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## **KINGSTON VILLAGE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 13, 2010**

#### **COMMISSION:**

Tom Beardsley – Chairman  
Lorne Reid  
Martha Armstrong  
Doug Beaman  
Brad Beardsley

Greg Towne – Clerk/Treasurer  
Janice Hatfield – Administrative Assistant

#### 1 OPENING

Chairman Beardsley called the meeting to order at 7pm.

#### 2 REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chairman Beardsley asked for a review of the minutes of the April 8th meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.

#### 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising from the minutes.

#### 4 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Commission reviewed the budget items previously discussed.

**ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BEARDSLEY AND COMMISSIONER BEAMAN  
THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

5 APPROVAL OF 2010/11 TAX RATES

**ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ARMSTRONG AND COMMISSIONER BEARDSLEY THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE:**

**THAT THE 2010/11 RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE BE SET AT 31 CENTS ON RESIDENTIAL AND RESOURCE PROPERTIES;**

**THAT THE 2010/11 COMMERCIAL TAX RATE BE SET AT 40 CENTS ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND BUSINESS OCCUPANCY;**

**THAT THE POLICY FOR FEES BE AMENDED TO INCREASE SEWER CHARGES FOR SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS TO \$279.10, VACANT LOTS TO BE CHARGED \$139.55, AND OTHER SEWER RELATED CHARGES BE INCREASED BY 4.8%. MOTION CARRIED**

**ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ARMSTRONG AND COMMISSIONER BEARDSLEY THAT THE 2010/11 CAPITAL BUDGET WITH GROSS EXPENDITURES OF \$216,000 BE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.**

6 ADVERTISING AT SPORTS FIELDS

Clerk stated that some businesses presently advertise in the way of signage at the ball fields within the Village. Clerk recommended the Village have a policy in place in order to offer the businesses a cost structure and fair guidelines.

**ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ARMSTRONG AND COMMISSIONER REID THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION THAT STAFF BRING BACK A REPORT WITH OPTIONS FOR SIGN RENTAL SPACE ON THE BALL PARK FENCES. MOTION CARRIED.**

7 VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION – PARKS AND COMMON AREAS

Commissioner Beaman stated a meeting was held with the Public Works Supervisor regarding improving the area around the bandstand at Centennial Park. This work would include replacing the mulch on the sloped areas with grass and the front with grass and flowers. Public Works staff will carry out this work as their schedule allows.

8 REQUEST FROM LIONS CLUB – TAX EXEMPTION

Clerk stated that with the process of the Village now issuing its own tax bills it was discovered that the County had incorrectly removed the Lions Club from paying the Village rate since 1998. When the Lions Club received their spring 2010 bill, the interim amount of the village rate was correctly shown. Further discussions with the Lions Club brought tax exemptions offered by other municipal units to the attention of staff, and they have requested the Village consider a similar exemption. Clerk stated the Commission needs to have a discussion on allowing exemptions in

general. If there is a general acceptance towards exemptions, staff can report back on various items such as:

- Best Practices
- Eligibility requirements – individual, charitable, not-for-profit
- Reasonable amounts
- Estimated time frames

If the Commission proceeds, tax exemptions must be done through a By-Law; this process would take approximately 3 to 6 months. Clerk informed the Commission that exemptions had not been provided for in the 2010/11 operating budget. Prior to approving, staff will report back on the costs of providing this service, including options such as phasing-in, allowing partial exemptions or the amount for full exemptions. Commissioner Beaman recommended that the Commission provide direction to staff on the implementation of tax exemptions for the Village.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

10 VICTORIA ORDER OF NURSES

Chairman Beardsley stated the Village received an invitation to the VON Open House on May 20, 2010.

11 THANK YOU LETTER FROM ROBOTICS TEAM

Chairman Beardsley stated the Village received a thank you letter for Village Pins which were provided for those Ecole Rose-des-Vents students who attended a Lego Robotics competition in Georgia. The students won the Judges Award and ranked 46/82 teams in robot's performance.

12 THANK YOU LETTER FROM KINGSTON/GREENWOOD HEALTH AUXILIARY

Chairman Beardsley stated the Village received a thank you letter from the Health Auxiliary for Village Pins.

13 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

14 STEER BBQ DANCE

Clerk stated the Steer BBQ Committee informed the Village that the Western Kings Rink Association would not be running the Steer BBQ dance this year due to the lack of volunteers. Clerk stated the Committee had been approached by a local group who expressed interest in running the dance but required an advance float which they are requesting from the Village.

**ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER ARMSTRONG AND COMMISSIONER BEAMAN THAT THE COMMISSION RESPECTFULLY DECLINE PROVIDING A STEER BBQ DANCE FLOAT UP FRONT TO GROUPS. MOTION CARRIED.**

15 MIDDLETON BAPTIST CHURCH REQUEST

Clerk stated the Village received a letter from the Middleton Baptist Church looking for a letter of support from the Commission in their initiative to start their own radio station which would occur within the next two years.

**ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BEAMAN AND COMMISSIONER ARMSTRONG THAT THE COMMISSION SUPPORT THE REQUEST OF THE MIDDLETON BAPTIST CHURCH BY SENDING A LETTER SUPPORTING THEIR PROPOSAL TO START THEIR OWN RADIO STATION. MOTION CARRIED.**

16 ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

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COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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CLERK/TREASURER