

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2021**

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

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Absent: Roger Arsenault, Colette Gallant

1. Called to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Yolande Gallant 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 September 15, 2021 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Sidewalk Extensions

Roger Gallant reported that the work was finished and was looking good. It was also reported that 6 new streetlights were ordered to light the sidewalk extension, with the removal of 3 streetlights directly across as redundant.

b) Lot Sales

Roger Gallant reported that the potential sale of Lot 16-8 fell through due to the buyer's inability to pursue this.

c) Dog Complaint

Nothing new to report.

d) Commercial Rezoning Process

Roger Gallant reported that a date would need to be set to hold a public meeting for the rezoning of PID #602607 from residential to commercial. It was decided to hold at 6:30pm on Wednesday November 17th, and proper notice would be advertised.

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e) Unsightly Property Complaint

Roger Gallant reported that he called several numbers to try to reach someone at the Province regarding this and sent 2 E-Mails, but he was not contacted back yet.

5. Financial Update

An updated fiscal report was presented and reviewed. It was noted that the sewer utility expenses were over-budget due to extra maintenance. There were also 3 development permits issued – one for a deck addition and two for new accessory buildings.

6. New Business / Other

a) Sewer Lines Flushed For Grease

Roger Gallant reported that there was extra flushing needed for the sewer line from the school to the garage on Rte 124 due to accumulated grease in the lines. A company needed to collect this and truck it to Summerside for proper disposal, therefore there were increased costs associated with this.

b) Housing For Workers

Roger Gallant reported that he was unofficially contacted by someone at the Acadian Supreme Fish Plant again expressing the hope that the municipality would be able to convert part of the Club 50 Building into housing for some of their workers. There was a discussion on the expenses associated with hiring an architectural or engineering firm to study the feasibility of this, and it was decided not to pursue it unless the fish plant was willing to pay for this.

c) Club 50 Building Sale

Roger Gallant reported that one of tenants indicated they were looking to expand their rented space area. They therefore pondered about purchasing the Club 50 building instead and asked if Council would be interested to explore this and to come-up with a price. There was a discussion on this and the associated ramifications for the municipality. It was pointed-out the building was for the benefit of the municipality and general area as a whole, therefore it would not be advantageous to lose this control in the future in the event the building was later re-purposed or re-sold. It was also mentioned that a potential sale should be done at fair market value and first go through a public meeting to allow residents to express their opinions on this. As an alternative to this, more rental space could simply be added by putting-up interior partial walls to suit the tenants.

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d) Other

Roger Gallant reported that there were a few applications received from the posting of the Administrator ad, with one promising one from a student graduating in New Brunswick in the next couple of months.

Roger Gallant reported that the crosswalk at the school was confirmed as soon as the contractor could get to it, hopefully in the next month or two.

Roger Gallant reported that it appeared there were a couple of addresses not billed for hook-ups to the Sewer Utility. These are outside the municipality and were connected a few years ago, but never added to the billing list. Invoices would therefore need to be issued to the owners for 2021.

Roger Gallant reported that a letter of support was requested to encourage the *College de l'Île* to maintain their presence in the Wellington campus, given their considering to move to Summerside.

Ann Arsenault reported on the need to decorate a Christmas Tree again this year.

Paul Gallant reported that there was a dark spot on the sidewalk between the seniors home and Rink, therefore an extra light should be added there.

Phil LeBlanc asked if the FPEIM had any further input on municipal amalgamations, and Roger Gallant replied they had met with the Minister who stated he would not force it upon municipalities.

Phil LeBlanc also asked about elections for serving on Council, as he was approached by someone showing interest in wanting to serve. Roger Gallant said next year there would be full election, as they were to be done every 4 years, so anyone wishing to run could do so at that time unless there was a vacancy prior to this.

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7. Correspondence

a) FPEIM Semi-Annual Meeting Saturday, Nov 6th

An E-Mail was received on October 22nd from FPEIM on the semi-annual meeting to be held in Summerside from 9:30 am - 3 pm on November 6th. Roger Gallant will be attending.

8. Next Meeting

Next regular Council meeting is to be held Wednesday November 17th 2021 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated