A letter will be sent back to this resident stating that the council hears your concerns however only Everwind would have the answers to these questions. The energy board do not have the answers. We can forward on this resident's letter to Everwind fuels in hopes they could provide the answers. Everwind Fuels was picked by the Provincial government not by the town or the Energy board. Energy board meeting is on **January 13 at 2 pm.**

MOTION: Pike/Strang

23-389 To forward letter on to Everwind Fuels. All in favour, Motion Carried.

Letter from 6A Drake's Road

Resident from 6A Drake's road is requesting to have their driveway put on the list as two homes are there.

MOTION: Pike/Murphy

23-390 To defer decision until information is provided. All in favour, Motion Carried.

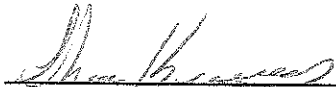
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Tax Structure for 2024

Council decided to stay with the same one that was used for 2023. No changes will be made at this time.

MOTION: Pike/Murphy

23-391 To adopt tax structure for 2024. All in favour, Motion Carried.

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Questions from the Public

Mrs. Lindsey Power expressed that fundraising for the Fire Department seems to be losing interest. She Would like for the Firettes to have a meeting with the Fire Department to see if there is any solution that They could find to help spark up the fundraising again. She also let council know that one member of The Firettes executive resigned their position. Mrs. Power asked if there was any information on the government funding application. The town clerk informed her that it was checked on but the letters of who received funding went out months ago but Lawn did not receive anything.

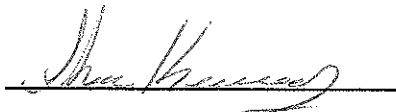
The Mayor asked the town clerk to look into the grant money that Trades NL gave to another fire department to see if Lawn's fire department could apply for it.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Murphy/Jackie

23-392 Resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. All in favour, Motion Carried.

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