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The regular monthly council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on May 15, 2017 at 5:00pm at the Village Office. Mayor Shortt, Deputy Mayor Casey, Councillor Bowron, Brenda Hoar, (Acting Clerk/Treasurer) Mr. Tony Martin, Mr. Lee Warnock, Mr. Murry Longand Mr. Hilyard Rossiter were in attendance.

Councillor Butland was absent.

Mayor Shortt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to approve amended agenda. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to approve April 18th, 2017 minutes as presented by Acting Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Hoar. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to approve financial statements as presented by Acting Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Hoar. Motion Carried.

Presentation by Mr. Hilyard Rossiter Titled "Fundy Trail Connector." The Fundy Trail Connector is a 30 km upgrading and new construction project that will connect the Fundy Trail Parkway to route 114, near Fundy National Park, and to Sussex.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Shortt gave a report on Alma Celebration Days Agenda. **June 30th**, there will be a cakewalk at 2:00pm at the Alma Activity Centre. Also on June 30 there will be a Canada 150 dance from 9:00pm to 1:00am at the Activity Centre.

On **July 1st**, Craft Sale from 10:00am to 3:00pm, Children's Parade at 11:00am, Cake to follow at Village Square, Kid's activities from 11:00am to 5:00pm (Bouncy Castle), East Coast Art Party 5:30pm – 8:30pm and Fireworks at 9:30pm.

July 2nd Duck Race and Dessert Theatre at 7:00pm Titled "Miss Rosy hosts the Canada Day Show 2017" will be held at the Alma Activity Centre.

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Mayor Shortt reported that she wrote a couple of letters to Premier Brian Gallant in reference to the Village boil order as well as for funding for water exploration. Premier Brian Gallant's office replied that there is no available funding for water exploration.

Mayor Shortt was invited to meet with Minister Bill Fraser and Deputy Minister from RDC on May 24, 2017 in Fredericton to talk about funding for a second well in the Village of Alma.

Councillor Casey reported that Council and Edward Hoar, Craig Dixon and Brenda Hoar met with the Health Department and Department of Environment pertaining to boil order. At the meeting Diane Fury from Department of Health went over her list of deficiencies. The Village has completed 85% of these deficiencies, remaining are Labels at pump house, exercising of isolation valves, flushing water system, add on module at well house, chlorine analyzer program to read on SCADA located at Village office, calendar with reoccurring water activities for Craig, System Journal wrote by Craig and operation manual completed by EXP. Diane Fury would like us to send dates to her when these deficiencies will be completed. Council felt that the meeting went well and hopes that after meeting these last deficiencies the water boil will be lifted.

Councillor Casey also reported he and Councillor Bowron phoned Mr. Gordon Wasson from EXP about the Lagoon project which is almost completed. Several issues were addressed such as an electrical breaker that needed to be replaced, why EXP quote was much higher than two other quotes that the Village received for fencing, date when the manual would be completed. He also said that the bladder at the lagoon would be removed some time in July, 2017 also UV building is 99% completed.

Chlorine analyser is up and running but not connected to SCADA, water sampling station is now inside of well house.

Well B has never been pump tested to be used as a second well source it was always supposed to be an emergency back-up well. If the Village wanted to use well B as a regular water supply well it would have to be approved then it would need to be registered for EIA and conduct a water supply source assessment on the well. To have this done the Village would have to get an E.I.A. which can be very time consuming. The benefit of having well B up and running would be that it could provide redundancy in the system. By rotating from one well than the other Well this would cause a lot less disturbances in the water. Well A would pump so many litre before shutting off then well B would start and so forth.

Council decided that they wanted to wait to see if funding was available for a new well. If no funding is available then council will look further into getting well B E.I.A approved.

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Councillor Casey attended South East Region Commission Service meeting they have introduced a new recreation plan. Another presentation was given on Tourism strategy.

Councillor Casey attended STEP program meeting in Saint Martin, Councillor Casey gave a presentation on what the Village of Alma went through and would like a meeting set up with Mayor Shortt and Councillor Casey in Sussex.

Councillor Casey called Cox and Palmer about date when the Village has to go to court regarding failure to report high turbidity levels to the Department of Health. Cox and Palmer told Councillor Casey that they would get back to the Village before they went to court.

Councillor Casey had a complaint on School Street about trash. Mayor Shortt reported that letters went out to the people who the Village felt were responsible.

Councillor Bowron – reported that she attended the meeting with Diane Fury and attended a meeting in Riverside Albert pertaining to tourism.

Councillor Butland – Absent, Councillor Casey is to call Councillor Butland and remind him about road patching.

RCMP- No Report

Water Report

Water report was read. Most notable events were; Chlorine Analyser is up and working. Had meeting with Diane Fury. Water sample station on distribution main has been converted to provide water sample to chlorine analyser.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Rural Plan Revision committee – presentation was given to Council Thursday May 18th, 2017.
- B. EXP Water Exploration – Already reported on.

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- C. Lagoon – Coming to a close. What needs to be completed is the replacement of breaker, fence, blocking, adjustment to air raiders and purchase of P.L.C. for well house and program SCADA.
- D. Vision Alma –Five tenders came back all too high and over budget. Vision Alma has called a meeting with ACOA and the RDC to see if more funding is available.
- E. Phones –Will be rescheduled for November.
- F. Boil Order – Still on boil order.
- G. Fencing – Councillor Casey called EXP, Mr. Gordon Wasson informed him that they would look into available funding for the Fence around lagoon.
- H. Signage – Mayor Shortt will be meeting with Minister Bill Fraser next week at this time Mayor Shortt will find out if we are getting approval for flashing lights. Councillor Casey wanted to know why we couldn't get rumble stripes in the Village, Councillor Casey would like Mayor Shortt to ask Minister Bill Fraser about this.
- I. Mapping – to be rescheduled to next council meeting.

Acting Clerk/Treasurer Report–Acting Clerk/Treasurer reported that she made an income and expense spread sheet for the Fireman and presented it to council.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to pay the Alma Leisure Group \$4000.00 from General Operating Account # 4851-0306045. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to replace last month's loan off \$9000.00 to General Operating Reserve Acct# 4810-0306053 from General Operating Account #4851-0306045. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to transfer first half of Water operator's wages from account # 48515203811 in the amount of \$9334.00 to General Operating Account # 48510306045. Motion Carried

Proposal for mountain bike rentals by John McNair is to be presented at next council meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to donate \$100.00 to Caledonia Regional High School for a student with a good academic mark chosen by the principal. Motion Carried.

Tank B will be scheduled to be clean in September.

Side Walks by John Sanford –Browns Paving.

Fundy National Park will no longer have seasonal camping.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Received email from Mallory Gillis - provided information on well#2
- Albert County Tourism Association- will be hosting a session for Food Safe on Tuesday June 6th.
- Albert County Tourism – Locator maps are ready.
- Caledonia Regional High School – looking for donation
- NB Canada – Audit needs to be forwarded to the Minister of Environment and Local Government before March 1st, 2017.
- Parks Canada – invite to the 2017 Summer Season Launch Breakfast.
- Department of Transportation and Infrastructure – 2017 Maintenance Agreement.
- N.B. Canada – Unfortunately, the water supply exploration and development work associated with construction of a new production well is not currently eligible under the Clean Water Wastewater Fund to which Alma applied.
- ACTA – Opportunity to get your Fundy Trail Parkway pass.
- Mark Langford – update on operator certification requirements.
- Danielle Pierre- invitation to participate in the 30th annual Disability Awareness Week.
- NB Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries – regarding a small parcel of land adjacent to the causeway in Alma.
- Eco 360 – Three-bag program is working.
- Jim Watson – Telephone system
- Ken Kelly – Sewer line extension
- Tod Kierstead – Tender Opening
- Bob Rochon – Donation
- Department of Environment and Local Government – The province will transfer legacy funds among eligible GTF local governments on per capita basis.

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Business arising from Correspondence

None

BILLS to be Paid

All Paid

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to go into "In Camera". Motion Carried.

- Face Book Page
- Staffing

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to come out of "In Camera". Motion Carried.

Councillor Bowron moved that the meeting be adjourned. Next meeting will be held June 19, 2017 at 7:00pm.
