

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2021**

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

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Absent: Colette Gallant, Phil LeBlanc

1. Called to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Paul Gallant that the Minutes of April 21, 2021 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Sidewalk Extensions

Roger Gallant reported that it was cheaper to use WSP for designing the sidewalk extension and they would do a tender to solicit contractor bids. The area to be done would be about 400 meters from where they began on Route 124 to 8882 Route 11.

b) Jobs For Youth

Roger Gallant reported that the application for a summer position was accepted and a student who applied hired.

c) Gazebo

Roger Gallant reported that the Gazebo was sold to the highest bidder. There were 3 offers to purchase, and the winning bid was \$6,240 plus HST.

d) Club 50 Issues

Roger Gallant reported that he received a new quote for replacing the 3 heat pumps from Gillis Heating for either \$12,800 plus HST for 24,000 BTU units with a 10 year warranty, or \$13,400 plus HST for 18,000 BTU units with a 12 year warranty.

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Roger Gallant also reported he got a rough quote of \$2,000 plus tax for having 4 security cameras installed (3 outside, and 1 inside). There was a discussion on the need of cameras and their effectiveness. It was also asked if the cost could be covered under the Gas Tax, so that is to be determined before any decision is made.

e) Gas Tax

Roger Gallant reported that the Gas Tax should cover a Club 50 project for improving energy efficiency as well as another project for building upgrades such as a wheelchair accessible entrance.

Motion: Whereas there will be an additional \$100,000 Gas Tax contribution that requires allocation to projects;

Be it resolved that Council approves its distribution towards two new projects, being for new Club 50 building heat pumps and other Club 50 building upgrades.

Motion moved by Paul Gallant and seconded by Roger Arsenault.

Motion Carried.

f) Sewer Utility Issues

Roger Gallant reported no further progress on possibly purchasing PID #928846.

5. Financial Update

Nothing extraordinary to report.

6. New Business / Other

a) School Graduating Students

Roger Gallant reported that there were 3 graduating students this year. It was discussed and decided to donate \$200 to each student.

b) Lot Sales

Roger Gallant reported that someone expressed interest to purchase another subdivision lot, although they weren't planning to build on it immediately. There was a discussion on the requirement to have someone build within 2 years, otherwise for the municipality to be able to repurchase the lot at the same price it was sold for. The Purchase and Sale Agreement would specify this in a clause as a condition of sale.

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c) Zoom Expiry

Roger Gallant reported that the Zoom connectivity option would need to be renewed to have further on-line meetings. It was discussed and decided it wouldn't be necessary.

d) Fire Chief Concerns

Roger Gallant reported that the Fire Chief wanted to advise Council on a few fires in the neighboring area that appeared to have been deliberately set by someone throwing bottles full of gas in unoccupied structures.

e) Other

Roger Gallant reported on the on-going concern by the Evangeline welcoming committee on the lack of available housing for incoming workers to the area.

Roger Gallant reported on landscaping and repairs needing to be done at the Park. It was suggested to hire a local resident for installing the Climbing Wall.

Yolande Gallant reported that someone had asked about the municipality doing a skateboard park. There was a discussion on this and it was pointed out it would be expensive and that there would be increased liability concerns. There would therefore need to be more community support in order to consider this further.

Roger Gallant also reported that he was asked by a homeowner about tree planning behind resident houses on Wendell Gallant Road. He never heard back about the Provincial program as it apparently no longer exists.

7. Correspondence

a) Recreation PEI

An E-Mail was received on May 12th from Recreation PEI on a Community Better Challenge program.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday June 16th 2021 at 7:00pm.

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9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated