

Village of Port Hope

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 08, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Gary Schave. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call: Reinke, Steinhorst, Schulz, Gust, Schuett, Schave **Absent:** Hunter

Treasurer: Cindy Strozski **Clerk:** Sally Arndt

Guests Present: Don Goetze, Chad Gainor, Danielle Suprenant, Laura Woeber

- Motion by Chris Gust, seconded by Roy Reinke to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- Motion by Gene Schuette, second by Ron Steinhorst to approve the minutes for the 7/8/19 meeting with corrections in the wording of the Wage Committee results. Motion carried.

Reports:

- **Sewer** – Nothing new to report
- **Streets** – Gravel was to be completed on Huron Street (except by the log area) before the 4th of July
- **Fire Department** – Nothing new to report
- **Marina** – Contending with high water and geese in marina area

Old Business:

- **Pay Bills** – Motion by Chris Gust, second by Roy Reinke to pay bills of \$13,417.30. Motion carried.

New Business:

- **Community Wi-Fi** – Chad Gainor from Harbor Beach has already talked to the Chamber regarding the possibility of going through the township hall for public Wi-Fi. Ongoing cost would be bandwidth thru a wireless network. If the town has dead fiber, it could be used. Chris to look into Comcast "dead fiber".
- **Auto Water Pay** – Chad has started this in Harbor Beach and offered to piggyback with system to do Port Hope water billing. Something to possibly discuss and look at in the future.
- **Chickens Within the Village** – Residents on First & State Street have chickens. They were presented with an outdated document that stated having chickens comes under the definition of farming with 5 acres or more. Minutes were read from 1992 on by Don Goetze – we do not have a specific chicken ordinance. Harbor Beach currently updated their ordinance, which was drafted through Ferris. Chris would like to see a copy of their ordinance to review. Motion by Gene Schuett that the resident who came to meeting is illegal in having chickens. Motion failed due to lack of support. Motion by Chris Gust, second by Steve Schulz to review Harbor Beach ordinance and look into possibly updating ours. Motion carried.
- **Enforcement of Speed Limit** – Drivers are driving too fast in town. Portable cameras are costly; a portable system was also discussed, as well as contacting the deputy on duty to strictly enforce the speed limit.

Communications/Correspondence/Public Comments:

- Garage door heights were discussed – the ordinance from 1998 needs to be updated and published
- Garage Sale permits – not required

Adjournment:

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

Sally Arndt, Village Clerk