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The regular monthly Council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on February 28, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Village Office. Mayor Shortt, Deputy Mayor Casey, Councillor Bowron, Brenda Hoar, (Acting Clerk/Treasurer), Mr. Steve Chrysostom, Mrs. Jane Chrysostom, Mr. Lee Warnock, Mrs. Susan Dean, Ms. Gail Walker, Mr. Joel Cadieux and Cpl. Valerie Cyr were in attendance.

Councillor Butland absent.

Mayor Shortt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

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

Mayor Shortt reported that Council is not mandated to seek public input or opinion other than on the rural plan when making a decision. However Council tries to be open minded and tries to accommodate the public whenever they can.

Mayor Shortt also wanted to address issues that needed to be clarified in Mr. Steve Chrysostom letter dated Feb. 12, 2018. Mayor Shortt replied to the request made by Mr. Chrysostom for a public hearing on By-Law #79 by saying that this was nonnegotiable only Council can call a public hearing.

Guest Speaker on By-Law #79 – Mr. Steve Chrysostom & Mrs. Jane Chrysostom
Speaking on Garbage By-Law #79. Mr. Steve Chrysostom read his letter dated Feb. 28, 2018. Mr. Chrysostom stated he did not feel that the Mayor needed to clarify anything in his letter he felt what he presented in his letter was based on facts.

Mr. Chrysostom wanted to address 3 Key points.

- First being the use of the word etc. in the definition portion of the amendment section 4. He felt that this term (etc.) is only used to mean “and other similar things and others of the same kind” He felt that by using this term (etc.) it does the opposite of clarifying what is a business or not a business. He continued by saying it leaves it up to anyone’s interpretation of what they think is “others of the same kind” and is in conflict with the very specific list of business types in the amendment.
- Second point he wanted to address was the definition for **Commercial**, plus the definition for businesses **Not Included**. Mr. Steve Chrysostom says that the definition for commercial makes no provision for business types not listed. New businesses that may open in Alma have no clear guidance on their garbage pickup responsibilities. Further regarding the “Home Occupations”, just because such a business takes up less than 25% of the total floor space in a dwelling that fact alone has no direct relationship to the amount of garbage it may generate. Exceptions will almost certainly arise, in which more garbage is produced than expected.

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- Number 3 he stated that in the By-Law amendment #79A he felt it should read differently than what was presented by Clerk Brenda Hoar, and gave an example on how he felt it should read.

In section 4 Mr. Steve Chrysostom said that there was NO section 1,2,3 or four.

- Mr. Steve Chrysostom said that he doesn't understand why Council has not looked more closely at the volume of garbage directly. He feels that focusing on what classifies as a business and what doesn't classify as a business is not the right issue that Council should be focusing their attention on, Council should be focusing their attention on the volume of garbage, which was his understanding why this By-Law was being created. Mr. Steve Chrysostom said that he reiterates his willingness to serve on any committee that is crafting or amending this garbage by-law.

Councillor Bowron thanked Mr. Steve Chrysostom and continued by saying that she had talked with SouthEast Regional Service Commission and only residential tax money goes towards garbage pickup the Village does not get any tax dollars for commercial pickup. Therefore even if the Village could pick up everyone's garbage it would be the residents that would be paying for the commercial garbage pickup. That is why Council is trying to separate the two in By-Law#79. Councillor Bowron also said that SouthEast Regional Service Commission was concerned that if the Village went with the tag system that this could cause illegal dumping.

Mrs. Jane Chrysostom asked the question what about Air B&B? Councillor Bowron reported that SouthEast Regional Service has not yet address the issue of Air B&B so it would be pretty hard for the Village of Alma to address this issue. Air B&B's garbage will be monitored to make sure that it is being sorted. Councillor Bowron said that Air B&B still pay residential tax for a residential garbage pickup.

Mrs. Jane Chrysostom feels that By-Law #79 is not a good By-Law for the Village and would like to see it go back to the drawing board. Mayor Shortt said that By-Law #79 will stand and that we have to move forward if at any time Council feels it needs amending they will do so. Mayor Shortt thanked Mr. & Mrs. Steve Chrysostom for their input.

RCMP – Reported that there were four calls to the area.

Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

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It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to approve January 15, 2018 and Emergency Meeting January 25, 2018 minutes as presented by Acting Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Hoar. Motion Carried.

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

Committee Reports:

Mayor Shortt:

Mayor Shortt reported she attended the zone 2 meeting which consist of Mayors, Administrators and Councils for our zone. New executive director was appointed and her name is Margot Cragg. UMNb have moved, their new address is 259 Brunswick Street, Suite 302, Fredericton. The committee is still working on unsightly premises. Mayor Shortt reported to this committee that the Village of Alma is putting more emphasis on beautification for the year 2018.

Mayor Shortt attended on January 22, 2018 a meet and greet at the Buda Bear Café, invitation was from Chamber of Commerce.

Deputy Mayor Casey:

Vision Alma update: Floors in the Activity Centre are done and look great and the partitions should be going up soon. Vision Alma hopes to have a meeting in the month of March. There will be a panel established to go over all applications for renting down stairs in the Activity Centre. It is the hope of the Council that specialty stores will fill the vacant spots in the Activity Centre.

Councillor Bowron:

Met with Fundy National Park in January she asked about the rocks that are being hauled at the entrance of Fundy National Park. Councillor Bowron was told that the project should be finished by the end of April therefore not affecting tourism. Fundy National Park is offering a free pass to anyone that is 17 and under. Also the park will be fully open the winter of 2018-2019.

Water Report was read, most notable event was a lady bug floating in box causing a turbidity spike. Councillor Casey suggested that he would like to see the propane tank raised on Fundy View Drive. Craig, Edward and himself will work on getting the propane tank lifted and away from rising tide water.

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Old Business

Rural Plan – Tracey Wade gave a written report and Mayor Shortt will move this topic to “In Camera”.

Clerk Report:

- Clerk asked Council about the three garbage bins from Miller Waste and how many Council would like to have removed now that, the Village is hauling its own garbage to Southeast Regional Service Commission. It was decided by Council that the Village would keep one bin and have it emptied every two weeks.

- Clerk asked if the Council had time to look over the inspection and cleaning report given from EnviroSystems for Tank B. Tank B is now good for another 5 years. Copies were sent to Department of Environment and Diane Fury.

- Clerk asked if a memorial could be made in memory of Louise Butland. Council and Mayor thought it would be nice to have a memorial garden so that people in the community could plant flowers in memory of their loved ones or give a donation towards items for the garden.

- It was decided to donate the piano that is in the municipal office breeze way to Kathy Tower to go towards raising money for a new Santa Suit.

New Business

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to close TD General Operating account. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to amend emergency meeting Oct 10, 2017 to read: In attendance were Mayor Shortt, Councillor Andrew Casey, Councillor Tiffany Bowron and Brenda Hoar/Clerk Treasurer. Motion Carried.

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It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to amend Emergency meeting November 6 2017 to read: In attendance were Mayor Shortt, Councillor Casey and Councillor Butland. Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to accept amended 1st and 2nd reading of By-Law # 79 titled Garbage By-Law. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to accept third and final reading of revised By-Law # 79. Motion Carried. This By-Law will be registered at the Registry Office in Moncton.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to accept first and second reading of amended By-Law # 88B. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to purchase a generator for pump house located on School Street. Not exceeding \$1500.00. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to purchase well level transmitter for the price of \$4,694.00. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and seconded by Councillor Bowron to purchase an automatically reset for the VFD at a price of \$950.00. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to proceed with the application for Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC) Municipal Asset Management Program to help with funding for sustainable management of our infrastructure though asset management practices. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to accept Hanna Downey as back up Clerk in the absence of Clerk Brenda Hoar. Motion Carried

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Request for draft minutes – it was decided by Council that Clerk Brenda Hoar will contact AMANB to see what other municipality policies are on presenting draft minutes on the web.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Steve and Jane Chrysostom – Garbage By-Law #79 Dated Feb 8, 2018 requesting public hearing.
- Steve and Jane Chrysostom---Garbage By-Law #79 dated Feb 12, 2018
- Steve and Jane Chrysostom ---Garbage By-Law #79 dated Feb 28, 2018
- Jane Chrysostom ---Garbage By-Law #79 dated Feb 6, 2018
- Susan MacCallum---Garbage By-Law #79 dated Feb 19, 2019
- Susan MacCallum---schedule for Council Meeting she would like to see it scheduled on March 2, 2018.
- ACCofC Awards Gala March 24, 2018
- Kathy Tower – requesting donation for Santa Suit
- Alma Recreation Council 25th Annual Gala Evening on April 14, 2018
- AGM date is March 14th, 2018
- Connecting Albert County Advertising rates or donation
- Letter to Premier signed by all Mayors for the Hillsborough Rink
- Paul McKinley stating that the Village street sign for Hilltop Lane has been flattened.
- Grandy, Louise ENB – Municipal By-Elections May 14, 2018
- Riverside – Albert -Donation to Fire Hall in Memory of Louise E Butland.
- Tour of Moncton Downtown Centre, Feb 22nd, 2018.
- Epilepsy Association – Purple Day at next council meeting
- Forest Dale Home Foundation – Looking for Donation.
- Mr. David Casey – Web Cam – reschedule for next month’s Council meeting.
- Prime Time letter was received from Steven Boyce. Rescheduled for next Council meeting.

Business arising from Correspondence

Send donation to Connecting Albert County in the amount of \$75.00 for a supporter package.
Call Kathy Tower to see if she would like the old school piano for a donation to go towards the cost of a new Santa suit.

Give a donation to Forest Dale Home in the amount of \$150.00.

Give a \$30.00 gift to the Alma Recreation Centre.

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It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to give a donation in the amount of \$30.00 for a gift to the Alma Recreational Council, donation of \$75.00 to Connecting Albert County and a donation of \$150.00 to Forest Dale Home. Motion Carried.

Councillor Bowron will look after getting a gift for the Alma Recreational Centre.

BILLS to be paid

All Bills are Paid

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

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

It was decided by Council to have an open house for the Public to talk about the New Rural Plan.

Councillor Bowron adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be March 26, 2018.
