

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Sept 15, 2021**

Present: Roger Gallant, Roger Arsenault, Colette Gallant, Paul Gallant, Phil LeBlanc

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Absent: Ann Arsenault, Yolande Gallant

1. Called to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Paul Gallant and seconded by Phil LeBlanc that the Minutes of July 21, 2021 and August 18, 2021 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Sidewalk Extensions

Roger Gallant reported that the sidewalk extension was nearly completed. It was noted some manholes were lowered to catch the excess drain water. A final sealing coat on the asphalt and grass seeding will soon be done to finish the job.

b) Gas Tax

Roger Gallant reported that the two Gas Tax projects to update and improve the Club 50 building were approved. *Gillis Heating Inc.* gave an updated quote for 3 new heat pumps and can come install them next week. Roger Arsenault asked about what to do with the old heat pumps, two of which were not working, and Roger Gallant is to ask *Gillis Heating* if there would be any interest in re-purchasing them.

Motion: To purchase 3 new LG heat pumps from *Gillis Heating Inc.* for \$14,500 plus HST installed.

Motion moved by Colette Gallant and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

Motion Carried.

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c) Club 50 Basement Office Space Rental

Roger Gallant reported that the individual who had expressed interest in renting a basement office space was no longer interested.

d) COVID Awards

Roger Gallant reported that he attended a provincial event to distribute awards to groups or individuals who went above and beyond the call of duty to help people dealing with the COVID challenge. The municipality nominated 3 groups and they each received an award – the *Centre Expo*, *Ecole Evangeline*, and *Evangeline Minor Hockey*.

e) Lot Sales

Roger Gallant reported that a survey quote was received to re-draw the property boundary line of Lot 16-8 to include the small extra piece of land. There was a discussion on what value should be applied for the amalgamated lot and it was suggested increasing the price to \$22,500 plus HST.

f) Dog Complaint

Roger Gallant reported that there was a 2nd complaint on a large dog 1728 Rte 124 chasing residents walking along the road or sidewalk. There are two dogs who are kept inside the house but are let loose outside during part of the time without being tied or put on a leash. There was a discussion and it was pointed-out the RCMP now dealt with such issues on behalf of the province. They are to be notified to warn the owner.

5. Financial Update

Nothing extraordinary to report.

6. New Business / Other

a) Commercial Rezoning Process

Roger Gallant reported that a complaint was made on not being notified of the rezoning from residential to commercial for PID #602607. The neighboring resident lives in Ontario and only became aware when coming down to live in their property a few weeks ago, and had objections on this. It was pointed-out newsletters had gone out to all local residents, but *Canada Post* likely did not deliver to that address given the property was not lived-in during the normal year.

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Brighter Community Planning & Consulting who updated the Zoning Bylaws last year were consulted in terms of the official process to conduct a rezoning amendment. They outlined the required steps for official notice from the Province. They pointed-out these steps were not included in last year's Official Plan or Zoning Bylaws draft, not were they outlined in 2003 version. They recommended the municipality proceed with adopting last year's drafted Plan with the changes requested by the Province, and then deal with adopting a rezoning amendment after the Plan was officially approved from the Province by following the Provincial guidelines. Council will follow this advice.

b) Unsightly Property Complaint

Roger Gallant reported that there was a complaint for the house located at 8741 Rte 11 of having unsightly issues. The owner had moved-out several years ago and the house was abandoned. It was noted the Province took care of unsightly properties if a municipality does not have its own unsightly property bylaw, therefore they are to be contacted on this.

c) Other

Roger Gallant reported that the individual possibly interested in a combined Administrator position advised they would not take the position. A new advertisement will be held trying to find someone else.

Roger Gallant reported that the Province was soon expected to put-up a crosswalk near the school from the sidewalk.

Roger Gallant reported that a stop sign was uprooted and thrown in the back of a resident's property, and Collette Gallant reported a for-sale sign was likewise relocated on another property. It was apparently the act of a student from the school targeting staff.

Colette Gallant reported that there was still a fire-pit burning nights at 1787 Rte 124. It was pointed-out the Fire Dept. should be called if there was no fire burning permit issued to allow for this.

Phil LeBlanc asked if the sidewalks were going to be further extended. It was answered not this year for sure, as there would need to be sufficient funds on hand from the Gas Tax to cover this. Roger Arsenault also commented on how nice a job *Curran & Briggs* did on the extension and Phil LeBlanc asked if more streetlights were going to be added

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to light it up at night. It was pointed out the streetlights should be extended to match the other sidewalk area so a plan will be done to look at how many lights would be needed.

7. Correspondence

a) Election Campaign Meeting

An E-Mail was received on August 28th from the Green Party candidate campaign asking if the municipality was interested in setting-up a meeting to go over any election issues of concern. There was no interest from Council to pursue this.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday October 20th 2021 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated