

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
July 15, 2020**

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

**Also Present:** Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

**Absent:** Yolande Gallant

**1. Called to Order**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Colette Gallant and seconded by Ann Arsenault that the Minutes of June 17, 2020 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

**4. Follow-up to Minutes**

**a) Covid-19 Pandemic**

Roger Gallant reported that there was a sign-in sheet and hand sanitizer in the Club 50 for any public gathering. The *Evangeline Recreation Commission* responded they didn't have enough letters on their bulletin board for a detailed positive message on dealing with the Pandemic.

**b) New Official Plan**

There was a discussion on whether to recommend further changes to the drafted plan. It was decided to leave it as drafted, aside from minor changes, and bring it to a public meeting when tentatively approved by the Province to see if residents wanted other revisions.

**Motion:** To leave the new *Official Plan* and *Zoning Bylaws* as drafted except for minor changes and present it to the Province and public for a final review.

Motion moved by Phil LeBlanc and seconded by Colette Gallant.

**Motion Carried.**

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**c) Sewer Utility Upgrade**

Roger Gallant reported that *AJL Contractors* quoted approximately \$20,000 to prepare a road in the field on PID #928846 to access some manholes in the woods off Rte 11 running to the lagoon. The cost of doing this would be covered through the Gas Tax. A meeting was held with Leonce Gallant, the owner, regarding the granting of a right-of-way for this or possibly selling the parcel of land to the community so it could get this done, but he wanted to follow-up with a neighbor who had first expressed interest in obtaining some or all of the land.

Roger Gallant also updated Council on a meeting with Preston Silliker regarding other recommended upgrades to the sewer utility. Preston Silliker identified a lift station electric panel that needed to be upgraded and a monitoring system installed, a new pump to be purchased as a back-up, and getting 3 back-up generators to run the lift stations in the event of power failures. Preston is to solicit quotes for an approximate budget and report back on the feasibility of getting this done this year. The back-up generators were not an immediate requirement, but Preston said the Province was pushing for getting them and it would probably become mandatory in the near future. The costs of these upgrades would also be covered through the Gas Tax.

**d) Sidewalk Extension**

Roger Gallant reported that there was currently about \$450k in the Gas Tax available for spending, less \$30k for the new Official Plan. There's also to be another \$100k coming soon so a total amount available of about \$520k to spend this year, less any Sewer Upgrades. The total expected costs of the sidewalk extensions is \$400k including tax. Once the Sewer Upgrades budget is prepared, Council will have a better idea on how to spend the Gas Tax funds this year and whether to defer any projects until next year.

**e) Park's Rock Climbing Wall**

Roger Gallant reported that a new gate section was installed in the Park.

**f) Subdivision Lot Sales**

Roger Gallant reported that the 3 lot sales were closed and that construction was already started on the duplex. *Maritime Electric* also came to install electric poles on the street extension.

**g) Jobs For Youth**

Roger Gallant reported that there was a legal provision when hiring a 15 year old youth, in that they were to have constant supervision at all times while employed. This condition could not be met, therefore it was decided to hire last year's student who was older and not subject to this clause.

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**5. Financial Update**

It was reported that *BDO* had completed the audit, and the 2019-2020 financial statements were provided for review. There was nothing extraordinary to report.

**6. New Business / Other**

**a) Club 50 Roof**

Roger Gallant reported that 2 quotes were received to finish the back-half of the Club 50 roof with steel panels – one from *Acadian Roofing* and one from *Wellington Construction Ltd.* Roger Arsenault declared himself to be in Conflict, so he left the room. Ann Arsenault also declared herself to be in Conflict. The two prices were \$10,200 plus HST from *Acadian Roofing* and \$11,727 plus HST from *Wellington Construction Ltd.* Both quotes listed comparable work, with the only main difference being that *Acadian Roofing* could only commit to perform the work later in the fall. It was decided to go with the lowest bidder, as there was no urgent need to have the roof done right away. There will also need to be extra work done to relocate a bathroom exhaust pipe located in the roof valley, so a plumber will be contacted to get this done beforehand.

**b) Other**

Roger Gallant reported that tree seedlings could be purchased for \$1 each with a 300 minimum order under a Provincial program if residents wanted to have a row of trees planted as a buffer behind Wendell Gallant Road and the potato field behind it.

Roger Arsenault reported that a storm-sewer manhole needed to be relocated at the new duplex on the subdivision street extension. An engineer would need to be hired before the work could be performed.

Phil LeBlanc reported on a complaint of squealing tires in the community and that the RCMP had issued a warning on this to the suspected driver.

**7. Correspondence**

None.

**8. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00pm.

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**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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Roger Gallant, Mayor

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Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

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