

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, February 3, 2014, starting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Calvin Eddy; Deputy Mayor Dan Smith; Councillors Darren Boates, Gail Smith, John Himmelman and Melinda den Haan; Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Brian Smith (via Skype); Director of Finance, Marianne Daine and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Regrets: Councillor Marc Britney.

Also in attendance was Director of Public Works, John Pearson.

14.02.01 CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Director of Finance Daine advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

14.02.02 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Smith, that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 6, 2014, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

14.02.03 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

14.02.04 NEW BUSINESS**.01 Approval of the Bills – January 2014**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Himmelman, that Council approve the payment of the bills for January 2014, in the amount of \$376,927.57. Motion carried.

.02 Council Honoraria

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith, that Council approve the resolution stating that one-third of the total honoraria and expense allowance paid to elected officers of the Town of Middleton shall be non-taxable income. Motion carried.

.03 Committee of the Whole Recommendations**a. Approval of the Bills – December 2013**

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Himmelman, on recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that Council approve the payment of the bills for December 2013, in the amount of \$590,073.12. Motion carried.

b. Annapolis Regional RCMP Advisory Board

It was moved by Councillor Boates, seconded by Councillor Himmelman, on recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that

Council maintain a separate Police Advisory Board and encourage the Police Advisory Board and Chief Administrative Officer to seek more joint meetings and training with other Annapolis County Police Advisory Boards. Motion carried.

c. Special Reserve Fund Borrowing

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Smith, on recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that Council authorize the borrowing of \$27,115.83 from the Equipment Reserve Fund, with repayment over a five-year term, at an annual interest rate of 2.23%, to finance the purchase of a 2014 Ford ½-ton truck (\$24,096.75) and an aluminum truck box for the Chevrolet 1-ton truck (\$3,019.08). Motion carried.

d. Water Depreciation Fund Withdrawal

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor den Haan, on recommendation of Committee of the Whole, that Council authorize the withdrawal of \$10,524.38 from the Water Depreciation Fund, to cover the cost of replacing the pump in well # 1. Motion carried.

14.02.05 REPORTS

.01 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of January.

.02 Budget Variance Report

The Budget Variance Report for the period ending January 17, 2014, was circulated to all Council members.

Acting CAO Smith asked Council to consider replacing the approval of the bills with the budget variance report, and he will prepare a staff report on the matter for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

.03 Other Committee Reports

There were no other committee reports.

14.02.06 CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence for the month of January has been circulated to all Council members and posted on SharePoint.

14.02.07 ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Councillor Smith informed Council that people are still having problems with the traffic lights. The pedestrian light changes to a flashing hand when people are halfway across the street and they are unsure if they will have enough time to complete crossing the street. Public Works Director Pearson advised Council that the timing of the lights was determined by an engineer and based on a number of factors, including traffic/pedestrian counts, and, even though the light is flashing, there is time for people to complete their street crossing.

Deputy Mayor Smith advised Council that:

- the Calendar of Events on the Town website is showing Council Meetings every night for the next two weeks;
- he has received a number of complaints regarding illegal signs around Town.

Acting CAO Smith and Executive Assistant /Planning Coordinator McAuley will correct the calendar of events and investigate the illegal signs.

14.02.08 IN-CAMERA

It was moved by Councillor den Haan, seconded by Councillor Smith that the Council adjourn to in-camera at 7:21 p.m., to discuss matters relating to Human Resources. Motion carried.


At 7:21 p.m., Director of Finance Daine, Director of Public Works Pearson and Recording Secretary McAuley left the in-camera session.

The in-camera session ended at 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Councillor Himmelman, seconded by Councillor den Haan, that Council return to regular session at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

14.02.09 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Councillor Smith, that the Council adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY