

Merrill Hills Hamlet – General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Merrill Hills Hamlet – General Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. on May 17 in Merrill Hill Community Centre by the Merrill Hills Hamlet Board members.

Present

Garry Klassen – Merrill Hills Board Chair
Mike Ubell – Merrill Hills Hamlet Board Secretary
Barry Fairbairn
Gerhard Blumrich
Raymond Clothier
Wade and Kim King
Kevin and Leslie Robertson
Ron and Diane Barsi
Dan Streisel
Deb Edighoffer
Shari Klassen
Joanne Ubell
Proxy votes submitted by Joe and Bernie Moser

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Dan S. to accept the agenda for the May 17th meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron B. Carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dan S. to accept the minutes of the meeting from September 27, 2016 as presented. This was seconded by Ray C. Carried

Old Business

Roads. Garry has been in contact with Adam, the RM of Corman Park Administrator. Someone came out last fall to assess the road condition and felt that it would survive the winter. There are patches where the second layer did not adhere so the RM will covering the costs to repair those areas. There is a new roads person for the RM, Craig, who came out last Friday and met with Garry and Mike to see these areas. They will look at

patching the chip seal this summer and if some patches are deeper than the just the second layer, they will use asphalt. These areas have been marked with green paint so if you notice any that were missed, contact Mike and we will mark them or you may just mark yourself. The areas were only marked within the Hamlet but there is one close to the church and one closer to Merrill School Road. It was decided that these areas should be marked as they will only get worse and sustain more damage from the mowers.

Graham Court Sign Repair. This item was addressed since the last meeting. Closed.

Weeds. Garry advised that we all know what we have to do to control the Leafy Spurge weed. The hamlet has been using Jack Lapsick to cut the ditches within the Hamlet and then the RM does the remaining areas outside of the Hamlet. The Hamlet is paying Jack by the hour (\$55/hr) and it has been taking about 6 hours. The more that residents cut on our own, the overall cost is reduced as it takes Jack less time. Last year, he cut the grass 4 times based on our requirements. A letter of understanding has been signed for him to continue again this year to cut the grass upon the board's request. If any residents would like him to cut their yards at their own expense, you may contact Mike to get Jack's contact information.

Water Report. The water testing has not yet been conducted as Wade K. usually does this the week before Mother's Day. He will be trying to get it done in the next couple of weeks and will send out an email in advance to the 4 property owners. It was noted that this test does only look at a few factors so residents are encouraged to have their own well water tested and their well shocked periodically. Dan S. offered to assist Wade this year as he will be taking over this responsibility. Garry thanked Wade on behalf of the Hamlet Board for all of the years that he has been doing the testing and providing the report to the Hamlet residents.

New Business

Application of Angell Horley for Subdivision of 2 Additional Lots Adjacent to Hamlet. Garry attended the RM meeting on Monday regarding Angell Horley's application to subdivide her property. Concerns were expressed by Hamlet residents about the water and the additional usage of the roads in relation to the location of the two proposed residential properties. It was indicated at this meeting that a ¾ inch water line would be brought in so that the properties would be on city water and not have a well. Water could also be hauled in during the interim until the water line was operational. Residents of the Hamlet could also sign up to be part of this water line if they choose. Although the total cost is unknown and could be fairly significant, the cost is reduced if more sign up and there is a possibility that the size of the pipe could be increased. The RM did approve Angell's application to subdivide. Angell had possibly indicated that

she would be open to having these 2 lots be part of the Hamlet once they sold. Following a brief discussion, Ron B. made a motion that we allow these two lots to fall under the Merrill Hills Hamlet. The motion was seconded by Barry F. Carried. A secondary motion was then made by Ron B. to allow the Merrill Hills Hamlet Council members to discuss further with Angell about the two lots becoming part of Merrill Hills Hamlet. Wade K. seconded the motion. Carried. The Board members will keep residents apprised of the outcome from the discussions.

Merrill Hills Hamlet Sign. Dan S. advised that the sign for the Hamlet needs some repairs. He volunteered to make the repairs. Garry thanked Dan for looking after this item.

Water Tank for Use by Hamlet Residents. Mike advised that he has an old sprayer that he has converted into a water tank with a pressure hose. It will be kept parked with water in it during the summer at the end of Speers Way. Residents are welcome to borrow it if required.

Board Nominations. Garry advised that Adam said that the Hamlet Board could go with only 2 members (Garry and Mike) until the fall meeting; however, Garry and Shari have now sold their house so we now need someone to take his place for the remainder of his term. The Vice Chair also needs to be filled.

Ron B. volunteered to fill the Chair role of the Merrill Hills Hamlet Board for the remaining 2 years. No other names of nominees were submitted. A motion was made by Wade K. to have Ron B. be approved as the Chair for the remaining time left on the current term. Gerhard B. seconded the motion. Carried.

Dan S. volunteered to become the Vice Chair of the Merrill Hills Hamlet Board. No other names of nominees were submitted. A motion was made by Deb H. to have Dan. S approved as the Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Shari K. Carried.

Ron B. thanked Garry for all of the work that he has done over the years for the Hamlet and wished him and Shari well with their move.

Garry added that we have unfortunately lost a few members of our community in the last year. He extended his sincere sympathy on behalf of the Board and the Hamlet members to the families.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. The date and time of the next general meeting is yet to be determined. Further information will be provided at a later date.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Ubell, Secretary for the Merrill Hills Hamlet Board

Approved by: Ron Barsi, Chair of the Merrill Hills Hamlet Board