

Minutes for Hamlet of Taylor Beach Board Meeting 2024 Annual General Meeting

1. Call to Order 1000hrs

- Introduction of those in attendance with property location
- Rules of Order: Motion/Question: Member raises hand to address the presiding officer and waits to be recognized. If a motion no second is needed. Chairman may or may not recognize the Motion. Chair will open for discussion. Vote on the Motion by Ayes vs Nays
- Point of Order - A point of order is an announcement that the rules are not being followed
- Eligible Voters: Property owners or spouse or resident minimum of 18 years old and a resident 3 months minimum.
- AGM Election rules: Nominations will be called for then a vote by eligible voters. Vote by show of hands.

2. Approval of the agenda: Ron Palmer moved. Carried

3. Adopt the minutes of 2023: Ron Kitchen moved. Carried

4. Chairman remarks and State of the Hamlet: Land recognition and recognition of community. Goal of board is to enhance what we have in OHTB. Foundation of Hamlet success is mindfulness and mutual respect. Board represents interest of Hamlet. Thanks to the social committee for fostering relationships. Recognition of volunteers. Relationship of the Hamlet with RM continues to grow and building of relationships with the District of Katepwa (DOK). Loss of Pasqua to village status. Board accountable for results but see costs rising with significant cost with increase in administrative costs from RM due to Pasqua leaving. Board met 18 times with 14 official meetings and budget approved as submitted to RM. OHTB has 104 improved properties and 51 vacant lots. Mill rate increase from 1.75 to 1.9. Surplus remains high. Email address if concerns question bouquets to the Board.

5. 2023 Financials Actuals and 2024: Reviewed by Dwayne.

- *Revenues 2023* up due to donations to playground and money allocated from KDLC development fund. Estimated extra of \$26 000.
- *Discretionary 2023* playground biggest cost overrun which was offset by donations and funding from government. Slightly over with road crew and equipment over. Budget close but didn't spend on pavement project as aware of pending financial challenges and need for volunteers to run project.
- *Allocated expenditures 2023* Administration costs increased with RM work with staffing Pasqua leaving. Overbudget expenses for administration and governance.
- *Surplus* approximately \$6500. Reserve \$164 000.
- *2024 budget:* mill rate increase of 0.15 increase revenue, don't anticipate donations, \$ coming in KDC to allocate. Discretionary expenses reviewed. Projects \$15 000. Allocated approximately \$30 000 in discretionary expenses for 2024. Budget for administration increased to \$19 000 as our costs to RM have increased a little over 4%, all cost categories have increased (e.g. policing, fire protection). Fixed allocated costs increased \$25 000. Working with RM related to costs. \$18 700 deficit brings reserve to less than \$145 000. Gift cards help with costs to volunteers e.g. grass cutting, easement development, access and power for AED, assistance with playground. Overview of Pasqua leaving RM allocated fixed cost from 9.4% to 13.5%. RM administrative costs increased and hope they will come back down.
- Budget accepted by the RM as submitted.

Discussion:

- Maurice Delage: OHTB is paying larger amount of administrative costs. Pasqua was 30% of RM and OHTB was 10% and RM also have increase due to fixed costs. Optimistic that over time administrative costs will go down with loss of 1/3 of tax base as costs have increased from \$340 000 to \$370 000. RM is trying to maintain services. Succession planning being discussed.
- Assessment in 2025: new construction, assessed value increased. Used for mill rate. Always one year behind actual to budget for use of taxable assessment.
- Aware deficit budget isn't sustainable. Value of volunteers to control costs.
- RM administration = cost of staff salary, RM governance = payments to councilors and reeve
- Budget playground cost \$40 000, factored in donations \$10 000, KDLC fund through RM for recreation project \$25 000 and gas tax rebate \$5 000 to playground. OHTB committed to contributed \$10 000, estimated \$40 000 - \$50 000 and recreation project looked after remaining.
- Gas tax = have to do a project, RM allocated % from federal government for capital project that fits into parameters to access \$

6. Update on Projects and Committees

- *2024 Survey Summary* circulated. Parade every other year. Number of events appropriate. Other ideas: boat parade, Hallowe'en in summer, community garage sale. RM updates from Ron Palmer appreciated. Main suggestions/priorities: paving, low taxes. OHTB Board wants to improve our contact list. DOK is creating directory this year and hope they will share information to inform OHTB resident contact list.
- *Social Committee Update 2023* # of activities including picnic, 1st annual point to point swim in August (planning to do this year/safety concerns managed/done during the week for minimal boat traffic), fall potluck Mexican fiesta and Christmas supper. Operate as cost recovery, no \$ from OHTB for funding. Small fee for commitment and cost recovery. \$275 at beginning of 2023 after a football pool. 2024 starting with \$397. 2024 wiener roast, parade (plan for every other year start at Taylor Free Space and end at Lakeview free space for lunch), point to point swim, fall pot luck and Christmas supper. Ideas from survey community garage sale (not social committee responsibility). Recognition and appreciation of work done by social committee. FB page for residents and families of OHTB. If not on FB email Lori as also has an email distribution group.
- *Paving* Long term strategy is to pave major roads. 2024 \$10 000 to start paving Lakeview Crescent to the end of the road (end to be confirmed), 2.5 inches of cold mix 16 feet wide
- *Recycle Bins* need attention, work needed to move bins back in summer and forward in winter, low spot to be filled, signage for what can go into bins to be added. Seeking volunteer to assist with project. Picture shared. Close to property line of new resident so need to be moved back. Don't want people using bins accessing private property. Estimated cost of \$2 000. Brian spoke with driver to confirm proposed plan. Alternate locations have been discussed but concerned about visibility and access by others.
- *Update on Hamlet Storage Committee /Docks* committee set up to discussion right away and storage last year, ad hoc committee chaired by Brian with membership of Jim Paskaruk and Al Hauglum. Proposal to RM to lease land to provide storage for residents, nominal fee to residents that use, zero cost to Hamlet, location top of hill (old garbage dump), board oversee decisions, eliminates storage on road allowance or public reserve. Could include storage for trailer, ice shack, etc. Initiated by residents who saw demand, cost neutral to residents, zero touch to RM, RM owns land, no building planned. Gathering information to see what is needed. Currently 20 acres leased by Andersons and fence at their cost. Questions who will ensure security, monitor, lease, liability costs, road costs and if sustainable. OHTB to facilitate but not take on accountability. Volunteer to be governing body. 2024 survey results showed about 50% of respondents were interested. Motion to create a committee Patty Wicijowski with Brian as chair, Jim Paskaruk and Al Hauglum as members. Carried. Opposed by 2 in attendance. If interested speak to Jim or Al.
- *Dock practices/management report* completed by Doug Scott and shared with the board. Board has deferred due to financial and project priorities. Report is on best practices with docks and management of same.
- *Internet* Question of bringing speed up from 10 Mbps. Area served up to 50 Mbps, community participation cap speed was 50 Mbps, not all residents able to achieve 50 Mbps so some at 10 Mbps. Future is fibre but unsure when. Call SaskTel if not getting speed you are paying for and escalate as needed.
- *District of Katepwa Sewage Surcharge* DOK increasing sewage charge for use of lagoon through RM. OHTB preferred a pay per use vs surcharge. \$60 for 2024 then up to \$110 per improved lot property as annual fee per improved property. Questions of what is considered an improved lot when sewage production is from one tank. Board did consider hauling elsewhere, # road haul charges, etc and need to work with DOK (e.g. cut grass). Inquiry about OHTB hauling to Lebret again and Lebret council was in favour but FN not at that time as unsure of expansion. No update in over a year with the RM. OHTB Board to ask RM to reinstate discussion with Lebret. OHTB Board to request DOK to consider approved lot as one with septic tank. Charge to residents of OHTB is same as to DOK. Historically DOK approach OHTB to join lagoon, original agreement was \$7000 which was approximately \$35 per improvement. Assume cost increase as a revenue source.
- *Light House Discussion* Questions to the board regarding lighthouse on the point, some feedback negative with attracting attention to point as risk area. No swimming sign on point. Installation didn't take into account environmental area with altering of natural vegetation. Board wants to do good for community and recommend approaching board prior to initiating projects versus having to create bylaws to govern change. Also need to ensure what is built is also maintained. Residents to become informed of the lighthouse, time to see if will draw attention to the area, propose a survey dedicated to lighthouse and OHTB Board to act on survey. Discussion: no liability to the OHTB, WSA governs water, governance of point/public spaces obligation of RM through OHTB Board, needs to be maintained and safe. Motion to ask owner to remove

and failing that OHTB Board remove. Motion withdrawn as plan to proceed with a survey as mentioned above to clearly ask if residents want the lighthouse to be removed with expectation of owner to maintain.

- Other
 - Creek Improvement: near miss with flooding last year. Plan to install culvert with one way valve and shore/rock improvement on Hamlet land. Have environmental approval. Tulik was contacted and alternate vendor has been contacted. Board didn't approve replacement of rocks on private property on the creek side. Some members in attendance expressed concern.
 - Barb Kelly motioned the Board be recognized by gift card \$50 per person per year for the work they do through the year. Amended by Ron Palmer to \$250 per year maximum in gift cards (\$50/meeting for 5 meetings) for each board member. Amendment accepted by Barb. Discussion. Carried.
 - Lighthouse: Norm Johner installed the lighthouse and had sent correspondence (plans and pictures) to the Board prior to COVID with no response. He has received positive comments. Apologies extended to Norm from the Board as intent of discussion was to ensure Board is approached for projects on public reserve.
 - Investigate covered area for playground and if interest in fundraising. Could gauge interest and concerns on survey, need to ensure optimal landing space for STARS, also consider a picnic bench. STARS was familiar with spot as no overhead lines. Need to ensure priority of STARS to land.
 - Cold mix 2.5 inches as best practice
- 7. **2025 AGM May 31, 2025.** Moved Erin Canham. Carried.
- 8. **Adjourned** 1158 AM.

Attendance (33)

Maureen Anderson
Bunny and Allen Bailey
Tanya Barclay
Ben Bartok
Cathy Billett
Lori Butterfield
Mike Cameron
Dale Canham
Erin and Maria Canham
Tony Coppola
Maurice Delage
Alden Foraie
Marlene Harker
Dwayne Heimlick and Patricia Wicijowski
Brian and Shawna Holowatuk
Pam Horsman
Rose-Anne and Norman Johner
Lorie Kaczmar
Barb Kelly
Ron Kitchen
James Kress
Laurie Low
Lynn Lynch
Karen McDermaid and Darryl McKay
Ron Palmer
Jim Paskaruk
Shawna Seidler