



VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE – WOLFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Minutes

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Present: Members Dell Bower
Richard Boswell
OPP Liaison Insp. Bill Bolton
S/Sgt Cary Churchill
Const. Russ Beaton

Regrets: David Nash, Mayor

Staff: Frederick J. Martin

Gallery: None.

Pecuniary interest: None.

Additions to the Agenda and Approval.

The following items were added under New Business: OAPSB 2016 membership dues; Proposed board responsibilities; 2016 local events; 2016 draft budget; and R.I.D.E. account.

Moved by R. Boswell, seconded by D. Bower
That the agenda of the March 23, 2016 meeting be adopted as amended.
Carried.

Minutes.

Moved by D. Bower seconded by D. Nash
That the minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated.
Carried.

Delegations: None.

Correspondence:

1. Min of Comm Safety and Corr Serv – Survey re: Strategy for a Safer Ontario.
R. Boswell agreed to attend.
2. OAPSB – Email update. Receive as information.

Business arising from the minutes: None.

- Email from Shawn Mason, Treasurer, re: items from Feb 17 PSB meeting.
Deferred to the next meeting.

Police reports and stats: (available in the Council office every month)
Insp. Bolton presented the report for February 2016.

New Business:

- OAPSB Zone 2 meeting, April 15, 2016.
It was agreed to register all three board members.
- Selection of Vice Chair.
Rick Boswell agreed to hold the position of Vice Chair.

- Speeding on Read St (N/S) and County Rd 43 East from Rail overpass, and Status on proposed purchase of Portable Speed Display Device.
Insp. Bolton and Const. Beaton confirmed that speeding on County Rd 43 East is an on-going problem. Last summer, the OPP followed up on a similar complaint where the OPP noted a very high occurrence of speeding. Since then, the OPP has targeted the area; a number of speeders were caught doing 90km/hr in a 50km zone.

Const. Beaton suggested options to try to alter drivers' perceptions, such as: there are too many road signs on County Rd 43 East near the intersection of County Road 23 and heading into the Village; move the 50km/hr sign to the 70km/hr sign, and possibly remove the 70km/hr sign.

Insp. Bolton and Const. Beaton noted that neighbouring municipalities have observed productive results when using a Speed Display Device. The Village may consider borrowing a device from either the County or a neighbouring municipality to ascertain its impact on drivers' behaviour.

R. Boswell noted that, heading west on Main St W, the sidewalk ends near Church St but continues on the other side of the street, requiring pedestrians to cross Main St W.

It was agreed: to reaffirm the Board's recommendation to Council to look into acquiring a Portable Speed Display Device; and to request to include information in the next "Council Notes" on the OPP Self Reporting system, encouraging residents to report speeding.

It was agreed to prepare a memo to Council on a Portable Speed Display Device:

- reaffirm the Board's recommendation;
 - it's a question of public safety;
 - contact UCLG or neighbouring municipalities to borrow a device to ascertain its impact on drivers' behaviour;
 - possible cost saving because it would require less OPP time dealing with such matters;
 - may reduce public complaints as the Village would be able to respond quickly in setting up the device;
 - depending on which device that is purchased, it could be used by other Departments;
 - include information on speeding on County Rd 43 E and from previous Board meetings;
 - Board recognizes that County Road 43 East is a UCLG road.
- ATV's on Village Streets March.
F. Martin noted that Council was going to discuss a revised version of the ATV bylaw, where ATV's from outside the Merrickville Ward would not be allowed on the roads in said Ward.
 - OAPSB 2016 membership dues.
F. Martin to confirm whether or not the dues have been paid for 2016.
 - Proposed board responsibilities.
Ensued a general discussion on proposed changes to board responsibilities.
 - 2016 local events.
Event organizers are strongly encouraged to contact the OPP.
 - 2016 draft budget; and R.I.D.E. account.
It was agreed to defer these items to next meeting.

In Camera: Not required

Next Scheduled meeting: April 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Moved by R. Boswell, seconded by D. Bower
That the meeting adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

Carried