

TOWN OF PORT REXTON

Minutes

Special Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2024
6:30 P.M.

Town Council & Fire Department

This meeting was held in Recreation Room

Present at the meeting were:

Mayor Dean Bailey

Deputy Mayor Wanda Rex

Councillor Eldon Bannister

Councillor Chris Kelly

Councillor Roland Taylor

Town Clerk/Manager Tina Toope

Regrets: Councillor Hayward

Guests attending: Fire Department members

Mayor Bailey convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed our Fire Department members for attending to discuss some concerns. The Mayor then asked for the adoption of the agenda for this meeting.

MOTION #56 - 2024- Bannister/Taylor; moved that the agenda for this meeting shall be adopted as presented. All members present in favor, Motion carried.

1. Washer for bunker gear

The department feels they should have a commercial washing machine for their bunker gear. They are very expensive to purchase and given the other necessary equipment needed at this time the funds for the washer will have to be done through fundraising.

2. Eye Washing Station

The Eye Washer Station has been purchased and delivered. The Clerk will contact Bartlett's to get it installed.

3. Insured for outdated bunker gear

The members were concerned if they are insured where some bunker gear is, or soon will be, outdated. The Clerk informed them that this

has been checked on and they are all insured. The actions taken at a fire scene would be the main issue with insurance coverage and every member must ensure that every safety precaution is taken. A number of new sets of bunker gear has been ordered and will, hopefully, soon arrive. There are still more suits needed since there are some that will become outdated as well by the end of 2024. Mayor Bailey explained that Council has managed to find enough funding that, along with the money recently fundraised, will cover the new suits on order. This past year has been quite harsh with vehicle purchasing and high maintenance costs and the budget for the fire department has been more than maxed out, replenished, and maxed out again. However, every effort will be made by Council, the fire department, and the fundraising committee, to continue to fundraise until every single member has updated protective gear.

4. New Pickup

The fire department pickup is getting in rough shape and a replacement one is soon going to be needed. As previously discussed, the main focus right now is on the protective clothing, however, this is another item to concentrate on once the main priorities are conquered.

5. Drainage

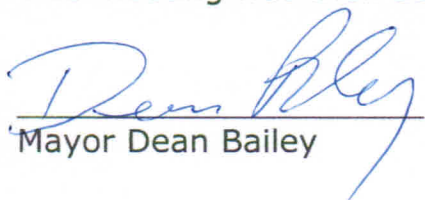
There are obviously some issues with the drainage at the front of the fire hall and the pipes installed under the parking lot must be blocked. This will have to be looked at further during the next few months.

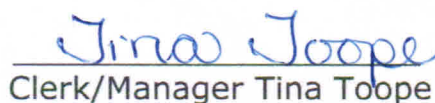
6. New Hoses & Nozzles

The department is badly in need of some new ones. The Chief is going to get some quotes on this equipment so, hopefully, some can be replaced as soon as possible.

There has been talk of an up-coming sizeable donation to the fire department so it may be possible to cover some of the fore-going needs sooner than anticipated.

This concluded the business on the agenda for this meeting. Mayor Bailey thanked the fire department members for coming and for a great discussion on ways and means of attending to all the concerns. This meeting was then adjourned.


Mayor Dean Bailey


Clerk/Manager Tina Toope