

**MINUTES
TOWN OF TRAYTOWN
June 5, 2017**

In Attendance:

Mayor John Baird
Deputy Mayor: Shannon Carter
Councilors: Jason Patten
 Wilfred Janes
 Colleen Denty
Town Clerk Sarah Patten

Called to order: 7:00 P.M. – Mayor

Accept Agenda: Councilor Denty moved to accept the agenda as presented for June 5, 2017 seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter all in favour, motion carried.

Accept Minutes: Deputy Mayor Carter moved to accept minutes of May 8, 2017 seconded by councilor Denty all in favour, motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM May 8, 2017

FINANCIAL – As of today's date the town has received \$33,721.47 in property tax with \$39,656.46 left owing for 2017. Business tax - \$1,826.82 with \$11,460.34 left owing. Utility Tax - \$11,159.40 with \$3,840.60 left owing (Depending on the outcome of other towns with Bell this could be all that the town receives this year in Utility Tax). Residential Sewer - \$4,000.00 with \$10,000.00 outstanding and Commercial Sewer still has \$1,640.00 which is the total for this account. We will have to check with the Department of Natural Resources for Quarry Permits to invoice the companies that have obtained a pit. Council has budgeted \$3,610 from own resources which includes the quarries and only \$690.00 has been received at this time. Government Transfers have not arrived including MOG or Provincial Gas Tax. The GST rebate has been received in the amount of \$4,499.32. The total amount of arrears for 2016 and earlier paid to date \$7,765.85. Invoices is the town's normal month to month accounts of Eastlink - \$145.00, Station Road Contracting - \$3,250.00 Heat and Light - \$419.31, Street Lighting – 869.40. The only out of the ordinary cost this quarter to the town was the price of repairing the sewer system blockage that cost the town Feltham's - \$2,438.00, Alfonso Group Ltd. \$2,642.70. Robert Ralph \$650.00 to cover lost wages to help repair system. That is \$5,730.07 that council did not budget for in 2017. Council did budget \$3,700, which \$3,100 was for repairs. The rest will be used from the general maintenance budget which is set at \$12,500.00.

CAPITAL WORKS – Sunday June 11, 2017 Amec Foster have scheduled the well test. The results should be available at the next meeting of council. The council will use the Provincial Portion of the Gas Tax for their share of the 10%.

GAS TAX – Council will keep their minds alert to the 2019 deadline for the use of the Federal Tax Money that is available. It could be used for the first installments of the 10% for water and sewer.

RECREATION REPORT – councilor Denty will inform recreation that several young parents were asking

to have new equipment purchased for the playground. Recreation should ask these young parents to join the Recreation and help to raise the funds needed to purchase the equipment.

WEB SITE PROGRAMER – All minutes are up to date.

MAPPING – The Mayor has a black and white map done on paper at a cost of \$13.23. He will have coloured maps printed at a later date for the Town Office.

NEW BUSINESS

LOW INCOME REDUCTION – 2017 – one income less than \$26,000 – 35% of property tax reduction requested – councilor Denty moved to approve the reduction, seconded by Councilor Patten all in favour, motion carried.

PERMIT – to construct a shed 32 x 24 at 34 Aspen Drive – Due to the shed being built is over the required size as per the town plan Councilor Patten moves to approve the shed if it is resized below the seventy square meters as per town plan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter.

TAX RECOVERY - Council Patten moves to approve the council's plan on tax recovery, as prescribed in 2016, seconded by Deputy Mayor Carter, all in favour, motion carried.

SIGN – Welcome to Traytown is non repairable a new one will be ordered and purchased from Sign Factory to be replaced as soon as possible.

COPY REQUEST – a request for copies of minutes for 2013/14/15/16 and 2003/04/05/06. The later years 2003/04/05/06 has been copied and Mayor Baird has delivered them. The other minutes can be obtained at no cost on the Traytown.net site. A call to Municipal Affairs has informed the council that under **Section 215(2)(b) of 1999 Municipalities Act** these copies can be done, upon payment of a fee equal to the actual cost of providing that copy. An invoice was sent with the copies which included over 300 pages, for a total of \$103.20. A cost of \$0.20 per copy and \$27.00 per hour for labour, electricity, wear and tear on equipment,(toner/drum) etc.

CORRESPONDENCE – 1. Service NL – Salty Bay Cabins RE: Application to install and Operate Above Ground Swimming Pool located at 74 Main Street. Approval is by given Service NL to proceed with development with the understanding that approvals from other agencies may be required. 2. Dept of Transportation & Works Financial Division of Transportation and Works will continue to intercept for all amounts in arrears for the 2015/16 season and any years prior. This includes invoices for snow clearing season and the purchase of salt. Traytown does not have any arrears. 3. Election Canada swearing in Town Clerk as the Returning Officer for Traytown. Voter's list will arrive later to be updated.

STUDENT – Only 2 resumes have arrived at this time – **Deputy Mayor Carter moved to give the student position to Jordan Tucker, seconded by Councilor Janes, all in favour, – 2, motion carried. Councilor Denty abstained.**

Duties: (1). Mow and rake the playground, council grounds and park areas,
(2). Cut alders, in the same areas
(3). Clean up garbage around town
(4) water seal patio
(5) Maintain rink area
(6) Put up shelves in garage to store things

The student will go to Council Janes for direction and will have to keep track of his own hours per week.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – July 3, 2017 or when council is available.

MEETING ADJOUNED – Councilor Patten moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilor Janes, all in favour, motion carried.

Mayor

Town Clerk