

Minutes of a Town Hall Meeting held by the Amherstburg Municipal Council on Wednesday, September 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Verdi Club.

PRESENT:

Mayor Tony DiBartolomeo
Deputy Mayor Robert Pillon
Councillor Mickey Bezaire
Councillor Frank Gorham
Councillor Anthony Leardi
Councillor Rosa White
Councillor Lynne Fox - due to illness

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT:

Hilary Payne, CAO
David Mailloux, Clerk
Paul Beneteau, Treasurer
Steve Brown, Chief Building Official
Lou Zarlenga, Public Works Manager
Ralph Barnwell, Recreation Facilities Superintendent
Rick Murray, Fire Chief
Lory Bratt, Planning Coordinator
A list of residents in attendance attached hereto

Mayor DiBartolomeo welcomed all in attendance to the Town Hall meeting. He explained the purpose of the meeting and the rules of order.

Anyone present wishing to address Council on any issue pertaining to the Town was invited to speak. The following is a compilation of the questions asked.

1. Katherine Faubert - 68 Park Lane Circle
Question: What are the plans for a playground in the Golfview Subdivision.
Response: Lou Zarlenga - will be brought to Council shortly for review.

2. Frank Dinunzio
Question: Wants an explanation of the Special Service Charges being assessed to only Anderdon taxpayers and not the entire town. In Commissioners report it stated that no one would get preferential treatment.
Response: Rick Murray - Anderdon wanted it=s own services kept. These services are not utilized by the rest of the municipality so the expense is only being assessed to Anderdon..

Comment: HMS Detroit - questioned fairness of charging on taxes and believes the Verdi Club was charged an unfair amount.

Question: With regard to watermain charges on Texas Road for the McGregor Trunkline? Why are some people getting charged and others not?
Response: Dave Mailloux - this was a water line that ran down Texas Road and people had the option of paying up front or putting the charge on their taxes.

3. Carolyn Davies - Amherstburg Community Services
Comment: To inform everyone of the Health Care Needs Study being done and of the Community Health Centre meeting. They are hoping to get funding from the Ministry of Health for a Centre. She urges everyone to come out to once of their meetings scheduled for Oct. 16, Oct. 22 and Oct. 23.

4. Stan Deslippe
Question: HMS Detroit - was the \$700,000 a trade off for the previously committed expense of a docking facility? What liability will there be to the Town relating to possible injury to anyone attending the ship. What is Council=s position if other proposals are made to use the Riverfront? He does not want to see the riverfront being obstructed.
Response: Mayor DiBartolomeo

5. Shelley Bondy

- Question: HMS Detroit - does the town have a written agreement with HMS Detroit setting out conditions of the grant and the benefits the Town will receive?
Response: Mayor DiBartolomeo - Yes? A copy of such agreement can be obtained at the Clerk=s office. We will get back to her with copies of agreement.
6. George Cannata - 54 Tennessee
Question: HMS Detroit Donation - why is this donations being assessed through taxes?
Response: Mayor DiBartolomeo
7. Bob Mancini - 31 Baltic
HMS Detroit - What about funding for next 2 phases of the project? Where is that money going to come from?
Response: Mayor DiBartolomeo. There will be no further costs to the Town.
8. Stan Deslippe
Question: Moratorium on Grants? How much is spent on grants?
Response: Paul Beneteau - approximately \$20,000.
9. Ron Sutherland
Question: Ranta Marina Dredging. How many times will boaters be charged and increase to pay for the dredging?
Response: Hilary Payne - My report never said the increase was due to dredging. It is partly due to increased services.
Response: Mayor DiBartolomeo mentioned Essex Power Debenture dedicated to offset cost of dredging.
10. Brad Purdie - 6th Conc. S.
Comment: The boaters received a 10% increase in 2002 and were not going to stand for another 10% increase in 2003. If you raise rates again the marina will be empty.
11. Gord Freeman - 718 Front Rd. N.
Comment: Comments made on attractiveness of hanging baskets and planters throughout the town. Something should be done about the unattractiveness of vacant properties such as Navy Yard Restaurant and vacant properties on Dalhousie Street. Administration should talk to owners of these properties to find out what their plans are for their properties.
12. Carolyn Davies - 199 Dalhousie St.
Comment: Downtown area needs improvements. There should be a by-law against leaving tearing down buildings and leaving gravel pits on properties. Owners should be required to either develop their land or turn it into attractive parketts until they are ready to develop.
13. Paul Jones - Town Shoppe
Question: Are there any work orders against the Navy Yard Restaurant and Amherst Hotel? What is happening with the sewer smell in the downtown area?
Response: Steve Brown & Lou Zarlenga - working on a quick fix for the sewer.
14. Anne DiCecco -
Comment: Regarding Sewage Treatment Facility - maximum capacity. Council cannot approve any more development because they are at their maximum. Council should read their Official Plan!
Agree with Community for a Betty Amherstburg suggestion of a condo.
15. Jack Ziriada - 57 Elm Street
Comment: Roads and Sewers on Laird need improvement there are no curbs or gutters. Roads are very bad after a rain. Why isn=t the town taking care of this.
16. Paul Renaud - 41 Sandwich St.

- Comment: Commended Town for beautifying downtown with plants. He wanted to know what was happening with the no parking by-law. We need more street sweeping in the downtown area and interlocking brick needs weeding.
Response: Lory Bratt with regard to parking by-law.
17. John Laframboise - 223 Turner Cr.
Question: Committee for a Better Amherstburg - why has Council not responded to the Committee's report in the past year and a half? The Committee paid for this report out of their own pockets and devoted many over 100 hours each to this report.
Response: Mayor DiBartolomeo - we will respond.
18. Keith Dupuis
Comment: Has made many requests to Council for sidewalks along Fryer Street but he keeps getting turned down. Mr. Dupuis urged Council to reconsider before someone gets hurt.
19. Dan DiPierdomenico - 11 Texas Road
Question: Why have no sidewalks been installed on Texas Road as of yet. Also road is in need of repair.
Response: Lou Zarlenga - the road requires an entire project of sewers, paving and sidewalks. It would not be feasible to put sidewalks there at this time. They will be working towards an entire renovation in the future.
20. Betty Federico - 12 Texas Rd.
Question: Texas Road - why are there so many street light outages on Texas Road and is there going to be a traffic light installed at Texas Road and Hwy. 20. Also road needs painting lines and turning lanes.
Response: Lou Zarlenga - will look into paint at corner.
21. Anita Gibb - Bratt Drive
Comment: There is much need for parking restrictions along Richmond Street because of the high volume of traffic. We need a by-law restricting parking to one side of the street.
22. Dave Bailey - 1040 front Rd. N.
Comment: The speed that police cars are going along Front Road is in excess of 120 -140 k/h. Front Road is becoming a feeder artery for every subdivision.
23. Paul Renaud -
Water Park Presentation - Have we received response from Bruce Curtis.
Response: Mayor DiBartolomeo - Council will wait until reports and study's are in.
24. Gord Freeman
Question: To Deputy Mayor concerning Essex Power & Hydro One Malden and Anderdon are still under Hydro One and paying more for Hydro.
Response: Deputy Mayor - Essex Power is working at a possible purchase of Hydro One facilities. This won't happen soon.
25. Carol Ferguson
Comment: Promoting Buy a Brick Program run by the Amherstburg Re-enactment Unit.
26. Mike Kosyk -
Comment: The library is junk!! What is the Town doing with the Belleview Property.
Response: Steve Brown - this is private property.
27. Merissa Forsyth - Grant Ave.
Question: When will we get answers to the questions that are being brought up tonight.
Response: This is not a forum to debate these issues. We will call a special meeting to debate issues. We can also use the monthly newsletter to respond to issues.
28. Mark Leblanc

Question: Can he bring up topic of Arena? Yes
7 proposals were brought to Council. Were they ever reviewed by Council?
We need a shortlist of proposals. Will fees be going up? We need to look at the Arena issue again. The arena fund raising committee is still in the process of fundraising. They may go to a private development. We ask that the 7 proposals be brought forward, reviewed again and short listed.

29. Liz Esposito - Chair Arena Fund Raising Committee.

Comment: The fund raising committee was told not to come back until they have raised 1 million dollars. Their \$100,000 commitment from a local Union is in jeopardy. She wants to know when the meeting promised will take place.

30. John Bennet - 1440 Front Road

Comment: He sited that in Kitchener the Learn to Skate Program raised funds to build an arena. Ice time can be sold to run tournaments, etc.

He stated that you can't build a town on Tourism you need an Industrial Base. The roads are not good enough to attract Industry. We are lacking in tourism and other areas. A tax credit should be given to people who keep their homes well maintained. There is not enough parking in downtown. We need a dumping station for RV-s .

Priscilla Bouvier - Texas road

Question: Kennel Licenses - Why are the dog tag numbers not being issued on a Kennel License.

Response: Will call her with an answer.


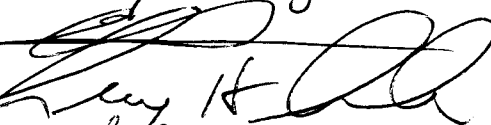

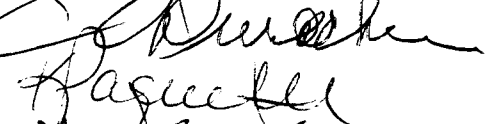
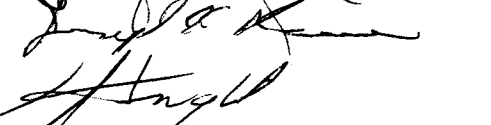

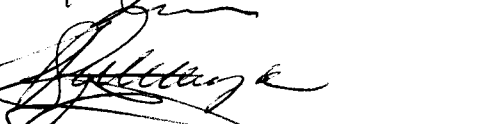



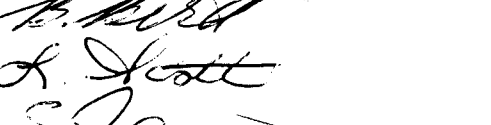




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Robert + Carol Ferguson	600 FRONT RD.	R Ferguson
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JOAN LAFRANCOISE	223 Turner CR	J Lafrancoise
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TIM BEDELL	18 REYNOLDS	T Bedell
VAS PALVAY	257 Texas R.D	V Palvay
ROBERT BENSY	RR# 4 3746	R Bensy
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Dominic Pagnicella	163 FRASER AVE	D Pagnicella
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Stephan + Lybell WAIT	36 D Simcoe	S Wait
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Stan Dupuis	951 Front Rd. N.	Martha Dupuis
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Anthony Matte	156 Hunter Ave	Anthony Matte
Bob Smith	67 SANDWICH	Bob Smith
JOHN P. DOW	223 CROWN RIDGE	John P. Dow
Jandy Hart	511 Richmond ST	Jandy Hart
Lois Githeland	511 Richmond ST	Lois Githeland
Adeline Proulx	313 Fnt	Adeline Proulx
Catherine Faubert	168 Park Lane Circle	Catherine Faubert
NANDI LIRIADA	57 ELM AVE	Nandi Liriada
Hervette Girard	6 Tennessee	Hervette Girard
Don KARAME	6 Tennessee	Don Karame
Danny Simone	RR #3, 680, 2nd Con. Rd. A Burg.	Danny Simone
Steve Simone	135 Park Lane Circle	Steve Simone
VAL DIPIERDOMENICO	251 Texas Rod	Val DiPierdomenico
ANTHONY JOE GIBB	33 BRATT DR	Anthony Joe Gibb
ANNETTE MARTIN	90 MURRAY ST	Annette Martin
GORDON & DIANE FREEMAN	718 FRONT RD. N. Auberg.	Diane Freeman
Eric & Shirley Bondy	517 Lakewood "	Shirley Bondy
Brenda Beneteau		
Janet Brush	348 Cedar Ridge Auberg.	Janet Brush
LEN OWEN	288 ST. ARNAUD	Len Owen
VICKI BONDY	442 PINERIDE	Vicki Bondy
STAN DESLIVRE	781 Pickering	Stan Deslivre
Pete Belvoir	237 Texas Rd	Pete Belvoir
Jay Meloche	2340 FRONT RD	Jay Meloche
Jack Dinunzio	530 con 2	Jack Dinunzio

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JOE REAUME	47 FRYER ST	
GLORIA KNIGHT	45 INDIANA	
GARNET KNIGHT	"	
MARC LEBLANC	881 TEXAS RD	
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SUE PETRACUPA	157 BOARDWALK	
TIM RICE	616 FAY ST	
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Tom Mow	89 Texas Rd. Hunts	T. Mow
George Cannata	54 Tennessee Cres.	George Cannata
AUDREY MAGRI	240 SOUTH RIVERVIEW	Audrey Magri
George Leaman	54 Spring Ct.	George Leaman
David Leaman	54 Spring Ct	David Leaman
BERNICE AMLIN	5480 ESSEX CTY. RD. 18	Bernice Amlin
ELAINE ADAMS	354 CLOWN RIDGE	E. Adams
JANE VIGNEUX	56 Sandwich St S	J. Vigneux
JANE COUWIN	551 DALHOUSIE	Jane Couwin
Kay & Lynn Beaudoin	139 Gungstrom Cres.	K. Beaudoin
David & Anne Budy	1040 Front Rd. N.	David Budy
BOB & PHYLLIS NYE	276 ALMA ST.	Bob & Phyllis Nye
Gloria & Jim Trolet	187 Murray St	Gloria Trolet
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