

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 29, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held December 29, 2020 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Keating presiding. Councillor Bartlett joined the meeting via video technology (Cisco Webex). All other members of Council and Clerk were present.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Kitchen that '*The Agenda be approved.*' MOTION CARRIED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

No conflict declared.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Campbell that '*The Minutes for the Council Meeting held on December 14th be approved.*' MOTION CARRIED

BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Campbell to '*Pay the bills for the month of December.*' MOTION CARRIED

TRANSFER TO GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

It was moved by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Kitchen that '*The sum of \$53,000, as budgeted, be transferred from General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve Fund.*' The auditor projects a surplus, which allows Village to transfer the full budgeted amount. MOTION CARRIED

SAFE RESTART AGREEMENT

It was moved by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Kitchen that '*The Village of Salisbury apply for financial support through the Safe Restart Agreement to help cover COVID-19 related expenses incurred by the municipality. Council respectfully submits that there were total additional COVID-19 specific costs of \$32,496.76 plus a total of COVID-19 specific losses of \$9,800 minus a total of COVID-19 specific operational savings of \$17,000, bringing the total net COVID-19 impact to the Village of Salisbury to \$25,296.76.*' Under the Safe Restart Agreement, the New Brunswick government and the federal government will provide financial support for local governments for COVID-19 pandemic expenses. The submitted calculation uses the supplied formula. MOTION CARRIED

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADES

Even though Council had stated in past Minutes that the work to be completed in the Spring at the municipal sewage treatment facility would be financed with Capital Reserve funds, the auditor requested a formal motion.

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Campbell that *‘The diffuser replacement upgrade be financed by the Utility Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$51,727.58.’* MOTION CARRIED

ANIMAL CONTROL

Clerk explained that the need for new Animal Control for 2021 arose when it was learned that the 2020 Animal Control Officer for the Village of Salisbury, who was the lone submitter for the position one year ago, would not be available for 2021. Regarding the new contract, municipal legal counsel has reviewed the documents. Due to the value of the position, it was not required to go to tender. It was further noted that the 2021 fee for this service is lower than the 2020 fee.

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Campbell that *‘The Village of Salisbury enter into an agreement of professional services with New Brunswick Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NBSPCA) to provide services related to carrying out the functions and the enforcement of the Provincial Dog Regulations under the Local Governance Act and By-Law No. 41 A By-Law Relating to Establishing Control of Animals in the Village of Salisbury for the area encompassed by the civic boundaries of the Village of Salisbury for the fee of \$3,600, per year, excluding taxes.’* Note: This contract pertains to dogs only. MOTION CARRIED

It was requested by Councillor Kitchen that a brief closed session be held to discuss a matter pertaining to finances; in particular, land.

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Bartlett to *‘Enter into a closed session.’* Councillor Bartlett, since he had joined the meeting from his home via video-conference, was required to prove that he was alone and that no one else could listen in on any discussion during the closed session. Councillor Bartlett proceeded to pan his computer camera around his room proving that he was alone. MOTION CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING – Financial, land.

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Campbell to *‘Return to the regular meeting.’* MOTION CARRIED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 11, 2021

ADJOURN

After Mayor Keating and Council wished residents of Salisbury a Happy New Year and best wishes for 2021, it was moved by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Kitchen to *‘Adjourn the meeting.’* MOTION CARRIED (7:25 PM)