

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 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 7:04 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Ann Arsenault that the Minutes of May 19, 2021 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Sidewalk Extensions

Roger Gallant reported that WSP issued a tender and as a result there were 2 submitted bids: *Curran & Briggs Limited* for \$342,283.70 including HST and *Stewart Enterprises Ltd* for \$363,626.58 including HST. The prices and construction schedules were analyzed, but it was noted that WSP recommended *Curran & Briggs* as the lowest tender. *Curran & Briggs* reported the anticipated construction would be in October, but WSP was to try to get them to move the date up so they could start earlier.

b) Club 50 Issues

Roger Gallant reported that the Gas Tax will not cover the costs of security cameras, but it should for new heat pumps.

c) Gas Tax

Roger Gallant reported that applications were submitted for two new Club 50 projects, and the province should advise us in July whether they are to be accepted or not.

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d) Sewer Utility Issues

Roger Gallant reported no further progress on possibly purchasing PID #928846, as the owner said he contacted a realtor in order to try to determine a selling price.

e) Jobs For Youth

Roger Gallant reported that the youth selected was eager to start working. The pay rate will be the minimum wage rate of \$13.00/hr. plus 4% vacation pay, and the position is to start on Monday, July 5th.

f) Lot Sales

Roger Gallant reported that a drafted Purchase & Sale Agreement was sent to an interested party for the purchase of Lot 16-5.

5. Financial Update

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

6. New Business / Other

a) Club 50 Rental Renewal

Roger Gallant reported that the 3 month contract for the kitchen rental was nearing its end. The tenant was still negotiating for new sales contracts and did not want to sign a yearly lease renewal, so it was decided to continue leasing it on a month-to-month basis until the fall at the same rate.

b) Park Issues

Roger Gallant reported that a gate at the park needed repairs, likely as a result of the snow plow hitting it. There was a discussion on whether to remove or close it in the future. It was also reported that the old ride-on lawnmower was no longer serviceable to cut the grass as it would need extensive repairs so it would instead be scrapped.

c) Other

Roger Gallant reported that a residential owner on Wendell Gallant Road asked about planting trees in the back yard. It was pointed-out there were no specific requirements on where to do so, although it should obviously be within their lot boundaries.

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Roger Gallant reported that *La Belle-Alliance* sold the Club 50 building 12 nice used chairs for \$100 which could be used for the boardroom.

Phil LeBlanc reported that someone had suggested putting a swing in the Park. There was a discussion on safety concerns and several options would be explored.

7. Correspondence

a) PEI Government House

A letter was received dated June 1st from the PEI Government House looking for nominations for a new COVID award. There was a discussion on worthy individuals in the community who went above and beyond the call of duty to help residents and users cope with the COVID challenges. The municipality is to try to nominate at least 3 individuals or organizations.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday July 21st 2021 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated