

MINUTES
TOWN OF TRAYTOWN
AUGUST 4, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor	John Baird
Deputy Mayor	Shannon Carter
Councillors	Jason Patten
	Colleen Denty
Absent	Wilfred Janes
Town Clerk	Sarah Patten
 Gallery	 Melvin Arnold, Aubrey Arnold

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Councillor Patten moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter, all in favour, motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Carter moved to accept minutes of July 8, 2014, seconded by Councillor Patten all in favour, motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM JULY 8, 2014

WEB PAGE- The yahoo email belonging to the town has been corrupted the clerk will contact Eastlink and ask for an email address from them directly.

FINANCE REPORT – July 8 – August 4, 2014 – Expenditures are on par with what Council expected to spend. The revenue side shows that the taxes are not coming in as well as council would like. The Clerk will take all tax payers owing for more than one year to small claims court for collection.

SEWER MAINTANENCE – Councillor Patten will contact Elvis Feltham, Feltham’s Construction and Raymond Baker, Baker’s Plumbing and Heating, about the maintenance needed for the lift station. Mr. Feltham has been out of town and Mr. Baker has been very busy.

There is maintenance need on the hall as well. Council will hire someone to fix windows, ceiling tiles, patio, as well as the vent in the roof. Councillor Patten will contact a few people around town to get a price quote on the work and have it started immediately.

AMALGAMATION FEASIBILITY STUDY – Mayor Baird, Deputy Mayor Carter and Town Clerk Patten met with Sarah Hobbs and Vincent Whey, Whey & Whey Consultants along with Town of Glovertown Representatives: Town Manager Sparkes, Town Clerk Perry, Mayor Churchill, and Councillor Kelly, to

discuss the feasibility study process. There will be two meetings on in Traytown for the residents of Traytown and one in Glovertown for the residents of Glovertown. The meetings for Traytown will be Town Clerk 2:00 pm to 4:00pm, Council 6:00- 7:30pm, and residents at 7:30pm. Traytown Councillors who attend the public meeting will not be representing Council and are asked not to answer any questions directed to them.

QUARRY SITE – Mayor Baird and Mr. Aubrey Arnold met with Mr. Bill Oldford, Inspector Department of Natural Resources, to visit the quarry sites in Ploughed Ground Road. Mr. Oldford inspected Station Road Contractor's quarry and will write the company a letter directing it to not extend operations any closer to the adjacent brook than it is at present.

The maps that were promised to the town have not arrived. Mr. Oldford will look into this.

An application has arrived from the Department of Natural Resources for a quarry site for AIM Services, this site takes in 1½ of the old K&K site. Council has been asked to comment on the AIM Services application.

Councillor Patten moved to approve the quarry application for AIM Services, seconded by Councillor Denty all in favour, motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Carter declared a conflict of interest on this application, and did not participate in the decision.

ROAD UPGRADES PROJECT 2014-15 – DMG Consulting has been awarded the engineering contract for road upgrades as it was the lowest bidder. Due to previous under-estimates, Council has been advised that the roads budget is insufficient to complete construction on all the roads Council had planned to upgrade. The LOL hill on Aspen has been eliminated from the upgrading plans for this year. The main areas being upgraded include Pine Tree Road, a portion of Balsam Lane, and Aspen/Juniper from the Anglican Cemetery on Aspen to the end of pavement on Juniper.

DMG's estimate is higher than the amount allocated by the Provincial Government, however Municipal Affairs may allow cost overruns to a maximum of 10 percent over budget.

Calcium will not be placed on the roads at this time due to a rainstorm forecast for this week. Council will look at the spreading calcium at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPERTY TAX - Councillor Patten moved to implement Property Tax for the Town, seconded by Councillor Denty, all in favour, motion carried.

The decision was made because of various problems with administering the poll tax, including difficulties in tax collection, inequity in the system, lack of taxation on unoccupied properties, disproportionate taxation of residents compared to businesses, a continual increase in the number of residents requesting a poll tax exemption, and the need for more stable revenues for financing future infrastructure and operations.

PERMIT – Councillor Patten moved to approve the building of a residential home 40' by 36' at 15 Aspen Drive, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter, all in favour, motion carried.

CLEAN UP – Discuss next meeting

GARBAGE DUMPED – Mr. Manual Dove, owner/operator RTS Sales, has informed council that someone dumped a load of garbage on his property on the Traytown Access Road. The clerk will ask Mr. Dove to clean it up because he is responsible for his property.

TOWN HALL WELL – Councillor Patten will hire someone to replace the cover on the well and fill in the old well that is a hazard.

NEWSLETTER – The clerk will prepare a newsletter to inform the public about the implementation of property tax as well as the date of the amalgamation meeting.

NEXT MEETING – Labour Day – September 1, 2014

ADJOURNED – Councillor Patten moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter all in favour, motion carried.