

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Aug 18, 2021**

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

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Absent: Colette Gallant, Paul Gallant, Yolande 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 Roger Arsenault that the agenda be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes

The approval of the Minutes of July 21, 2021 is deferred to next meeting

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Sidewalk Extensions

Roger Gallant reported that the work was proceeding well and would soon be finished without any issues noted.

b) Lawnmower

Roger Gallant reported that the lawnmower supplier was having difficulty sourcing-out a replacement motor or new model to replace the machine, so the insurance agreed to settle the matter by paying the municipality the replacement value less deductible. A new machine will be purchased once it can be sourced.

c) Gas Tax

Follow-up deferred to next meeting.

d) COVID Awards

Follow-up deferred to next meeting.

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5. Financial Update

It was reported the audit was finalized without issue. The Financial Statements were completed and distributed, with an electronic copy being copied on the municipal website.

6. New Business / Other

a) Snow And Grass Used Machine

Roger Gallant reported that a used snow machine became available at *Corcoran's Farm Supply* in Miscouche. It was examined and found to be in excellent condition and a suitable match for the municipality. In addition to snow-blowing, the machine came with accessories for sanding, cleaning the sidewalk in the summer, and also having a large mower for grass cutting. There was a discussion and it was pointed-out that the machine could also clear the municipal building parking lot. It was also indicated that the municipality had the funds in the bank to purchase it, therefore no financing would be required.

Motion: To purchase a used Trackless MT5T sidewalk machine with accessories from *Corcoran's Farm Supply Limited* for \$17,000 plus HST.

Motion moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

Motion Carried.

b) Club 50 Basement Office Space Rental

Roger Gallant reported that someone had expressed interest in possibly renting-out the spare basement office for approximately 6-12 months.

c) Lot Sales

Roger Gallant reported that several people expressed interest in purchasing a building lot. One of them asked about getting additional land adjacent to Lot 16-8, the furthest on *Wendell Gallant Rd.* (a separate parcel approximately 70' x 40'). It was pointed-out the land was not developable into further residential lots there so there should be no problem for this small portion if the purchaser paid extra for it.

d) Official Plan Adoption

Roger Gallant reported that *Municipal Affairs* sent a letter highlighting a few minor changes needed for them to adopt the drafted Official Plan & Zoning Bylaws sent to them last November. The consultants are to therefore revise the plan as required.

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e) Dog Complaint

Roger Gallant reported that a complaint was made on a large dog at 1728 Rte 124 chasing residents walking along the road. Issue to be discussed further next meeting.

f) Other

Roger Gallant reported that an individual expressed interest in the Administrator position as part of a combined full-time offering to share services with the Rural Municipality of Wellington and another few local organizations. An interview was held and the individual was determined to be capable. The individual indicated they were not yet ready to make a decision to commit to the position, so would advise in a couple of weeks.

7. Correspondence

a) Disaster Mitigation Funding

An E-Mail was received on July 23rd from Infrastructure PEI on a new Federal Disaster Mitigation and Adaption Fund.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday September 15th 2021 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated