

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 29, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held December 29, 2021, at 1:00 PM with Mayor Campbell presiding. Councillor Hamer joined the meeting via video-conferencing technology (Zoom). All other members of Council and Clerk were present.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Gallant that *'The Agenda be approved with a slight correction to move the Closed Meeting up to follow the Approval of Previous Minutes.'* MOTION CARRIED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

No conflict declared at this time.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor O'Blenis and seconded by Councillor Colwell that *'The Minutes for the Council Meeting held on December 13th be approved.'* MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Gallant and seconded by Councillor Thorne to *'Enter into a closed session.'* Councillor Hamer, since he had joined the meeting from his home via video-conference, was required to prove that he was alone and that no one else could listen in on any discussion during the closed session. Councillor Hamer proceeded to pan his computer camera around his room proving that he was alone. MOTION CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING – Personnel, Land, Financial.

It was moved by Councillor Gallant and seconded by Councillor O'Blenis to *'Return to the regular meeting.'* MOTION CARRIED

BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

It was moved by Councillor O'Blenis and seconded by Councillor Colwell to *'Pay the bills for the month of December.'* MOTION CARRIED

TRANSFER TO GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

It was moved by Councillor O'Blenis and seconded by Councillor Gallant that *'The Sum of \$160,000 be transferred from General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve Fund.'* MOTION CARRIED.

TRANSFER TO GENERAL OPERATING RESERVE FUND

It was moved by Councillor O'Blenis and seconded by Councillor Colwell that *'The Sum of \$15,000 be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the General Operating Reserve Fund.'* MOTION CARRIED

TRANSFER TO UTILITY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Nothing to be transferred.

CANADA COMMUNITY-BUILDING FUND (FORMERLY KNOWN AS GAS TAX FUND) – OPEN ACCOUNT AND TRANSFER FUNDS

Clerk explained that the municipality is required to open a separate account for this fund.

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Gallant that *'The Village of Salisbury open a new bank account for the Canada Community-Building Fund (previously known as Gas Tax Fund) and authorize the transfer of the unspent funding totalling \$95,461.79 to this new account.'* MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF NEW FIRE CHIEF

It was moved by Councillor Hamer and seconded by Councillor Colwell that *'Council accept the Interview Board recommendation to appoint Brad MacLeod to the position of Volunteer Fire Chief, pending his acceptance, effective January 1st, 2022. Further, that the new Fire Chief bring a recommendation for approval by Council for the position of a replacement Deputy Fire Chief.'* MOTION CARRIED

LAND

It was moved by Councillor Colwell and seconded by Councillor Gallant that *'The Village of Salisbury enter and sign a purchase and sale agreement with the owner of PID No. 00818807 in the Village of Salisbury, County of Westmorland.'* MOTION CARRIED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 10, 2022

ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor O'Blenis to *'Adjourn the meeting.'* MOTION CARRIED (2:10 PM)