

Spring Bay Hamlet – AGM – Minutes 2023

May 25, 2022, via MS TEAMS Meetings (virtual) 19:00-20:00

Attendees

- Ken Beal
- Calvin Fisher – MAL
- Wade Hoffman
- Sheldon Kainz
- Karen Kramer - Chair
- Arlynn Kurtz
- Lillian Kurtz
- Joann Liebe
- Carla McCrie
- David Price – Secretary
- Neil Schmeltzer
- Diedre Schmeltzer
- Rick Sveinbjornson

Attachments: 2023 Financial and 2022 AGM Minutes sent prior to meeting.

Dave called the meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

1. Announcements

- Our Mill rate remains at 2.4% vs RM Rate of 7.765%
- 4 other OH are now looking to set their own Mill rates. – We are pioneers in RM220
- May 1st – The Bylaw officer will patrol the RM 20hrs weekly.
- May 13 – Free dump day at the landfill
- Domestic Animal Bylaw (Bylaw 396/2020) – Dogs are not permitted to roam freely
AED Machine – returning to main post – May 19
- Road Gravel top up and Dust Control are scheduled
- Speed Bumps – to be installed post Dust Control
- South Colesdale are putting speed bumps in ditches as residents are driving in ditches now
- 2022 improvements
 - Speed Signage change completed – 30km\h now reads 15km\h
 - Sand added to playground to level some low spots
 - AED unit had some annual maintenance done to ensure its operational
- Wade raised that items are left by the dumpster and becoming unsightly and not the correct way to dispose of items. If residents care to leave items for others to possibly re-use – that’s good, however, perhaps at the end of the weekend or next if its still there, they dispose of it properly. Keeps the area looking tidy.

2. Review of 2022 Minutes

- Review of the 2022 AGM minutes.
- Dave asked for a motion to accept the 2022 minutes.
 - *Motion : Wade Hoffman*
 - *Second : Rick Sveinbjornson*
 - *Accepted*

3. Financials

- Karen walked thru the 2023 financials.
- Our Mill rate remains at 2.4% vs RM Uniform Mill Rate of 7.765%
- We are currently operating at a balanced budget, very similar to the past two years.
- Our reserve account is at ~\$213,123+\$17,491 of OH revenue that was transferred to RM general account to cover operating deficit under a previous RM administration. The total Reserve is \$230,000. Under current budget & mill rate our reserve amount will remain unchanged.
- 2022 Actual from the RM is going to be slightly higher as its unaudited and we are anticipating some fees not included at this time (ie. Grass cutting, and some road maintenance)

4. New Business

- Board Spending, Financial Responsibility and Transparency
 - At a Hamlet board meeting on Feb 8, Board had discussed introducing a structure to provide guidelines on how spending limits might take place. The board introduced this structure for discussion.

Dollar/Spend Range	Approvals/Review required
0 - \$5,000	Board approval – within acceptable operating limits
\$5,000 – \$10,000	Discussion at AGM, proposals discussed – AGM vote required
> \$10,000	Proposals circulated to residents via email, quorum vote required by 51% of residents. 1 week period, non responses were “no” votes

- *We have 37 land owners in Spring Bay (2023) - Quorum votes would be 19 votes (1 vote per family) – 51%
- Residents indicated the structure/framework was sound and put forth a motion to to accept the spending limit proposal
 - *Motion : Wade Hoffman*
 - *Second : Sheldon Kainz*
 - *Accepted*
- Park Irrigation
 - The board has been receiving feedback from residents about the park is not really that inviting. There's a lot of holes. People can break ankles, etc. So we had an internal discussion at our board meeting and talked about looking at an irrigation setup. Perhaps run a line from the lake to a pump station to provide garden hose use to water the park. We are estimating a DIY solution at approx. \$2500-\$3500, with options to expand in future.
 - There was full support over the improvement of the park to put in an irrigation setup.
 - Sheldon put forth a motion to look at full solution with underground sprinklers.
 - *Motion : Sheldon Kainz*
 - *Second : Ken Beal*
 - *Accepted*

- We will seek costing for a manual underground sprinkler setup.
- Wade and others had suggestions on who might be able to provide quotes for a DIY setup. Many on the call indicated they would be willing to assist.
- Looking to do this year.
- The board will seek help from some of our residents to get a quote and map of a proposed system.
- Games
 - To have the park more enjoyable, the board would like to purchase a deck box and provide some lawn games, basketballs for general use.
 - Potential costs we estimate at ~\$600
 - *Motion : Sheldon Kainz*
 - *Second : Joann Leibe*
 - *Accepted*

5. Board Vacancy

- Dave's position is up this year and offered that he will stay on if there is no volunteers or concerns.
- No volunteers stepped forward
- Those in attendance in favour of Dave remaining for another term.

6. Questions/Answers

- Ken Beal – inquired about the pickleball court raised last year.
 - Board had indicated that was raised, there was discussion about one, no motions or follow up costs were provided so we considered this not actioned. The budget is set for this year, so a proposal could be submitted for budget considerations next year. The board did do preliminary look at a concrete pad for a court. Estimates are \$30,000+ for 30x60 pad plus equipment. A proposal and quorum vote would be required for this to move forward.
- Sheldon inquired for clarity – that we will proceed with the irrigation this year.
 - On a DIY setup, we will obtain quotes for a setup and seek volunteers to assist so it can be done this year.
- Arlynn – inquired about any other type of setup for irrigation to ensure we have the water output needed. When we source out the parts, we will have it verified by companies that do this work to ensure it meets our needs.
 - Wade indicated Rusty Shovel or others can help build the part lists.
 - We also have a few backlot residents who have lake irrigation and will seek their guidance as needed.
- Wade asked about if any further activity was being considered to open the north gate. No. this was closed and referenced in the 2022 minutes.
- Arlynn asked about why the speed limit was reduced from 30km to 15km without discuss. Wade provided some history to the speed concerns and we shared the 2022 minutes where it was discussed/requested and actioned.

Motion to close the Meeting

- *Motion : Deidre Schmeltzer*
- *Second : Sheldon Kainz*
- *Accepted*

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm -

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