

SHEBANDOWAN LOCAL SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

March 8th, 2023

The hybrid meeting was called to order by Wayne Scott, the board chairperson at 7:02 pm.

The Chairperson welcomed all who were in attendance, and reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded to assist in preparing the minutes.

In attendance: Wayne Scott, Chairperson; Kathy Moshonsky, Board Member; David Bel, Board Member; David Harris, Board Member; Linda Braun, MNM representative; Tracey Johnson, Fire Chief; Lynn Scott, Secretary/ Treasurer; and three inhabitants from the board area. Regrets: John Perrier, Board Member.

Disclosures of Interest: None

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Minutes of the previous General meeting dated January 12th, 2023 were reviewed by the board. No errors or omissions were noted. A motion was made that the minutes be accepted and passed on the 8th day of March 2023. Moved by Kathy Moshonsky and seconded by David Harris. All in favour, with none opposed. Carried.

SECRETARY / TREASURERS REPORT:

Since the last meeting, the following cheques have been issued: Tracey Johnson for expense reports for mileage; TD Visa for expense reports for vehicle inspection books, office supplies and hall supplies; Minister of Finance for fire call taking and alerting; Lynn Scott for the monthly Starlink subscription and stamps; Len Adduono, Adduono Property Services for snowplowing; Minister of Finance for the 911 Dispatching Service contract (Primary-PSAP); Revenue Canada for the radio authorization renewal; and the monthly honorariums. The pre-authorized payments to Tbaytel, Hydro One, Bell Canada, and Superior Propane have been withdrawn.

Deposits that have been received include: the Minister of Finance for MTO call-outs from October, November, and December, and the Receiver General for the HST/PST rebates. The current bank balance is \$59,603.37.

The PLT Levy has been input. A donation has just been received from Rose Jack. Also, the invoice from Canvas Collective for the website hosting and domain name renewal has been received.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Fire chief Johnson provided an update on the Fire department activities. The department has responded to 5 calls since the last meeting; and have been busy with training activities.

Thunder Bay Regional stroke unit will be coming out on April 4 to do stroke training with the department on new stroke measures.

The department has had three of the new volunteers resign.

The fire hall roof is leaking into the office area. This will have to be looked at for the necessary repairs in the spring when the snow is off the roof.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2021-2022 audit was reviewed by the board and inhabitants present at the meeting. By-law #10-2022-2023 to accept the audit from BDO Canada LLP was then passed. Moved by David Harris and seconded by David Bel. All in favour, with none opposed. Carried.

The revenues and expenses incurred to date, were reviewed by the board and inhabitants present at the meeting. These were compared against the approved budget. We are 5 months into the fiscal year, and expenses are tracking as expected. Most of the discretionary spending will occur in the spring and summer, such as the fuel tank replacement, painting the garage doors, and the capping of the doors. John Perrier has received quotes for replacing the outdoor lighting at the fire hall. Linda Braun, MND representative, questioned the incentive program. Wayne Scott confirmed for her that the incentive payments are made in September. The figures from the audit will be transferred to the MND workbook for submission for their consideration and payment of the second advance of the LSB's operating grant. By-law #11-2022-2023 to submit the interim budget was then passed. Moved by David Harris and seconded by David Bel. All in favour, with none opposed. Carried.

DELEGATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

David Bel had a question for Linda Braun, MND rep, stemming from an emergency meeting that Kam LSB will be holding. Linda Braun replied that according to the Northern Services Board Act, you can't provide fire protection and response outside of your boundaries. Kam does this, because of their location in the middle of a number of different areas. MND understands that responders do go outside of their areas for calls, but the OFM sees it differently. The ministries are trying to have the same language in their documents. Wayne Scott pointed out that a number of years ago, Shebandowan LSB finally got the OFM to align their boundaries with the boundaries established for the LSB. It would be a judgement call by the Fire Chief to respond to a call outside of the border, depending on the call and location. Dave Bel questioned if we receive funding from the Ministry of Health for the First Responders. Fire Chief Johnson replied that Superior North covers supplies and training. If possible, Linda Braun will provide information from the meeting in Kam.

NEXT MEETING: General Meeting May 10 2023 at 7:00pm hybrid

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm. Motion by David Harris and seconded by David Bel and Kathy Moshonsky.