

# TOWN OF PELZER



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MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, May 14, 2019

COUNCIL PRESENT – OLENE BEAR, MIKE MATHEWS, EDDIE WAITS, GARY PRIDMORE

ABSENT – ROGER SCOTT, SR.

STAFF PRESENT – TOWN OF PELZER CLERK – CHERYL BOUDREAU

TOWN MAINTENANCE – MARK VICKERY

STAN WELCH – THE WILLIAMSTON JOURNAL

INVOCATION/PRAYER –OLENE BEAR

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM – MIKE MATHEWS

COUNCILMAN WAITS – GRASS CUTTING OPTIONS – OPTIONS THAT WERE PRESENTED WERE, HAVE MARK TRY TO GET IT ALL DONE, HIRE OUTSIDE LAWN SERVICE OR HIRE A PART TIME EMPLOYEE TO HELP WITH LAWN MAINTENANCE & METERS. ALL WERE IN FAVOR OF HIRING A PART TIME EMPLOYEE AT \$10/HOUR, NO BENEFITS AT ALL. COUNCILMAN PRIDMORE MADE MOTION TO HIRE PART-TIME EMPLOYEE, COUNCILMAN WAITS 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR. WE WILL ADVERTISE IN JOURNAL AND TAKE APPLICATIONS FOR 2 WEEKS, GARY PRIDMORE & OLENE BEAR WILL INTERVIEW APPLICANTS.

COUNCILMAN WAITS DISCUSSED – COMMUNITY EVENTS “1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY EVENTS” HE WOULD LIKE TO START COMMUNITY EVENTS, 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ COMMUNITY BUILDING, VARIETY OF THINGS, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC @ NO CHARGE, HOURS 6:15 – 9:00 FREE EVENT. THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EVENT WILL BE JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:15 – 9:00 PM, ITS GOING TO BE HOT DOG PLATES, & KARAOKEE. COUNCILMAN PRIDMORE WILL BE HELPING WITH THIS EVENT, ALSO THEY ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE OTHERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP, THEY WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

OLENE BEAR NOMINATED GARY PRIDMORE TO BE THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO PRESIDE OVER COUNCIL MEETINGS & PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT & OVERSIGHT IF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO-TEMP ARE BOTH UNAVAILABLE, EDDIE WAITS 2<sup>ND</sup> THE NOMINATION, ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THIS WILL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THROUGH TO JULY 1, 2019.

MIKE MATHEWS DISCUSSED THE URGENT NEED TO HAVE THE ELECTRICAL RE-WIRED IN THE WHOLE COMMUNITY BUILDING, AND TO PUT OUT FOR BID (NEEDING 3 BIDS), AND THAT WE ALSO WILL APPLY FOR PARD GRANTS TO HELP WITH THIS COST. OLENE BEAR MADE THE MOTION TO PUT THIS OUR FOR BID, GARY PRIDMORE 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

CLERK UPDATED COUNCIL THAT SHE REQUESTED DUKE TO GIVE A QUOTE FOR ALL OF OUR STREET LIGHTS TO BE CHANGED OVER TO LED BULBS, AND SHE IS WAITING FOR THEM TO GET BACK TO HER WITH THIS INFORMATION. ALSO, THERE WAS A COMPLAINT THAT CAME IN FROM ANDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT I REGARDING PARKER ST & PZ 1-42 (BACK ALLEY BETWEEN SMYTHE/RIVER). THE COMPLAINT IS AS FOLLOWS THAT THERE ARE TREES THAT HIT THE TOP OF THE SCHOOL BUS (SPECIAL NEEDS), AND SOME CHILDREN GET STARTELED. COUNCILMAN WAITS SAID THAT THE BACK ALLEY IS NOT A ROAD THAT SHOULD BE TRAVELED BY BUSES, IT IS BASICALLY THERE FOR TRASH PICKUP AND FOR RESIDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE DRIVEWAY ON FRONT OF PROPERTIES. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAS NOTICED THAT THE BUSES THAT DO USE THAT ROAD SPEED DOWN IT, AND IT IS POSTED 15 MPH. COUNCIL WANTS MARK TO TAKE LOOK AND TAKE PICTURES OF THESE 2 STREETS AND REPORT BACK TO THEM.

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MONKEY PARK PROJECT – THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT BIDS RECEIVED, ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS THAT SUPPLIED A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE WAS FOUND THAT THIS POLICY WAS CANCELLED BACK IN SEPTEMBER 2018, COUNCILWOMAN BEAR STATED THAT THE OTHER TWO DID NOT SUPPLY THEIR CERT OF INS SO THEY SHOULD NOT QUALIFY EITHER. CLERK STATED THAT IN THEIR BIDS THEY STATED THAT IF THEY WERE AWARDED THE CONTRACT THAT THEY WOULD PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION. THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT THAT THE COUNCIL COULD REACH AT PRESENT TIME ON THIS. COUNCILMAN MADE MOTION TO TABLE THIS MATTER TO NEXT MEETING, OLENE BEAR 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.

CITIZENS INPUT – DAVID & CRYSTAL HATLEY MENTIONED THAT THERE ARE TREES BLOCKING VIEWS AT STOP SIGN FULLER/SMYTHE AND THEY NEED ATTENTION. COUNCIL WANTS MARK TO TAKE A LOOK AND TAKE PICTURES OF THIS SO WE CAN GET IT ADDRESSED.

THERE WERE ALSO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ORDINANCES THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED – RESIDENTS WERE INFORMED THAT THEY ARE IN EFFECT AND THAT THERE ARE COMPLAINT FORMS THAT NEED TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO TOWN OFFICE SO THEY CAN BE SENT INTO ANDERSON COUNTY. RESIDENTS WERE ADVISED THAT WE ALREADY HAVE ONE THAT WE ARE WORKING ON AND THERE ARE MANY STEPS TO FOLLOW, BUT IF A PROPERTY BECOMES COMDEMND THEN WE THE TOWN NEED TO TAKE THE HOME/MOBILE HOME DONE, PUT LIEN ON PROPERTY IN ORDER TO RECOUP OUR EXPENSES TO HAVE THE PROPERTY DEMOLISHED. COUNCILMAN WAITS ASKED IF THE OWNER DOESN'T PAY ITS PROPERTY TAXES ON THAT PROPERTY & ANDERSON COUNTY TAKES POSSESSION OF THAT PROPERTY AND THEY PUT IT IN THEIR AUCTION PROPERTIES, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE LIEN THAT THE TOWN HAS ON THE PROPERTY? HE ASKED CLERK TO CONTACT BILL STEVENS OF BUILDING & CODES OF ANDERSON COUNTY AND ASK THAT QUESTION SO WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE TO EXPECT.

COUNCILMAN WAITS MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 7:05, COUNCILMAN PRIDMORE 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.