

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 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 7:06 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Roger Arsenault that the Minutes of August 19, 2020 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) New Official Plan

Roger Gallant reported that Council should select a date for the public meeting to go over the new Official Plans. It was decided between Monday October 5-7th at 7pm would work. The date will be finalized when Chrystal Fuller from *Brighter Communities* can confirm she is available to come give a quick overview recap.

b) Sewer Utility Upgrade

Roger Gallant reported that there was some confusion as to who should be doing the ordering for some of the Upgrade selections. Preston Siliker is to be contacted to confirm.

5. Financial Update

Nothing extraordinary to report.

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6. New Business / Other

a) Tree Planting

Roger Gallant reported that the program to plant trees for \$1 each behind residences on Wendell-Gallant Road recommended a single row with 4' spacing between either spruce or juniper trees. This topic is to be brought-up in the upcoming public meeting and residents notified through a newsletter for their input prior to approving it.

b) Municipal Contract Work Policy

Roger Gallant reported on a draft internal policy to help guide decisions on when or how to hire municipality-based contractors or suppliers. There was a discussion and agreement to adopt such a policy to clarify and simplify the process.

Motion: To adopt the Municipal Contract Work Policy dated September 16, 2020 with a \$1,500 base amount.

Motion moved by Colette Gallant and seconded by Paul Gallant.

Motion Carried.

c) Ride-On Lawnmower

Roger Gallant reported that the existing 18 year-old lawnmower was nearing its end and should be replaced. There was a discussion whether to purchase a new one this fall to take advantage of special pricing, or wait until the following year. It was pointed-out the funds would be available from the sale of subdivision lots this fiscal year, which was only ending on March 31, 2020.

d) Other

Roger Gallant reported that the local non-profit *Alcoholics Anonymous* group asked if they could continue using the Club 50 building hall for about an hour on Thursday evenings on a permanent basis. It was discussed that other groups such as in Summerside normally paid between \$15 - \$20 for similar meeting spaces.

Motion: To rent the Club 50 building hall for a flat rate of \$15 plus HST for approximately 1 hour meetings on Thursday nights.

Motion moved by Paul Gallant and seconded by Colette Gallant.

Motion Carried.

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Roger Gallant reported that he wrote a letter to the RCMP on speeding issues within the municipality.

Roger Gallant reported that there was activity within the municipal boundaries where it looked like a hunting blind was being set-up in a field behind residences. The land owner was asked if he had given permission for this and he replied he did not. It was pointed out that flags were just being placed in the field. There was a discussion on whether hunting was allowed within the municipal boundaries or what restrictions there were on it. It was pointed-out hunters could not be closer than 200 meters from any residence when hunting.

7. Correspondence

a) Association Touristique Evangeline

An E-Mail received from the ATE on Sept 7th regarding a Forum to be held Saturday Sept 26th, 2020 from 9am-3pm to discuss new tourism strategies.

8. Next Meeting

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

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated