

**AQUAFORE TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING  
January 17, 2023**

**ATTENDEES:**       **Debbie Windsor, Mayor  
Jerome Croft, Deputy Mayor  
Elizabeth Croft, Councillor  
Aaron Croft, Councillor  
Tammy Jones, Acting Town Clerk/Town Manager**

**1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Deborah Windsor-Hynes called the meeting to order at 3:36pm**

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Councilor Liz Croft to accept the agenda from January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Aaron Croft. All in favor. Motion carried.**

*Ref.#AC2023.001*

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Councilor Aaron Croft to adopt Minutes of Public Meeting of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Mayor Jerome Croft. All in favor. Motion carried.**

*Ref.#AC2023.002*

**4. BUSINESS ARISING:**

**a. Workshop**

**Council held a workshop to discuss some issues that needed resolving. The workshop was followed by a dinner meeting at In Da Loop.**

**b. By-Elections**

**The By-Elections are to be held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 8am – 8pm in the Town Hall**

**c. Christmas Function Sharing Cost**

**The clerk provided council with the totals from the Christmas Function. This total is to be divided between the Town, Harbour Authority and the Our Lady of Fatima Park Inc. as all three groups are sharing the cost. The clerk is to contact each group to let them know the total.**

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**a. Our Lady of Fatima Park Committee**

**b. Recyclables. \$109.90**

**Defer until next meeting as the committee did not provide a total.**

## **6. FINANCES.**

**Accounts Receivable: \$1,106.60**

**Accounts Payable: \$6,554.72**

**It was motioned by Deputy Mayor Jerome Croft to accept the financial reports as presented by the clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Liz Croft. All in favor. Motion carried.**

*Ref#AC2023.003*

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- *Letter from Town of Ferryland regarding Fire Protection*
- *Email from Charlie Dunne regarding Ambulance Service*
- *Email from NL Hydro i.e. Electric Vehicle Charger*
- *Letter from Town of Fermeuse*

## **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **a. 2022 Taxes**

**The clerk told council there is currently \$19, 370.42 on overdue accounts going back 6 years. This includes tax payers, land owners, estates and businesses. Council agreed that anyone owing taxes should be sent to tax recovery with the hopes that they can recover the funds owing.**

**It was motioned by Deputy Mayor Jerome Croft to file the arrears with credit recovery in hopes to collect the funds owing to the Town of Aquaforte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Aaron Croft. All in favor. Motion carried.**

*Ref#AC2023.004*

### **b. Student Summer Jobs**

**The clerk told council that they had applied for a student summer project and they were please with this.**

### **c. Taking Down Christmas Decorations**

**The clerk is to contact Our Lady of Fatima and request them take down the Christmas lights in the park and store them for next year.**

### **d. Snow Clearing**

**Council discussed hiring someone to plough/shovel the town hall. The Deputy Mayor suggested paying Eric Hynes for ploughing the towns driveway. With this, the mayor left the room so council could discuss. Council discussed a proper amount to pay someone for these services.**

It was motioned by Councilor Aaron Croft for Eric Hynes to receive \$65.00 per plough of the parking lot and shoveling the steps to the Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Liz Croft. All in favor. Motion carried. The mayor returned after the motion was carried.

*Ref#AC2023.005*

**e. Fire Committee**

The council interested in knowing who was on the Fire Committee of Ferryland. It is important that all communities know where the funds for fire protection are being used and also be kept informed on upcoming decisions and changes. Mayor Windsor-Hynes will contact other communities and also the Town of Ferryland to find out more information.

**f. Our Lady of Fatima/Improvement Committee Meeting**

It was decided that council would like to have a meeting with the committees in the community. It would be beneficial for all committees to work together and collaborate on grants and monies that could be obtained for the good of the community. Council agreed to set up a meeting before the next public meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING: February 14th, 2023 at 3:30pm

10. ADJOURNMENT: 4:59pm

Motion to adjourn by Deputy Mayor Jerome Croft, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Aaron Croft. All in favor. Motion carried.

*Ref#AC2023.006*

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**Debbie Windsor - Mayor**

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**Tammy Jones**

**(Acting Town Clerk/Town Manager)**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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After adjournment, Deputy Mayor Croft requested purchase of an 8' step ladder for the Town Hall.

It was motioned by Deputy Mayor Jerome Croft to purchase an 8' step ladder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Aaron Croft. All in favor. Motion carried.

*Ref#AC2023.007*