

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2022**

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

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator and Jasmine Doucet

Absent: Colette Gallant, Paul Gallant

1. Called to Order

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

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 Yolande Gallant that the Minutes of May 18, 2022 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Jobs For Youth Employment

Roger Gallant reported that the Jobs For Youth Employment program was accepted for an 8 week period. A Grade 11 high-school student was interviewed and hired to start July 11th.

b) New CAO Contract Offer

Roger Gallant reported that a new CAO Shared Agreement contract offer was prepared. He clarified if a partner were to drop-out of the agreement, they would be limited to only a 6 month period penalty clause to continue payments.

c) Club 50 Rental Space

Michel Gagnon, the tenant representative of the music group space, came to meet the Council and go over the past and future aspects of leasing their space. He explained they had invited someone to help them out mix music and that person ended-up using the space far more than intended. That person is now no longer here, so the group will revert to using the space for approximately 3 evenings per week as originally intended. A new 6 month lease will be drawn-up for \$200 a month, plus HST.

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d) Sidewalk Water Run-Off

Roger Gallant reported that *WSP Engineering* came with *Curran & Briggs* to look at the sidewalk. They reported a small deficiencies list that *Curran & Briggs* will address.

5. Financial Update

An updated fiscal report was presented and reviewed. Roger Gallant indicated the sewer utility budget expenses could be higher again this year due to problems appearing in the lines.

6. New Business / Other

a) New Administrator

Roger Gallant introduced Jasmine Doucet to Council and explained she was here doing on-the-job training. She will be returning to school and then coming back to take over the CAO position effective July 11th.

b) New Lawn Mower

Roger Gallant reported that he picked-up the new Husqvarna ride-on lawnmower for the summer student to use this summer. There will also be a new whipper-snipper, as the previous one was getting old.

c) Sewer Utility Issues

Roger Gallant reported that there was a problem with a lateral line at 8732 Rte 11. The resident came to report their line was clogged and their plumbing company couldn't clear it. A subcontractor was called and they fixed and replaced a good section of the line. Some of the blockage was near the main line and it was attributed to a build-up of grease. Roger Gallant explained the resident should reimburse the Utility for approximately half of the costs to fix their line. A letter will be sent to the resident. There was also a discussion on overdue accounts as well and the need to send disconnection notices.

d) Community Bulletin Ads

Roger Gallant reported that the Community Bulletin had extra advertising space and asked if the municipality would consider advertising in it. He will follow-up with prices.

e) Other

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Roger Gallant reported that the Club 50 kitchen renovations were proceeding well for the catering space. He also called an electrician for a quote on putting new lights in the Club 50 entrance space, but the contractor was currently away.

Roger Arsenault reported that a maintenance person looking after the apartment building at 8923 Rte 124 approached him regarding an issue with their waste carts. Roger Gallant also reported he was likewise approached to be informed that they now had the 8 required cart sets per unit as opposed to the previous 6 sets.

7. Correspondence

a) Festival Acadien

An EMail was received on May 27th from Marissa regarding any nomination recommendations for the Young Acadian of The Year award (age 22 or lower). Roger Gallant asked the Council to let him know if they had any recommendations.

8. Next Meeting

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

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated