

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2021**

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

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Absent: Colette Gallant

1. Called to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Yolande Gallant that the Minutes of March 17, 2021 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Club 50 Rental

Roger Gallant reported that the kitchen area rental was now in place and operational. A recyclable pick-up was to be set-up for bi-weekly service at an extra \$30 monthly cost, which would be paid by the tenant. The music group were also set-up in part of the hall area opposite to the kitchen area.

b) Sidewalk Extensions

Roger Gallant reported that he met with the Province that was doing a crosswalk across the school area to hook-up with the end of the municipal sidewalk. It was therefore decided not to proceed with doing sidewalks across the existing sidewalk area as it was no longer required for students to cross to the other side. There was a discussion on continuing doing more extended sidewalks along Rte 124 instead.

c) Sidewalk Clearing

Roger Gallant reported that the machine available at auction to clear the snow was sold for more than \$5,000 therefore the municipality will continue to look elsewhere for other possible options.

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5. Financial Update

Nothing extraordinary to report.

6. New Business / Other

a) Jobs For Youth

Roger Gallant reported that the position for a summer student was applied for.

b) Gazebo

Roger Gallant reported that an interested party outside the community asked about purchasing the Gazebo in the Bellevue Park. Roger Arsenault mentioned he had looked at it recently and noticed it needed some repair work. There was a discussion and it was mentioned it seemed hardly used as intended, therefore selling it was likely a good option. It was hard to come-up with a price, but it was decided to offer it for sale to others with a minimum bid of \$1,500 (including HST). Notice will go out to all the residents in a Newsletter.

c) Club 50 Issues

Roger Gallant reported that the heat pumps would no longer be covered under warranty, therefore a price quote was received for repairing the broken one for \$1,150 plus HST, or replacing it with a new one \$4,150 plus HST. There was a discussion and it was noted funding might be available for replacing all of them.

Roger Gallant reported he had also met with a solar panel contractor who estimated it would cost approximately \$64,000 to install some on the Club 50 roof. There are new funding programs available to assist with green energy, therefore the municipality might be eligible for a grant to do this.

Roger Gallant also reported there was a problem with water drainage next to the Club 50 on the North side (beside 8958 Rte 11), therefore a contractor came to look to dig a shallow ditch between the two properties. The province also came to look at the ditch at the road and are to clean it up to allow the water run-off to flow better.

d) Gas Tax

Roger Gallant reported that there will be an extra \$100,000 coming from the Gas Tax this year as an infrastructure stimulus measure. There was a discussion on what projects to allocate it towards or whether to look at applying for a new project. It was noticed there were several issues at the Club 50 building, although it was uncertain if the Gas Tax would accept them.

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e) Sewer Utility Issues

Roger Gallant reported that he spoke with the owner again of PID #928846 regarding the purchase of land for building a road to access the sewer utility manholes located at the rear of the property. The owner indicated someone else was interested in the front lot section for installing a mini-home, so he'd have to check with him. Roger mentioned if the municipality purchased the whole 13 acres parcel, it could subdivide the lot to sell to that person as well.

f) Zoning Update

Roger Gallant reported that the owner of PID #602607 was looking to build a commercial shop, therefore the zoning would need to be changed from residential to commercial. It was mentioned the new Official Plan and Zoning Bylaws were not adopted yet, therefore the zoning change could be reflected there in updated maps. There was no objection from Council, and residents are to be notified by Newsletter if there are any concerns.

g) Other

Roger Gallant reported that a letter was received from the Evangeline School on this year's bursaries for graduating students.

Roger Gallant reported that he was notified by a resident in the Wendell Gallant Rd. subdivision on recent problems with a drunken individual from outside the community that had left a near-by residence claiming to have been abused. The police came to pick the individual up.

Roger Arsenault reported on gravel being needed to fill a hole near the Bellevue Park.

Yolande Gallant reported that perhaps more gates could be installed at the Bellevue Park to prevent four-wheelers from going through the property.

Paul Gallant asked if the stop sign was installed on Wendell Gallant Rd. and it was reported that it was.

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7. Correspondence

a) FPEIM

An E-Mail was received on March 26th from FPEIM on the on-line Annual Meeting to be held Monday, April 26th between 9:30am – 2:30pm. Only Roger Gallant will participate.

b) PEI Community Development

An E-Mail was received on March 30th regarding funding for new Park Projects up to \$5,000. It was pointed-out there was already an on-going project under the Gas Tax with full funding.

c) Triquetra Entertainment

An E-Mail was received on April 5th soliciting an ad for a local tourist advertising guide. The municipality will not be participating.

d) Dept. of Infrastructure

An E-Mail was received on April 15th on a new infrastructure funding program for green energy.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday May 19th 2021 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated