

Meeting Minutes

Village of Port Hope Council Meeting August 10, 2015

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: Eggert, Reinke, Schuett, Gust, Hunter, Steinhorst, Schave present

Absent: None

Guests: Ray Ferensic, Cindy Chiotti, Alan Pankow, Steve Schulz, Cliff Stumer

Clerk: Sally Arndt Treasurer: Jean Baker, absent

- Motion by Ron Steinhorst second by Chris Gust to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- Motion by Jim Hunter, second by Chris Gust to approve the minutes of the 7-13-15 meeting. Motion carried.

Reports:

- Sewer – Roy Reinke stated two extra 15 horse motors as a back-up should be purchased. Motion by Jim Hunter, second by Arnold Eggert that 2 electric motors be purchased for a total of approximately \$4,500. Motion carried. Roy would like to step down as the head of the sewer department. Roy will help if needed, he just does not like the paperwork/computer aspect of the job. A person needs to work for one year with a license. An option would be to contract work with someone that has a license. Motion by Jim Hunter, seconded by Chris Gust for Roy to authorize a search and bring names of interested parties back to council for handling computer and paperwork while Roy will stay and help. Motion carried.
- Streets – Easement from Essenmacher needs to be done – Ferris to proceed with this matter.
- Fire Department – Nothing new to report
- Marina – Building needs to be insulated and finished. Gene remarked on the number of volunteer hours and how it is a compliment to the community with everyone that has stepped up to help out.

Old Business:

- Motion by Chris Gust, second by Roy Reinke to pay bills of \$61,232.07. Motion carried.
- Community Picnic to be held on Sunday, August 16 from 1-4 at the Hope Center. Community meeting to be held at approximately 3:30 p.m.

New Business:

- Parks & Rec committee reported that 27% of surveys were returned with 5 main projects. Some of these projects may have sub plans – 1 or 2 extra items when it gets written for grant. Writing committee will get more specific with these projects. Motion by Roy Reinke, seconded by Jim Hunter to accept the 5 year plan. Motion carried. Grants need to be written then they go to zoning next. At the December meeting the final approval will be sought from council. It is due by March 1st and can only be sent in once a year. If denied, we would have to wait a year.
- Cliff Stumer would like to reinstate a farm tour in the area. An agenda and tour were recently put together with Lawrence Iseler - 12 people went on the tour. Would like to see this to continue using the TAT bus. Possibilities included charging a fee or conducting a free tour with tractor dealers, etc. as sponsors and starting with holding it on the major holidays and then having more if wanted. It was suggested to look into this further.
- Complaints of dead vehicles was addressed on surveys – to be looked at next month.

Communications/Correspondence/Public Comment:

- Thanks to Roy Reinke for the many years he has worked in the Sewer Department.
- Ray asked if the village was willing to step up if the grant comes back saying that we owe a percentage. He was told that it would depend on the village's liability.

Adjournment:

- Motion by Chris Gust, second by Roy Reinke, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Sally Arndt, Village Clerk