

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2020**

Present: Roger Gallant, Ann Arsenault, Roger Arsenault, Colette Gallant,
Paul Gallant

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Absent: Yolande Gallant, Phil LeBlanc

1. Called to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Colette Gallant and seconded by Ann Arsenault that the Minutes of July 15, 2020 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) New Official Plan

Roger Gallant reported that *Brighter Communities* submitted the final Official Plan & Zoning Bylaws drafts, which was put on the website. Copies were sent to the Provincial Dept. of Municipal Affairs for their quick review. A public meeting is to be held prior to Council moving-forward to officially adopting them.

b) Sewer Utility Upgrade

Preston Silliker & Eric Arsenault came to report quote results to Council on their recommended upgrades for the Sewer Utility. Roger Gallant declared a potential Conflict of Interest and left the meeting. Preston reported that getting a new adequate panel for Lift Station #3 at the school from *Campell's Concrete* would be \$25,870.32 plus HST and an alarm monitoring system there would cost an extra \$4,335.00 plus HST. The cost for the supply & installation of 3 Kohler Generators for each lift station from *A.J. Repairs* was \$120,410.00 plus HST which was price-matched by another supplier as well. There were questions and answers on the technicalities of these upgrades, different options, and other remaining needs. Preston advised that he was satisfied with the panel and generator option quotes, but he would recommend a local supplier for the monitoring system which should be more economical. There was also a discussion on the need and advisability of getting additional spare lift station pumps for the two other lift stations.

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Motion: To approve getting a new electrical panel and spare pump for Lift Station #3 at the school, a spare pump for Lift Station #2 at the lagoon which has different requirements, for the set-up of an alarm and monitoring system for each lift stations, and for three new generators for back-up service to each lift station - the costs of which are to all be covered by Gas Tax funds.

Motion moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Paul Gallant.

Motion Carried.

c) Sidewalk Extension

Roger Gallant reported that there was now \$547k in the Gas Tax account, but that it would be reduced to approximately \$340k following the Official Plan & Sewer Upgrade upcoming expenditures. As the total expected cost of the sidewalk extensions is over this amount, it was decided to hold-off until next year when there is to be another \$100k Gas Tax contribution which would allow the funds to cover the new expense.

d) Subdivision Lot Sales

Roger Gallant reported that construction on a single-family residential home was now started on a second lot in the subdivision.

5. Financial Update

An updated fiscal report was presented and reviewed, with nothing extraordinary to report.

6. New Business / Other

a) Other

None.

7. Correspondence

a) FPEIM

An E-Mail was received on August 9th advising of an On-Line Q&A Session on New Workplace Harassment Regulations to be held on Monday, August 24th at 2:00pm.

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8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday September 16th, 2020 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated