

Meeting Minutes

Village of Port Hope Council Meeting August 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Gary Schave with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag being recited.

Roll Call: Reinke, Eggert, Hunter, Gust, Schuett, Schave present

Absent: Steinhorst

Guests: Robert Brown, David Gwizdala, Annettee Goldkette

Clerk: Sally Arndt

Treasurer: Jean Baker, absent

- Motion by Chris Gust, seconded by Roy Reinke to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- Motion by Jim Hunter, second by Roy Reinke to approve the minutes of the 7-14-14 meeting. Motion carried.

Reports:

- Sewer – Nothing new to report
- Streets – Have not heard back from Stiverson & Associates yet
- Fire Department – Everything ok

Old Business:

- Motion by Arnold Eggert, seconded by Roy Reinke, to pay bills of \$16,135.54. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Dave Gwizdala, CPA presented the annual audit. Everything looks good, reports are clean; financially the village is ok. Advised by Dave to spend non-motorized monies – the average for 10 years. Dave also recommended looking into refinancing sewer loan. Most loans are currently charging 2 to 2 ½% interest, while we are paying 6 ½ on one, and 5 ¾% on the other. Refinancing costs, but could be well worth it. Gary is looking into this.
- Salary Committee currently reviewing compensation for elected officials and employees. A recommendation is to be brought to next month's meeting.
- Ordinance for dog droppings to be checked into. Gary to look at how other neighboring communities are handling this problem.

Communications/Correspondence/Public Comment:

- Annette Goldkette communicated that she received a letter from the State Women's Club and they are happy that Port Hope is hosting the meeting on September 25. The council then offered the fire hall to Annette for hosting the meeting, for which she gladly accepted.
- Annette also mentioned that there was a hole in the pavement by the Methodist Church parking lot. Chris Gust said he would look at it.

Adjournment:

- Motion by Jim Hunter, seconded by Chris Gust to adjourn. Motion carried.

Sally Arndt, Village Clerk