

Meeting Minutes

Village of Port Hope Council Meeting September 14, 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, Schuett, Gust, Steinhorst, Schave present

Absent: Hunter, Reinke

Guests: Ray Ferensic, Cindy Chiotti, Randy Chiotti, Dave Gwizdala

Clerk: Sally Arndt **Treasurer:** Jean Baker, absent

- Motion by Gene Schuett, second by Ron Steinhorst to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- Motion by Ron Steinhorst, second by Chris Gust to approve the minutes of the 8-10-15 meeting. Motion carried.

Reports:

- Sewer – It will cost \$3,900 for an inspection
- Streets – County fixed part in storm drain. State Street is to be asphalted next year; pipe is to be fixed yet
- Fire Department – Nothing new to report
- Marina – Wires have been hooked up and the meter will be coming soon. They are waiting for a permit from the Corp. of Engineers

Old Business:

- Motion by Arnold Eggert, second by Gene Schuett to pay bills of \$36,704.42. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Deputy Treasurer – Cindy Strozeski is going to help Jean and learn the treasurer's job – she is appointed as Deputy Treasurer and will be paid an hourly wage.
- Trick or Treat Hours – Motion by Christ Gust, second by Ron Steinhorst to set Trick or Treat Hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on October 31. Motion carried.
- Dave Gwizdala from the CPA firm made his annual audit report stating that the village is healthy financially and our fund balances are strong. Street funds are in compliance thanks to split billing by the road commission. He commended the village for the refinancing of the sewer, as there was a savings of about \$120,000.00. There were many transfers that were made to other funds as corrections. The marina should be self-sustaining, otherwise it should just be put into the General Fund.
- Motion by Gene Schuett, second by Arnold Eggert to appoint Steve Schulz to the Water Board. Motion carried.

Communications/Correspondence/Public Comment:

- It was questioned whether the Deputy Treasurer position should be posted, however Gary checked with Ferris and it is not necessary.
- Ray Ferensic expressed concern regarding outsiders coming in on holiday weekends for free and competing with our local businesses. He said that we need to charge a permit fee. Gene wants to touch base with the Chamber. We need to protect our businesses and a fee for outside vendors would not be out of line.

Adjournment:

- Motion by Chris Gust, second by Arnold Eggert to adjourn. Motion carried.

Sally Arndt, Village Clerk