

**MINUTES
TOWN OF TRAYTOWN
October 9, 2017**

In Attendance:

Mayor: Shannon Carter

Councilors: Max Harmon
Jason Patten
David Janes

Town Clerk: Sarah Patten

Absent Deputy Mayor Baird

Mayor Carter called the meeting to order at: 7:00 P.M.

Councilor Patten moved to accept agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Harmon, all in favour, motion carried.

Councilor Patten moved to accept the minutes of September 11 & 28, 2017 as presented, seconded by Councilor Harmon, all in favour, motion carried.

GUEST – To discuss Market Value Pricing for Municipalities and Poll Taxes – In the Town minutes on their site it has been discussed that the Provincial Government has been looking into the idea of allowing communities to apply for crown lands for their own use inside their boundaries. Would it be possible for the town to purchase the crown land that the quarry pits are on? The town has discussed applying for crown land in the Ploughed Ground Area with the possibility of using it to sell to business owners for commercial land, but they have not discussed buying the land the quarry pits are on. The Department of Natural Resources and the Traytown Council have had several meetings on the quarries to discuss their actual location as well as how the quarries are being inspected. Each time council meets with the manager and the inspector they have specifically noted that the quarries are all operating according to the rules of the department. The Town has requested a map overlaying with the Town Plan map to insure that the contractors are still inside the boundaries that they are required to be. After waiting for the maps for a few years the town had to pay to have its own maps done to show the actual area that the contractors have their quarries located and if they are encroaching on the Sensitive Area of the Pine Tree Stand. The council is watching this very closely.

To apply for the quarries through Crown Lands would still not give the council control over the quarries. The Town Plan shows the area as Mineral Workings and the Department of Natural Resources owning the mineral rights to the area. Another problem with this area is that there are several granted land titles in the area that could hold a claim and Crown Lands would be very careful not to sell land that could hold a title.

A company applied for a Mineral Exploration Permit a couple of years back that gave them the right to dig holes in different areas of the Mineral Workings to explore a new area for a pit. This permit was granted without discussion with the council. When the council inquired about this issue they were told they had no authority to control this inside the mineral workings area. The problem with the quarries has been ongoing for many years and several heated discussions have taken place with Natural Resources to get better control over the quarries without any success.

Poll Tax – Why did council not keep the Poll Tax when it brought in Property Tax, when this could be another form of revenue for the town and bring Property Tax rates down?

Council looked at keeping the Poll Tax but at the time it felt that there were very few renters or workers living in Traytown that would generate enough revenue to cover the cost of implementing it. At the time

of the implementation of the Property Tax council looked at the total amount of revenue each household would be paying, with the majority of the population being senior and some single seniors it was decided by council that the less than \$2,000 that “could” be collected, it might be helpful to have those who would pay Poll Tax to help the ones who have to pay the Property Tax. The 2018 Budget will have to be done before the end of this year and council can look at how many people would be paying the Poll Tax and if it would be worthwhile bring the tax back.

FINANCIAL – The clerk will bring forward the financial report done at the swearing in council meeting done on September 28, 2017.

CAPTIAL WORKS - With the absence of Deputy Mayor Baird this will be brought forward to the next meeting of Council.

RECREATION REPORT – Due to the Recreation Committee not having a meeting there is no report. The clerk will inform the committee of the new representative from council.

MAPPING – Council now has the maps in place to coincide with the Town Zoning.

NEW BUSINESS

STOP SIGN AT CORNER OF ASPEN / JUNIPER – A discussion into the safety concerns of the corner of Aspen and Juniper and should it be a three way stop sign. Due to the fact that Juniper Crescent continues down around the turn and exits on the Main Street there is no stop sign required for this street. However the traffic coming up from the Main Road onto Aspen cannot see if there is traffic coming down Juniper unless they stop and look. There is a stop sign on Aspen which few people recognize and travel right through. The placement of signs on Juniper showing SLOW BLIND CURVE AHEAD could be used to deter the traffic. A question was raised on how many accidents have occurred in the area of the turn.
Councillor Janes moved to erect two signs “Slow Blind Curve Ahead” on Juniper and Aspen seconded by Council Harmon, all in favour, no vote discussion continued.

911 – Should the residents of Traytown use their old numbers that were set up twenty years ago has their address or the new numbers that the Municipal Assessment Agency has provided them with? All the kinks have not been ironed out with regard with the new 911 system. The Fire Hall number 533-1111 and Ambulance number 533-2111 are still active in the area. The town has new maps that has not been given to the Fire Rescue, Police or the Ambulance at this time but these will be given very soon. These new maps contains the new address numbers. The resident can use their own discretion on which number they give until such time the new numbers become mandatory. The old numbers are not noted by Canada Post as civic addresses they still have General Delivery as all the addresses for Traytown. The local post office uses the numbers to identify individuals especially those with the same name.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 6, 2017 (Unless changed)

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

Mayor

Town Clerk