

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 23, 2019**

Present: Roger Gallant, Ann Arsenault, Roger Arsenault, Colette Gallant,
Paul Gallant, Yolande Gallant, Phil LeBlanc

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

1. Called to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Ann Arsenault that the agenda be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Paul Gallant that the Minutes of July 24, 2019 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

It was moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Colette Gallant that the Minutes of September 18, 2019 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Beautification

Roger Gallant reported that he met with a representative of the Province and he informed Roger that the new Park gate could remain open during the winter without it affecting the snow plows. It was discussed that there should be winter marker stakes between 6' - 10' high installed nearby to indicate its location for when the snow piles up in front of it. Roger Arsenault also reported that the *Sign Station* had quoted to re-do the displayed Evangeline School figures or Evangeline Rink hockey players in plexiglass for around \$200-\$300 per figure depending on the size.

b) Sidewalk Crosswalk

Roger Gallant reported that he spoke with the Provincial Engineer who had designed the 1st phase of sidewalks on designing a section for a crosswalk across the school. The engineer reported the Province no longer offered that service so Roger was to see if the Province could instead pay for the engineering. There was also a discussion on the need for a sidewalk or ditch-infilling in another area where it was dangerous for pedestrians.

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c) Bylaws Update

Council moved to support the adoption of a couple of new Bylaws.

Motion: That the # 2019-08 Conflict of Interest Bylaw be accepted as read for the second reading.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

Motion Carried.

Motion: That the # 2019-08 Conflict of Interest Bylaw be adopted as read.

Motion moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Colette Gallant.

Motion Carried.

Motion: That the #2019-09 Code of Conduct for Council Bylaw be accepted as read for the second reading.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Roger Arsenault.

Motion Carried.

Motion: That the #2019-09 Code of Conduct for Council Bylaw be adopted as read.

Motion moved by Paul Gallant and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

Motion Carried.

d) Social Gathering

Roger Gallant reported that Council met for supper at *Anson's Restaurant* this year instead of organizing a pot-luck at his home.

5. Financial Update

An update for the period to September 30th was presented and reviewed. There were questions on the loan payments and professional fees.

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6. New Business / Other

a) Sewer Utility Update

Roger Gallant reported that he attended a meeting for Operators and Municipalities on October 15th, along with Preston Silliker and Eric Arsenault. The meeting was for discussing new environmental standards and regulations. Roger also reported that the main sewer lines were flushed last week and that the Province had to fix the manhole at the corner of Rte. 11 and Rte. 124 where the snowplow had damaged it last winter.

b) Other

Roger Gallant reported he got an enquiry on purchasing a subdivision lot. It was confirmed a modular home would be OK for it, but not a mobile home.

Roger Gallant reported that he met with Jamie Fox, the new Provincial cabinet minister in charge of municipalities, as part of a meeting with the *Federation of PEI Municipalities*. The minister said he was still reviewing the issues but was always open to listen and hear from interested parties.

Roger Gallant reported that the new Park's climbing wall arrived but might not be installed until next Spring, as there needed to be cement work and this was not an ideal time to hire contractors to handle this prior to the winter.

Roger Gallant reported that the Club 50 heat pumps needed to be cleaned, as there was a possibility of mold forming inside. *Gillis Heating* is to come inspect and clean them in the near future.

Colette Gallant reported that the house at 1787 Route 124 where fires were burning indicated they had a forestry burn permit and there was also an old fire pit present.

Phil LeBlanc asked about the unsightly property to be demolished and Roger Gallant replied he kept follow-up with the Province each month to remind them.

Roger Arsenault asked about starting-up dart tournaments again at the Club 50. Several dates were proposed and an ad would be placed in the Community Bulletin to solicit if there was more community interest in this.

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7. Correspondence

a) FPEIM Meetings

An E-Mail was received on September 18th regarding the FPEIM semi-annual meeting to be held in Souris on Saturday, October 26th.

b) FPEIM Procurement Info Session

An E-Mail was received on October 9th regarding an information session on Procurements to be held in Summerside on October 25th at CU Place.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday November 20th, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated