

Province of Québec
Municipality of Sheenboro

Regular meeting of the Municipal Council of Sheenboro held September 11th, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

In-person are present Mayor Doris Ranger, Councillors Richard Bradshaw, John Brennan, Dick Edwards and Lorna Brennan Agnesi.

Simon Tessier, Interim Director General and Victoria Vickers, Administrative Assistant, are in attendance.

Councillor Morris arrives at 6:36 pm.

Councillor John Brennan leaves at 7:59 pm.

1. Opening of Meeting

The Mayor notes that there is quorum and calls the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

114-2023 Moved by Councillor Lorna Brennan Agnesi to adopt the agenda as presented

Adopted

3. Conflict of Interest

None

4. Adoption of Minutes

115-2023 Moved by Councillor John Brennan to adopt the August 2023 Minutes.

5. Questions from the Public

A. Janet Retty

Janet Retty wishes to read a statement before Council regarding the speed of the log trucks on Mountain Road causing danger to ratepayers.

B. Gail Sullivan, Minister of Natural Resources

Mrs. Gail Sullivan from the Minister of Natural Resources does a presentation on the status of the Schyan and Trout Lake Road via MS Teams.

C. Greg Bertrand

Mr. Bertrand is asking if he could plow the Trout Lake Road this coming winter. Mr. Bertrand is advised to contact the Ministry of Natural Resources.

6. Municipal Inspectors Report

The Municipal Inspector will submit his monthly reports to Council.

7. Administration

A. Payment of the Bills

116-2023 Moved by Councillor Shea to pay the monthly bills as listed.

Adopted

B. Property Standards By-Law

Tabled until the public consultation required has been held later this month to then be voted on at the October meeting.

C. Pride Flag Follow up

117-2023 Moved by Councillor Bradshaw to send a letter to the offenders to be drafted by the administration and approved by Council.

Adopted

D. Pontiac Journal Invitation to Readers Choice Awards

The mayor and members of Sheen Council have been offered two invitations to the Annual Pontiac Journal Readers' Choice Awards.

Mayor Doris Ranger & Councillor Lorna Brennan Agnesi will attend the Annual Readers' Choice Awards on September 19th.

E. Municipal Truck end of lease purchase.

118-2023 Moved by Councillor Bradshaw to buy out the 2019 Ford F-250 which is \$10,000 plus \$599.00 admin fee, \$10.00 OMVIC fee and taxes for a total of 12,262.70 \$

Adopted

F. Municipal Wharf Project FFR VOLET 4

When the Municipality submitted the request for funding for the municipal wharf and dock repair the MRC committed to giving us \$77,000.00. Given the drastic rise in costs due to inflation Sheenboro Council is requesting that the remaining funds available be released to the municipality so that as much of the original project can be completed as possible.

M,Kidd \$ 86,000.00/TBD new quote

Pavage Robillard \$ 138,504.00

119-2023 WHEREAS the quoted cost of materials and labor has gone up as much as 30 % in the last year.

WHEREAS other quotes done more recently are nearly double the original projected costs.

WHEREAS important aspects of the project would not be possible without these additional funds.

CONSEQUENTLY, it is moved by Councilor Edwards that the Municipality formally request any additional funds available be added to the final budget of this project.

Adopted

G. Archive Project

The lights in the archive room have been installed. Valley Window and Door will start their install when materials arrive.

8. Public Works

A. MTQ Bridge on Mountain Road

A Councillor requested that we have the bridge by 50 Mountain Road inspected by the Ministry and have the weight limit reduced if they see fit. The I.D.G is to contact the MTQ to discuss the latest inspection results on the bridge.

B. TECQ / Gravel on Sheen and Mountain

120-2023 Moved by Councillor Edwards to pay 75% of the TECQ Contract immediately and pay the last 25% when the work is complete.

Adopted

C. Brushing

Nathan's Excavation hourly prices:

- Brushing with Hitachi ZX85 (9 Ton) - \$165.00 per Hr
- Brushing with John Deere 135G (14 Ton) -\$200 per Hr

121-2023 Moved by Councillor Edwards to hire Nathan Masseau to brush with the 14 Ton John Deere for 200.00\$/hr. Brushing will start when the leaves have fallen.

Adopted

D. Purchasing a compactor

122-2023 Moved by Councillor Morris to purchase a compactor to use for roadwork. There is a total of 3,000.00\$ in the budget for tools and supplies.

Adopted

9. Public Security

10. Correspondence

A. Pontiac Journal Advertisement Opportunity

Moved by Councillor Lorna Brennan Agnesi to purchase an Ad in the Pontiac Journal thanking local businesses in Sheenboro at a cost of 135.00\$.

For: Councillor Agnesi

Against: Councillor Morris
Councillor Edwards
Councillor Shea
Councillor Bradshaw

Defeated

B. Equity Advertising Opportunity

Moved by Councillor Bradshaw to purchase two Ad's in the Equity. One for National Truth and Reconciliation and one for National Newspaper Week at a cost of 70.00\$.

For: Councillor Bradshaw
Councillor Shea

Against: Councillor Edwards
Councillor Morris
Councillor Agnesi

Defeated

11. In- Camera Session

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Moved by Councillor Morris to go in-camera at 8:47 pm.

12. Out of Camera

Moved by Councillor Morris to go Out of Camera at 9:30 pm.

A. Work Contracts, Seasonal Layoffs and Winter Staffing

MOTION

It is moved by Councillor Bradshaw to approve the work contracts for Employees 004 and 005. Employee 005 will be laid off and Employee 004 will work full time hours through the winter.

Adopted

B. Administrative assistant

The I.D.G. informed Council that Employee 006 had tendered their resignation and their last day will be September 21st 2023

C. D.G.

MOTION

It is moved by Councillor Edwards that the D.G. be permitted to return to work on apart-time basis while not going over this year's budget for wages.

Adopted

E. Arena Letter of Support

It is moved by Councillor Edwards that the I.D.G. fulfill the Upper Pontiac Sports Complexes request for a letter of support to be approved by Council.

Adopted

13. Date of the next meeting

The next regular meeting will be October 2nd, 2023 at 6:30 pm

14. Closing of meeting

Moved by Councillor Edwards that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Adopted

Director General

Mayor / Secretary Treasurer

I, *Doris Ranger, mayor*, attest that the signature of this minutes is equivalent to the signature by me of all the motions it contains within the meaning of Article 142 (2) of the Municipal Code.