

# COPPLE CROWN VILLAGE DISTRICT MEETING

## JUNE 7, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

The treasurers report was read and accepted

May's numbers:

Beginning: \$36,222.75

Ending: \$24,913.59

June's numbers:

Beginning: \$24,913.59

Ending: \$25,745.11

Steve Mraz said that the pool is filling. The pump was tested and running. We have enough chemicals to start the season but might need some more mid-season. Steve hopes that it should be full by next week.

We thanked Steve, Chuckie and Chris for their work on the pool, as well as Rick Perro for painting the fence.

It was agreed to pay 2/3 of the road paving costs for the dirt section of Saint Moritz. A resident was having his driveway paved, and the company agreed to pave that section of the road at a discount because their equipment would already be here. The resident also agreed to gift 1/3 of the road paving cost to the village (in the form of payment to the company). Virginia Skinner asked if the company guaranteed their work. Steve Mraz said he would look into getting that in writing.

New Durham is having a town wide yard sale on July 23 and 24. If residents would like to use the lawn at the clubhouse, they are welcome to. Nichole (at New Durham Parks and Rec) would like rough numbers by June 17 so she knows how many, and what type of markers to put on the map. You don't have to be a part of it both days. If you want to be a part of it, but be at your house, you need to sign up through the parks and rec site with your address. If there is enough interest, the possibility of renting tables exists.

It is asked that all residents pick up after their dogs. It was suggested that signs be placed and a fine implemented. Virginia asked if it was a town law. We will look into it.

Discussion turned to the water system. Steve Mraz said that he thought the village was formed for roads and water. Corey Bisson corrected him by saying that impoundment of water yes, but not service of potable water. The pond is impoundment of water.

The water system went down, and there is a temporary fix in place. Jake Dawson has done the research and given us a quote to put a permanent fix in place. Steve asked if the costs included fixing the leak, and Corey informed him it did not. Jake has been out to look at the spot in question and has yet to definitively say it is or isn't a leak.

Corey Bisson brought up that the money generated from the water bills barely cover the system as it is, so the money needed to repair the pumps would have to come out of the general tax payer fund. The state suggested that the water bills be increased.

Pat Grant interjected, asking if we had checked with Primex to see if that is something they cover. Corey Bisson equated our problem to a warrantee issue versus a claim issue, but it will be looked in to.

Corey Bisson called for a commissioner's vote to increase the water bills, for one cycle, to cover the cost of repairs. Corey Bisson voted yes. Steve Mraz said that he has been in the village for almost 20 years, and on the water system. It was his feeling that there has been a lot of money that has been paid into the general fund (instead of going towards the water system), and then was misappropriated. Steve Mraz voted no. Chris Gibbs wanted to look in to the legal recourse for faulty work in terms of the initial design of the system. Chris Gibbs had no problem with looking in to increasing the bill starting next year to help cover future costs. Chris Gibbs voted no.

Corey Bisson presented an option to create an enterprise fund for the water system. This is a fund that is considered its own entity, so it is not part of the village's revenue. There were questions about how it works and how it keeps being funded if people don't pay. Virginia Skinner asked if we had a way to make sure people paid their water bills. Corey said he would get to that. It was agreed to hold off on voting to create the fund until it was described as to how we could go about making sure people paid their bills.

Corey Bisson outlined that we can have the town put a lien on a house that has past due bills. If we so choose, we can file suit to the homeowners and it essentially forecloses the house, with our legal fees being covered in the suit. There were further clarifications made about how the enterprise fund works.

Kelly Bisson suggested that we switch to monthly billing and then agree on a "late" number of months.

Corey Bisson, Chris Gibbs, and Steve Mraz all agreed to have Tim Green help us get the enterprise fund started, with a final vote before it is implemented.

Steve Mraz, Chris Gibbs, and Corey Bisson agreed to draft a warrant to have the town tax collector put a lien on residences that are delinquent in their water bill.

We will see what the town requires for notices before liens are placed. We will also revisit shut off vs lien and time frame to do so.

The commissioners then opened the floor to the residents in attendance and answered any questions they had.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

9 people were in attendance