

Minutes of a special meeting of the Amherstburg Municipal Council held May 18, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Hurst
Deputy Mayor Anthony Leardi
Councillor Robert Bailey
Councillor Gord Freeman
Councillor Carl Gibb
Councillor Paul Renaud
Councillor Rosa White

ALSO PRESENT: David Mailloux, Clerk
Steve Brown, Chief Building Official (portion of meeting)

Council met in Special Session to consider various matters.

ITEM #1

Beaudoin Side Road – request from Mr. Menard to purchase a portion of the Road allowance.

Mr. Clyde Jackson and Mr. Eugene Menard who are both owners of property adjacent to Beaudoin Side Road were present to discuss the request of Mr. Menard.

Mr. Jackson stated that the road is now an open road and if any part of the road is declared surplus he insisted that the surplus be divided equally between himself and Mr. Menard.

Mr. Menard referring to a survey of the road allowance and the neighbouring properties pointed out where the sewer connection had been installed (opposite the 26' that he is proposing to purchase). He stated that he could not agree to the 26' being divided between Mr. Jackson and himself. It would be very inconvenient for him to connect to the sewer through his present property.

Moved by G. Freeman, seconded by R. White that we receive the verbal and written presentations of Mr. Jackson and Mr. Menard and that we rescind the following motion passed at a Public Services Meeting held on March 4, 2003:

“Moved by R. Pillon, seconded by T. DiBartolomeo that we receive the request from Gene Menard to purchase a portion of Beaudoin Side road right-of-way and that we concur with Option #3.”

Motion Carried

Moved by G. Freeman, seconded by R. Bailey that as an option suggested by the Town Solicitor we concur with Option #2 in the report prepared by Lou Zarlenga, dated Feb. 27, 2004 which states as follows:

Do not sell any portion of the right of way however allow Mr. Menard to install the sewer connection within an easement situated along the north part of the Beaudoin Side road allowance. Note the easement should be properly surveyed and registered and extend only up to the east limits of land parcel 116 and all costs to be paid by Mr. Menard.

Motion Carried

Mr. Menard asked if his maintenance of the Town property for a number of years meant anything. Mayor Hurst explained that many residents cut grass and clean snow on Town property. Mr. Menard who questioned why the sewer had not been constructed down Beaudoin Side road to serve his home. Councillor Gibb questioned if the Town would have to construct a sewer on Beaudoin Side road.

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Administration was directed to do the following:

- 1) Obtain a legal opinion on the requirement of connecting to the main line on Front Road South;
- 2) Determine what costs have been incurred by Mr. Menard in relation to the proposed purchase of 26' of the Road Allowance.

Mr. Jackson (and two friends) and Mr. Menard left the meeting at this time.

ITEM #2

Steve Mickle, Chairman of the Malden Community Centre was present to update Council on various matters related to the Board.

Moved by R. White, seconded by P. Renaud that we move In-Camera.

Motion Carried

Moved by R. White, seconded by R. Bailey that we rise into open session.

Motion Carried

Items reviewed with Mr. Mickle included:

- review of possible expansion plans for Malden Community Centre (handicap access, new bathrooms).
- Plans to continue with fire hall restoration.
- Mr. Mickle advised that being the Board is an arm of the Town, grants must come through the Town. If Town is aware of any Federal or Provincial grants please let him know.

Mr. Mickle left the meeting at this time.

ITEM #3

Mayor Hurst then advised Council that the next session is an open session to deal with any issues that Council members wish to bring forward.

- A) Space Issues at the Municipal Building. Discussion took place with regard to various options.
- B) Infrastructure needs for next 10 year period.
- C) It was suggested that staff rework the 5 year plan placing a priority on the various projects and how the projects could be financed.
- D) Should be looking at sewer surcharges – perhaps a need to update charges to finance future needs.
- E) Mayor – Council has to determine what priorities are. We need to have a plan.
- F) Councillor White stated we should have accepted offer of Dr. Becker to do study on options for space needs.
- G) Councillor Bailey stated he believes in Strategic Plans.

Steve Brown, Chief Building Official entered the meeting to deal with a personnel issue.

Council at this time moved In-Camera to deal with personnel report prepared by Steve Brown and a legal issue report prepared by Hilary Payne.

Moved by R. White, seconded by R. Bailey that we move In-Camera.

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Leardi, seconded by R. Bailey that we rise into open session.

Motion Carried

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At 11:30 a.m. Council decided to break and resume at 1:30 p.m.
Council resumed at 1:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Hurst (arrived during session)
Deputy Mayor Anthony Leardi
Councillor Robert Bailey
Councillor Gord Freeman
Councillor Carl Gibb
Councillor Paul Renaud
Councillor Rosa White

ALSO PRESENT: David Mailloux, Clerk
Rick Murray, Fire Chief (portion of meeting)
Ray Marentette, Police Chief (portion of meeting)
Bart DiPasquale, Police Dept. (portion of meeting)

ITEM #4

The Kings Navy Yard Restaurant Proposal

Discussion included the following points:

- If a demolition permit is issued – some type of guarantee should be required that insures a certain type of structure is erected.
- Not economical to save building
- Funds to LACAC to obtain opinions
- Site plan control required.

ITEM #5

Meeting schedule –

Lengthy discussion took place on the Council meeting schedule.

Mayor Hurst entered the meeting at this time and assumed the chair during the discussion.

Moved by P. Renaud, seconded by C. Gibb that effective June 1, 2004 we commence with the following meeting schedule:

- Regular Council Meetings on 2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month.
- Special Council Meetings on 1st Monday of the Month to deal with Public meetings and items of an urgent nature.

Motion Carried

ITEM #6

Discussion took place on the Sign By-law especially in relation to portable signs. It was decided that a public meeting would be held to get input on possible amendments to the sign by-law.

ITEM #7

Ray Marentette, Police Chief, Bart DiPasquale, Deputy Chief and Rick Murray, Fire Chief were present to update Council on the Contingency Plan for Bob-lo Island during the interruption of Ferry Service.

Rick Murray explained that at first they thought the interruption was going to be very short term, however he soon realized that it was going to be a much longer term. He met with KPMG and was advised that there were no funds to operate the ferry. He then made arrangements with the Coast Guard and the OPP to transport personnel. A pumper truck has been brought to the Island. Houses have sprinklers, other buildings do not. The Mayor confirmed that things were under control.

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Chief Marentette advised that the Police have their own Police Vessel. They have three operators plus himself. Arrangements have been made with the Coast Guard. There is no intention of having a vehicle on the island.

Deputy Mayor Leardi suggested that the Police make a visit to each resident of the island. Chief Marentette stated that this could be done this weekend.

ITEM #8

Front Road South Parking

Chief Murray has never encountered a problem with parking however feels that if people did park on both sides of the road there would be a problem.

Chief Marentette stated that Front Road is only 24 feet wide and as of now people can park cars wherever they desire (no signage).

ITEM #9

Smith Side Road (Essex/Amherstburg Boundary)

Chief Murray advised that there has been no problem with the 911 system in that area. Any property in Amherstburg is even numbered and odd numbers are in Essex.

ITEM #10

Police Cruisers – Rate of Speed

Discussion took place with regard to complaints received regarding the rate of speed that Cruisers travel. The Chief has and will continue to caution his department.

The Fire Chief, Police Chief and Deputy Police Chief left the meeting.

Lou Zarlenga entered the meeting at this time to review his request with Council regarding the hiring of summer students.

After discussion it was decided to change the wage rate to \$9.00 per hour.

Moved by P. Renaud, seconded by C. Gibb that the report from Lou Zarlenga, dated May 12, regarding the result of Interview Proceedings for the 2004 Summer Student Hiring be received as amended and that we concur with the recommendations to hire seven students and also concur with “Item #4 Further Details” as listed in the report.

Motion Carried

Lou Zarlenga left the meeting.

Mayor Hurst stated that Council should be considering the selection process for the CAO position.

Mayor Hurst commended Council on their fine work. He has received favourable comments from the community. He hopes that this good working relationship among Council will continue.

Moved by P. Renaud, seconded by R. White that the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

MAYOR



CLERK