

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF NEWBURY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024
6:00 pm
Council Chambers



Council: Reeve Diane Brewer
Councillor Clyde Harris
Councillor Russell Patton
Councillor Randy Smith

Staff: Cathy Case, Clerk-Treasurer
Chad Trethewey, Fire Chief (for part of meeting)

Absent With Notice: Councillor Kevin Derbyshire

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Brewer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act requires any member of Council to declare a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof; and, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the Act.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. **TIMED EVENTS**

There were no time events or delegations scheduled.

4. **COUNCIL MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the regular Council meeting held on January 16, 2024

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Smith

"RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the regular Council meeting held on January 16, 2024 be approved as circulated." – Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. CORRESPONDENCE**NON-ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1 Municipal World – February 2024
- 6.2 County of Middlesex – Middlesex County Council Meeting Highlights-
January 16, 2024
- 6.3 Emergency Management Ontario – St Clair Sector Update
- 6.4 St. Clair Region Conservation Authority – Annual General Meeting-
Thursday, February 22, 2024, Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre
- 6.5 Middlesex County – Middlesex EarlyON 2023 Year in Review
- 6.6 Thames Valley District School Board – Annual Community Planning and
Facility Collaboration Opportunities Meeting between TVDSB and Middlesex
County, Tuesday, April 9, 2024
- 6.7 City of Stratford – Civic Night, Tuesday, September 24, 2024
- 6.8 Four Counties Transportation Services Committee – November 29, 2023
Minutes

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

“RESOLVED THAT Council receive and file correspondence items 6.1 to 6.8.” –
Carried.

ACTION REQUIRED CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.9 Town of Mono – requesting support for Province to recognize a Road Safety
Emergency and take various actions

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

“RESOLVED THAT Council note and file the correspondence from the Town of Mono.”
– Carried.

- 6.10 County of Prince Edward – requesting support for the Province to expand
the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of
fire trucks due to insurance requirements

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Smith

“RESOLVED THAT Council endorse the resolution from the County of Prince Edward requesting support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements.” – Carried.

- 6.11 Tay Township & Township of Greater Madawaska – requesting support for Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06(2) and 118.07(2) of the Income Tax Act related to the Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Smith

“RESOLVED THAT Council endorse the resolution from the Tay Township and Township of Greater Madawaska requesting support for Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06(2) and 118.07(2) of the Income Tax Act related to the Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters.” – Carried.

- 6.12 Town of Orangeville – requesting support for Province to commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

“RESOLVED THAT Council endorse the resolution from the Town of Orangeville requesting support for the Province to commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.” – Carried.

- 6.13 City of Brantford – requesting support for Federal Government to enact legislative and regulatory provisions to provide Via and Metrolinx with priority right of way over freight rail lines and direct CN Rail to work with municipal and provincial governments in the processing of land development applications and municipal property standards

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

“RESOLVED THAT Council note and file the correspondence from the City of Brantford.” – Carried.

- 6.14 Municipality of Calvin – requesting Federal Government to commit additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting and to consider the development of a national strategy of firefighting; acquisition of a national fleet of Canadian-made waterbombers; and introduction of a program similar to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT Council endorse the resolution from the Municipality of Calvin requesting support for the Federal Government to commit additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting and to consider the development of a national strategy of firefighting; acquisition of a national fleet of Canadian-made waterbombers; and introduction of a program similar to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program." – Carried.

6.15 Enbridge Gas Inc. – requesting Council to contact MPP and the Ontario Energy Board regarding the need for natural gas and infrastructure in Ontario

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council note and file the correspondence from Enbridge Gas Inc." – Carried.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Fire

Fire Chief Trethewey attended the meeting at 7:00 pm.

i) Training Update

Chief Trethewey advised that two firefighters are undertaking the required certification training at the Elgin-Middlesex Fire School. Practice included SCBA use and filling tanks and turn out gear. Two masks failed during the fit testing. These will need to be replaced. Two sets of bunker gear including gear bags have been ordered.

ii) Firefighter Recruitment

One of the new recruits may not stay with the department.

iii) Firehall Overhead Door Replacement Update

The door lock from the old man door is to be put on the new door. Chief Trethewey will forward pictures of the steel beams to the Clerk-Treasurer. The box of extra floor tile was thrown out; options to fix the floor are being explored with AUBI.

Reeve Brewer stated that the office, radio room, washrooms, kitchen and meeting rooms need to be cleared of garbage and debris so that cleaning of these rooms can be done.

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Smith

"RESOLVED that Council accept the quote from Giles Janitorial Services Limited for special clean up as specified in the amount of \$1,000.00 plus hst." – Carried.

iv) Other

Chief Trethewey advised that he is preparing a list of items to be included in the 2024 budget. He has not looked into the rigid pipe as he is hoping that a set may be donated to the Village. There was no update on the roof; he needs to get a contractor to inspect and determine what situation is. There is no warranty on the work as it is more than 5 years since installed. There may be warranty on the metal if it is proven defective.

Fire Chief Trethewey left the meeting at 7:15 pm.

7.2 Building Services

There were no building permits issued in January 2024.

7.3 By-law Enforcement

The By-law Enforcement Report for January 2024 was reviewed.

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Smith

“RESOLVED THAT Council accept the By-law Enforcement Report for January 2024 as submitted by the By-law Enforcement Officer.” – Carried.

7.4 Animal Control**7.5 Water**

i) DWQMS

External audit by Intertek is scheduled for March 15, 2024.

ii) Tri-County Water Board of Management

The Tri-County Water Board of Management met on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. The agenda and the minutes of the October 23, 2023 meeting are attached. Councillor Derbyshire attended that meeting but as he was absent, there was no report.

7.6 Sewer

i) Call-in – Newbury WWTP – January 13, 2024

7.7 Administration

i) Middlesex County Police Services Board

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council send a letter to the Province and participating Middlesex County municipalities outlining concerns about the implementation of a Police Service Board specifically the lack of benefit to the Village of Newbury for participating and the lack of financial support from the Province for the increased cost to operate the Police Services Board." – Carried.

Moved By: Councillor Smith

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council of the Village of Newbury supports the appointment of Adelaide Metcalfe Mayor Sue Clarke to the Middlesex County Police Services Board as joint representative for the Village of Newbury, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe and the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex for the remainder of the current term of Council." – Carried.

ii) Drainage Superintendent

The Clerk-Treasurer will investigate options for Drainage Superintendent services and report back to Council.

iii) Rural Economic Development (RED) Program

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council support a grant application to the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program for website redesign." – Carried.

7.8 Financial

i) Accounts Listing

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Smith

"RESOLVED THAT Council approve the accounts in the amount of \$94,964.03 as presented." – Carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Council Member Business (Each council member is given the opportunity to bring new business to the table.)

Councillor Patton advised that the Fennell Drain was blocked by a muskrat and is now working.

Councillor Harris was approached by Gerald Graham about repairing the harrows used on the ball diamond. There are about 40 teeth that need to be replaced at a cost of \$2.00 each. Councillor Harris will assist in the repairs.

Councillor Harris asked if single family homes can be changed to duplexes or if granny suites were allowed. The Clerk-Treasurer advised that Provincial legislation has been enacted to provide more affordable housing and that assistance on this process can be provided by the County Planner

Reeve Brewer advised that the Newbury Food Market has new owners. She requested that a letter be sent to the Legion seeking a donation towards the cost of the new defibrillator for the Fire Department.

9. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

10. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

11. BY-LAWS

11.1 By-law No. 4-24, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Village of Newbury

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 4-24, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Village of Newbury be given first and second reading this 13 day of February, 2024." – Carried.

Moved By: Councillor Smith

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 4-24 be given third reading, taken as read, properly signed and sealed, and numbered 4-24, this 13 day of February, 2024." – Carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn at 7:45 pm." – Carried.


REEVE DIANE BREWER


CLERK-TREASURER CATHY CASE