

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2020**

Present (via Zoom): Roger Gallant, Ann Arsenault, Roger Arsenault, Yolande Gallant,
Phil LeBlanc

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Absent: Colette Gallant, Paul Gallant

1. Called to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:14pm.

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 Yolande Gallant and seconded by Ann Arsenault that the Minutes of April 15, 2020 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Bell Tower At Festival

Roger Gallant reported that the tower location selected was just outside the municipal boundaries, so the Province would be responsible for its approval.

b) Covid-19 Pandemic

Roger Gallant reported that the provincial lockdown and restrictions was starting to ease on June 1st.

c) New Official Plan

Roger Gallant reported that work was on-going and a teleconference meeting is to be held with *Brighter Communities* and Council on May 22nd to go over the progress to date and to discuss how to move forward.

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d) Sidewalk Extension

Roger Gallant reported that he received an engineering estimate of approximately \$400,000 from *Bellcor Engineering* to do the proposed 2 small sections of a sidewalk extension. This is double the cost of approximately the same distance completed in 2015, broken down as about \$50,000 in engineering fees and \$350,000 for the actual construction. Roger Gallant asked Stephen Yeo from the Province if it was necessary to include the storm-sewer drainage, but did not receive a response. It was pointed-out that if the municipality proceeds with doing a tender with the Engineering company to determine the actual construction costs, most of the engineering fees would need to be paid even if the construction contract would not be acceptable as being too high. It was decided to not proceed with tendering at this time.

e) Sewer Utility Upgrade

Roger Gallant reported that the new sewer utility pump was not in yet.

5. Financial Update

Nothing extraordinary to report on the income or expenses, as everything to date was within the budget parameters. *BDO* also received the files from last year to conduct their annual audit.

6. New Business / Other

a) Club 50 Organization Folding

Roger Gallant reported that the Club 50 social organization indicated it was going to discontinue operating this year. After years of declining participation and due to the shut-down this spring due to the COVID-19 lockdowns, it decided it could no longer afford continuing to have social dances at the Club 50 building each week.

b) Park's Rock Climbing Wall

Roger Gallant reported that the installation of the Rock Climbing Wall in *Bellevue Park* was put on hold pending the COVID-19 shutdown.

c) Other

Roger Gallant reported that some municipalities were not happy with aspects of the new Provincial Municipal Governance Act, so that the *Federation of PEI Municipalities* was going to discuss some of those issues in a meeting tomorrow night.

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Roger Gallant reported that he received further serious enquiries on lots for sale in the subdivision, and expected some purchases to result soon.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday June 17th, 2020 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated