

TOWN OF PELZER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

COUNCIL PRESENT – WILL RAGLAND, MIKE MATHEWS, EDDIE WAITS, SKIP GOLDSMITH

STAFF PRESENT – TOWN OF PELZER CLERK – CHERYL BOUDREAU – MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR – MARK VICKERY

STAN WELCH - WILLIAMSTON JOURNAL

CALL TO ORDER –7:01 PM – WILL RAGLAND

INVOCATION/PRAAYER – MIKE MATHEWS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMENTS

DONNA IDE – CONCERNED ABOUT TOWN FINANCES, ASKED WHY IT WAS BEING PAINTED ON PRIVATELY OWNED BUILDING AND NOT A BUILDING THE TOWN OWNS, AND IT THERE WILL BE A CONTRACT FOR HOW LONG IT IS TO REMAIN THERE. SHE FEELS THAT MONEY WOULD BE BETTER SPENT ON THE COMMUNITY BUILDING BECAUSE IT GENERATES INCOME FOR THE TOWN, AND THE HOSPITAL BUILDING NEEDS A ROOF.

TINA BOLDEN - STATED THE MURAL IS A WASTE OF MONEY, IT SHOULD BE SPENT ON THE SHOPPING CENTER BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT PEOPLE WILL SEE MORE WHEN THEY COME INTO TOWN NOT THE MURAL. WOULD LIKE TO BE UPDATED ON WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE CELL TOWER OR IS A DEAD ISSUE.

EARL MCCLELLION QUESTIONED WHY WAS BALLFIELD LEASED TO THE SOCCER CLUB IN WILLIAMSTON, WHEN OUR CHILDREN HERE HAVE NOTHING TO DO.

OLENE BEAR – ASKED WHERE THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT IS THAT HAS BEEN PROMISED FOR 2 YEARS NOW, WHY ARE WE PAYING BRAD WEST 24,000 TO SIGN A PIECE A PAPER, WHO CLEANS THE COMMUNITY BUILDING? WE SHOULD PAY BY THE HOUR AND NOT THE DAY, JANE WAS HIRED FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME AND THEN SHE WAS TO GO ON A TO NEED BASIS, SHES BEEN IN OFFICE AND THERE’S NOT MUCH NEED FOR HER DAILY, IS WHAT SHE’S SEEN.

NEW BUSINESS –

CHRISTMAS BANNERS – WE WOULD NEED 19 BANNERS ONLY AS WE HAVE THE HARDWARE WHICH IS THE MAJOR EXPENSE OF THE BANNERS, MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO TAKE BIDS TO GET CHRISTMAS BANNERS THIS YEAR, COUNCILMAN GOLDSMITH 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR (APPROXIMATELY \$100.00/EACH)

OFFICE LOBBY RENOVATIONS – MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO SEEK BIDS TO UPDATE THE OFFICE LOBBY (PAINT, FLOOR, NO MAJOR WORK), MIKE MATHEWS 2ND THE MOTION. COUNCILMAN WAITS ASKED IF WE HAD AN ESTIMATE FOR THIS PROJECT? MAYOR RAGLAND STATED HE DID NOT AND IF THERE IS A PORTION OF THE WORK WE CAN DO OURSELVES WE WILL. ALL IN FAVOR.

HVAC – COMMUNITY BUILDING – MAYOR RAGLAND STATED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEEK PARD GRANT FOR THIS UPGRADE. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO APPLY FOR PARD GRANT FOR NEW HVAC UNIT, COUNCILMAN WAITS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

ADDITIONAL LIGHTS FOR THE MONKEY PARK & LEBBY STREET – MAYOR RAGLAND STATED THAT HE MET WITH THE ENGINEER OF DUKE AND WALKED THROUGH THE MONKEY PARK AND WOULD LIKE TO ADD SEVERAL LIGHTS TO LIGHT IT UP SO IT IS VERY BRIGHT AND DISCOURAGES THE UNWANTED, THEN ALSO ON LEBBY STREET. ADVISED THERE IS AN UPFRONT FEE OF \$670.00, AND ADDITIONAL MONTHLY FEE OF \$458.21. ALSO ADVISED RESIDENTS THAT WE HAVE TO DO THIS ON A STREET BY STREET AND WE WILL BE GETTING TO ALL OF THEM AS NEEDED. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT THIS AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS COUNCIL WAITS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN GOLDSMITH MADE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACTUAL MATTER AND LEGAL ADVICE, MAYOR RAGLAND 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, COUNCILMAN MATHEWS 2ND MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR

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REQUEST BY COUNCIL –

COUNCILMAN WAITS STATED WE NEED TO LOOK INTO PASSING AN ORDINANCE TO PUT HOUSE NUMBERS ON EACH HOME WITHIN THE TOWN, BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION THAT THERE ARE MANY WITHOUT THEM. MAYOR RAGLAND STATED THAT THERE IS ALREADY AN ORDINANCE IN PLACE.

COUNCILMAN WAITS STATED HE HAS BEEN QUESTIONED BY RESIDENTS ABOUT HOW DO THEY ACTUALLY KNOW IF ACSO IS ACTUALLY WORKING IN PELZER AS THEY ARE BEING PAID. REQUESTED CALENDAR SHOWING THAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY HERE .

ADJOURN WILL RAGLAND TO ADJOURN @ 8:15 PM, SKIP GOLDSMITH 2ND THE MOTION, EDDIE WAITS OBJECTED, MIKE MATHEWS ABSTAINED TO VOTE.