

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF TRAYTOWN  
JANUARY 6, 2014**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>John Baird</b>
<b>Councillors:</b>	<b>Colleen Denty</b>
	<b>Wilfred Janes</b>
	<b>Jason Patten</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>Sarah Patten</b>
<b>Absent</b>	<b>Shannon Carter (Deputy Mayor)</b>

**Residents:** **Don Osbourne, Melvin Arnold, Aubrey Arnold, Mike Ralph, Kathy Woodman, Jeff Patten**

**Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:00PM**

**Councillor Patten moved to adopt the minutes of December 12, 2013 with the following errors and omissions: FABEC -Mollyguajack Falls not Middle Brook. QUARRY PERMITS -Council not in agreement with Quarry Permits instead of not approved, and Quarry Permits will not be referred by council until Business Tax is paid in full. BUDGET- all money budgeted must be used Council will not use money as a surplus. The council will keep a small existing surplus in case of emergencies. Seconded by Councillor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.**

**MINUTES:** The gallery requested that the December 12, 2013 minutes be read to the gallery or a copy of the minutes be provided to each individual before they were adopted. Mayor Baird informed the gallery that minutes will not be provided until they are adopted by council. Objection from gallery that the public could have an objection to a subject in the minutes that will not be able to be change after the minutes are adopted. Mayor Baird explained that the gallery cannot object to anything in the minutes only the council has the power to do that. The gallery presented a copy of an email from Laura Coultas, Personal Assistant to Lorraine Michel, MHA with the following comment: "I was speaking with Mr. Murphy who is the NDP critic in this area and he says that each council has rules on minutes of the previous council meeting. If they do not read it to the public they should provide you with a copy of the minutes."

Mayor Baird once again explained to the gallery that the minutes of council will not be presented to the public until they are adopted.

Mayor Baird informed the gallery that the council would take their concerns under advisement but they are following Municipal Affairs guidelines.

**ERROR** – The gallery requested that the following statement in the November 4, 2013 Minutes be rectified as an error: Ms. Woodman stated that Mr. Hiscock has not "graded" the roads this summer. He has back dragged the "snowplough" over the roads but they have not been graded. - Ms Woodman did not say that Mr. Hiscock did not grade the roads this summer she said that Mr. Hiscock did grade the roads but the last time he used the snowplough to back drag the roads.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM DECEMBER 12, 2013**

**PERMIT** – 17 Aspen Drive – **Councillor Denty moved to approve the application to build a house at 17 Aspen Drive with the following stipulation: In issuing this Development Permit, the Town of Traytown provides permission to the applicants to connect their proposed residence to the municipal sewer system, however, the Town accepts no responsibility for future repairs or maintenance of any portion of the private sewer line that will connect the residence to the municipal system. The applicants hereby take**

**full responsibility to maintain all portions of the private sewer line between their residence and the municipal system. Furthermore, they acknowledge that this responsibility carries with their property, and assure Council that they will fully inform future purchasers (owners) of the property of this responsibility, seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.** The clerk will make sure this is stated on their permit and their application for future reference.

**BUDGET** – Mayor Baird informed council that he has made changes to the council's draft budget due to important issues that must be addressed. Refer to Draft Budget 2014 Revised January for details. One large change to the budget is the need to maintain the sewer system which will cost around \$10,000.00. Fill has to be placed around the lift station, the pumps will need to be maintained, preferably a new pump should be purchased in case of break downs. The council must locate and bring all manholes up to grade. Money will be allocated from other parts of the budget to accomplish this, if more money is needed tax increases will have to be looked at if there are not enough funds to accomplish these issues.

Gallery comment: Will all taxes be raised?

The Sewer Tax will be looked at first that stands at \$250.00 per household for 57 households and the 25 cabins for Commercial Sewer Tax. The council will meet on Monday January 20, 2014 @ 7:00pm for a budget meeting only.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**EMERGENCY PLAN** – Due to the severe cold temperatures and the lost of electricity to the Town the council will investigate having a warming centre for their residents. Using the Town Hall as a place for people without heat to come would be a idea that could be entertained. The hall would need a source of heat: a pellet stove, wood stove, or propane heat could be considered. The range could be changed to propane with tanks place behind the building and the heat used only when needed. This would have to budgeted for, maybe over a period of time. The Provincial Government may come out with funding to provide the towns with adequate warm centers in the next while due to the situation that has occurred. The town's insurance might increase if the changes are made. A generator could be purchased to run the lights and heat. The size of a generator needed to run heat would be a significant cost. Councillor Janes will talk to Deputy Mayor Craig Arnold from Glovertown council and ask what their council is implementing for a warming center. The town council will look at joining Glovertown with a joint Emergency Plan or else decide on this issue alone.

**RENOVATION FOR HALL** – Due to the inadequate space of the town office and the Mayor needing a space for his many documents another office might need to be built. The town office is to small to accommodate all the files and documents that have accumulated over the years. Council Patten will get a price on adding another office but the council will not consider this a priority.

## **COUNCILLOR'S BUSINESS**

**SNOW PLACED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY** - Councillor Janes informed the council that a resident of the community has been pushing snow onto an area of town that contains two residential wells. This is a concern and Councillor Janes is going to talk to this individual about the issue.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE** – Councillor Denty informed the council that Traytown Recreation committee will meet on Sunday January 11, 2014 to discuss the monument for former Deputy Mayor Rowsell as well as other issues. Some of the gallery volunteered their time to be on a beautification

committee. The Squid Landing Site was discussed as well as the Rolling Stone and other forms of structures that could help beautify the area. Mayor Baird informed council that the Squid Landing Site as well as the Land opposite the Inafix Shop are all Crown Land and can be used by the town for sites to be considered for projects. Mayor Baird also informed Council that Mr. Neil Dawe, President, Tract, planning, engineering, architecture and landscape architecture company visited the town office to give an insight on the work that their company can provide the town. Although the cost can be quite high for a little town like Traytown, Mr. Dawe informed the town that there is money available through ACOA for projects if the council was interested. The cost for the company would be around \$10,000.00. Council's first step is to have a public meeting and ask everyone who is interested to bring their ideas to the council and set up a committee to get the work done. Kathy Woodman, Natalie Hunter & Trayton, Colleen Denty, May Burry, Rosalind Abbott, Kimberly Pike, Johnny Denty and Shannon Carter. The clerk will ask Rosalind and Kimberly if they had help with their areas.

**WHARF** - A fisherman is using the wharf to load and unload equipment to his boat. This person has removed the sign that the council has placed at the wharf requesting that all vehicles refrain from driving on the wharf. The council has issues with this due to the fact the wharf will not be able to withstand heavy equipment driving on it due to the structure. The fisherman has moved to Burnside presently due to ice conditions. Councillor Patten will talk to Mr. David Hiscock and request a price to have rocks placed at the wharf to prevent this from happening again.

**QUESTION FROM GALLERY** – In previous minutes it was requested that Mrs. Jessie Tucker and Ms. Judie Tucker get an official thank you from the town for their work at cleaning up the roads of Traytown. The two ladies were thanked in a Newsletter in 2013.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2014 @ 7:00pm**

**MEETING ADJOUNED** – Councillor Denty moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councillor Patten, all in favour, motion carried.