

COMMUNITY OF NEW HAVEN RIVERDALE
MINUTES OF ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING 2017

March 21, 2017

PRESENT:

Claus Brodersen, Chair
Sharon Slauenwhite
Luis Bate
Willem Vanderleeuw
Stephen Gould
Dianne Dowling, Administrator

Also present 3 residents

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion:

"To approve the Agenda as circulated" (M) Stephen Gould (S) Sharon Slauenwhite, Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2016 ANNUAL MEETING:

Motion:

"To approve the minutes of the 2016 Annual meeting as circulated" (M) Brendon McQuaid (S) Stephen Gould, Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: No Business arising.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING APM CENTER: Discussed the request for Capital Funding by the APM Center and noted this request is reasonable.

Motion:

"To approve the request for funding by the APM Center in the amount of \$1,943.00 in the 2017 Budget for the Capital Fund donation." (M) Stephen Gould (S) Willem Vanderleeuw, Motion carried.

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

The Chair gave a verbal report on the need for the Official Plan to be updated. He noted that due to the increased applications for building permits in the summer, when Council usually had a summer break, that for 2017 the regular Council meetings will be every month. He also reported that the Community has begun negotiations with neighboring Communities concerning amalgamation. A question from Anne Jamieson was asked concerning what Communities and the Chair responded that currently it is Clyde River, West River, Meadowbank, Afton and Bonshaw. Following that being no further questions the Chair requested acceptance of his report. Seconded by Stephen Gould, Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **FINANCE:** Councilor Gould presented the audited financial statements and explained the basic concept of the reporting. He pointed out on page 2 that the Communities revenues for 2016 exceeded the 2016 expenses by \$12,494.00. A question was asked on the Black Fly Program. Councilor Bate explained the history and the logistics of the Black Fly program. Councilor Gould then reviewed the 2016 financial statements page by page and moved for acceptance of this information as presented, Seconded by resident Alex Jamieson, Motion carried.
Councilor Gould then continued to the 2017 Budget document. He noted that the 2017 Budget if approved will result in a one cent decrease in the Municipal Tax. He then went through the Budget document line by line. He explained that the line item for legal fees has been reduced; however the Community has added a clause to the Reserve Fund that if needed it could be accessed if there is a planning issue that would require excess funding over the budgeted amount. Being no further questions Councilor Gould Moved for adoption of the finance report, seconded by Councilor Bate, Motion carried. Noted that the fire dues were to increase but due to the Case the Ace the increase is no longer required. Councilor Gould also noted that the role of the Fire Department has changed in that they are now responding to incidents other than house fires, such as car accidents, but are not being reimbursed for this service.
- **BUILDING:** Councilor Bate presented the 2016 build report for information and moved for adoption, Seconded by Councilor Vander Leeuw, Motion carried.
- **RECREATION:** The Chair reported that the Community would like to spend some funds in 2017 upgrading the soccer field and will be issuing a RFP for the upgrades needed. Councilor Gould said that if this project is a go for 2017 he would like the Communities approval to utilize up to \$10,000.00 of the Capital Reserve Fund, noting that this project will depend on receiving matching funding.

Motion:

“That the Community Council be authorized to utilize up to \$10,000.00 for upgrades to the Community Soccer field, providing other funding is approved” (M) Stephen Gould (S) Brendon McQuaid, Motion carried.

The Administrator advised those present that the 2017 Budget includes a small amount under Heritage and one suggestion was to acknowledge the former Fairyland property by collecting any historical pictures or stories that any one may have from the property in its heyday in the late 1960’s and early 1970’s she said she would make copies of the photos and frame them and they will be displayed during the Community Canada Day celebrations. The Jamieson’s said they may be able to locate some photos from the former owner.

Councilor Gould continued that he would also like to propose some funds be allocated to upgrading the Communities walking trails. Anne Jamieson said that maybe someone from the Holland College program would be available to volunteer some time to work on the trails. Councilor Gould volunteered to contact the individual at Holland College to make that request.

Motion:

“That up to \$5,000.00 of the Capital fund be earmarked to be utilized to upgrade the Community Walking Trails. (M) Stephen Gould (S) Sharon Slauenwhite, Motion Carried.

- **BLACK FLY:** Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- **OFFICIAL PLAN:**
Councilor Bate update those present on the process of updating the Community Official Plan and also mentioned that the New Act will also require the establishment of several operational bylaws. Councilor Bate then moved for acceptance of his report, seconded by Councilor Vander Leeuw, Motion carried.

A question was asked concerning if the Community is mandated to join with neighboring Communities and Councilor Slauenwhite highlighted what will be required by Municipalities under the new Municipal regulations will be difficult to achieve under the current structure.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Emergency Plan: The Chair noted that the Community is in the process of updating our Emergency plan. He said the Legion has been outfitted to operate as an emergency warm up station should it be required.

2. New Municipal Act: Councilor Gould further explained the modifications that will be required under the new Act, noting the Act will mandate an increased level of service from what is currently existing. He explained that a study will be completed to investigate the implications of amalgamation and Council passed a resolution to partner in the application for funding for completion of this study. The Chair explained that New Haven Riverdale is actually closer to compliance with the new Act than the other five Municipalities in the agreement. He continued to say that the number one priority of all Communities is to maintain our local values. The Council also discussed the Provincial Building Code which is slated to be adopted in the spring of this year.

The Chair then noted that the advertisement for the meeting also included a call out for a resident to fill the vacant Council position and asked if anyone present has a nomination. No nominations were received.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business meeting was adjourned at 9 PM by Councilor Vander Leeuw.

Submitted,

Dianne Dowling

Administrator