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The Town Council of the Town of Sussex met in regular session, by appointment of the Mayor of the said Town, in the Council Chambers of the said Town on Monday the 18th day of December, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

The following members of the Council were present: His Worship Mayor Carr, Deputy Mayor Thorne, Councillors Fulton, Wilson, Black and Bradley. Councillor Wright was absent. Also present at this meeting were the Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Cummings and the Town Clerk/Treasurer, Paul Maguire.

It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the agenda for this regular Town Council meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried. The agenda was amended by adding under Item # 6 - Delegations, Petitions and Correspondence: (C) Ken Baker.

No members present declared a conflict of interest on any items on the agenda at this time.

It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Sussex, held on November 20, 2006, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

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Present at the Council meeting was Mr. Stephen Campbell, who was recently elected as a Councillor for the Town of Sussex in the Municipal Bi-election. His Worship Mayor Carr invited Mr. Campbell to come forward and the Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office for a Councillor for the Town of Sussex as prescribed by the Municipalities Act. His Worship Mayor Carr and the Councillors present congratulated Mr. Campbell on being sworn in as a Councillor for the Town of Sussex. Councillor Campbell took his seat at the Council table.

The Council received correspondence from Stanley LaFrance regarding the crosswalks in the downtown area. Mr. LaFrance would like the sidewalks more visible and possibly lights at certain intersections for pedestrian traffic. Mr. LaFrance was present at the Council meeting and addressed Council and addressed Council on his correspondence.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that Council forward the correspondence from Mr. LaFrance to the Works Committee and a copy to the Protective Services Committee for their review and instructed the Works Officer to make a report to the Works Committee regarding the crosswalks that Mr. LaFrance had concerns with. Motion carried.

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Council received a letter from Mr. Ken Baker thanking the Council for the opportunity to service two terms on the Planning Advisory Committee. It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that the letter from Mr. Baker be filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that the Fire Report for the month of November, 2006, be received as circulated. Motion carried. During the month the Fire Department responded to a total of 14 calls with nine calls originating within the Town of Sussex and five out of Town calls.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that the Building Inspector's report for the month of November, 2006, be received as circulated. Motion carried. The report indicated that during the month the Building Inspector issued one permit for new construction for a value of \$223,000.00, 11 permits for renovations, repairs, alterations and additions for a value of \$2,193,600 and one demolition permit for a value of \$50,000.00.

It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that the Development Officer's report for the month of November, 2006, be received as circulated. Motion carried. The report indicated that during the month the Development Officer approved two tentative subdivision plans and one subdivision plan.

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It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 13, 2006, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that Council approve that the flat rate for water and sewer in Schedule "A" of By-Law # 1203-06 remain at the same rate as By-Law # 1203-05-01 and that the following be added/updated to Schedule "A" of By-Law # 1203-06:

8.6 Septage Sewer Charge \$0.11622/imperial gallon

8.7 Apohaqui Sewerage Commission

Septage Sewer Charge \$0.05811/imperial gallon

8.8 (i) Water Service

Reconnection Fee \$30.00

(ii) This charge shall not be applicable for any repair work during Town of Sussex Works Department regular working hours.

8.9 Any work that may be required during Town of Sussex overtime hours, including water service disconnection or reconnection, will be billed at overtime rate in accordance with the Town of Sussex Works Department Standard Charges Policy.

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It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that Council have a reading in its entirety of A By-Law In Amendment of A By-Law To Approve The Budget of The Sussex Downtown Business Association and To Establish a Special Business Improvement Area Levy In The Town of Sussex, By-Law # 154-06. Motion carried. The Town Clerk then read the by-law in its entirety.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that Council have third reading by title of A By-Law In Amendment of A By-Law To Approve The Budget of The Sussex Downtown Business Association and To Establish a Special Business Improvement Area Levy In The Town of Sussex, By-Law # 154-06. Motion carried. The Town Clerk then read the by-law for the third time by title and His Worship Mayor Carr declared the by-law duly enacted.

It was moved by Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council have third reading by title of A By-Law to Regulate Water, Sanitary and Storm Sewer Systems, By-Law # 1203-06. Motion carried. The Town Clerk then read the by-law for the third time by title and His Worship Mayor Carr declared the by-law duly enacted.

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It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that Council have a reading in its entirety of A By-Law to Amend A By-Law Respecting The Establishment of The Sussex Fire Department and The Prevention and Extinguishment of Fires, By-Law # 350-05-01. Motion carried. The by-law was then read in its entirety.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that Council have third reading by title and enactment of A By-Law to Amend A By-Law Respecting The Establishment of The Sussex Fire Department and The Prevention and Extinguishment of Fires, By-Law # 350-05-01. Motion carried. The Town Clerk then read the by-law for the third time by title and His Worship Mayor Carr declared the by-law duly enacted.

It was moved by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the report of the Human Services Committee Meeting dated December 13, 2006, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council approve that the Maricor Group be engaged to conduct a Condition Assessment and Energy Feasibility Study at the 8th Hussars Sports Centre for an expenditure of \$13,388.00. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council approve that a Special Events License be granted to the Moosehead Oldtimers to conduct a Hospitality Room in the Community Room at the 8th Hussars Sports Centre from January 5, 2007, to January 7, 2007. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that the report of the Works Committee Meeting dated December 12, 2006, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that the report of the Protective Services Committee Meeting, dated December 13, 2006, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council appoint Richard Horton as the Emergency Measures Officer for the Town of Sussex. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that Council accept the resignation of Dorothy Mercer as Crosswalk Guard as November 30, 2006, with regret. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that the report of the Administration Committee Meeting, dated December 14, 2006, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

The Chairperson of the Administration Committee brought forward to Council the proposed 2007 General Fund Budget. The budget included the following General Fund expenditure items:

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ITEM	AMOUNT
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	554,900
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	1,171,100
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	1,197,000
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	326,100
ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	258,900
RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES	858,200
FISCAL SERVICES	464,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,830,300

The Budget included the following 2007 General Fund revenue items:

ITEM	AMOUNT
NON-TAX REVENUE	611,657
UNCONDITIONAL GRANT	395,702
WARRANT	3,822,941
TOTAL REVENUE	4,830,300

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that Council approve the 2007 General Fund Budget expenditures totaling \$4,830,300.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that Council approve the 2007 warrant of \$3,822,941.00 for revenue for the 2007 General Fund Budget and set the 2007 tax rate at \$1.3691 per \$100.00 of assessment. Motion carried.

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The Chairperson of the Administration Committee brought forward to Council the proposed 2007 Utility Fund Budget. The budget included the following Utility Fund expenditure items:

ITEM	AMOUNT
WATER SUPPLY	427,500
SEWERAGE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL	468,700
FISCAL SERVICES	199,900
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,096,100

The budget included the following 2007 Utility Fund revenue items:

ITEM	AMOUNT
SALE OF SERVICES	1,015,253
REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCES	63,100
OTHER TRANSFERS	17,747
TOTAL REVENUE	1,096,100

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that Council approve the 2007 Utility Fund Budget expenditures totaling \$1,096,100.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that Council approve the revenue source items for the 2007 Utility Fund Budget revenue totaling \$1,096,100.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that Council approve that the Non-Union salaries be increased by 2.25% effective January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that council approve the tentative subdivision plan Alfred T. Steeves, Eva Viola Steeves and Max Alfred Steeves Subdivision 2006-01 dated November 17, 2006. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that Council authorize the Town Clerk/Treasurer to issue a cheque for the first payment of the Town's share of the 1st mortgage at the beginning of the first quarter in 2007 to the Sussex Regional Library Board as well as permission to issue twelve (12) post-dated cheques to Bayview Credit Union for the payments on the second mortgage. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that Council approve that Gerry Sneekes and Bridgette Ryan be appointed to the Planning Advisory Committee for a three year term commencing January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that Council approve an extension of the Janitorial Contract, with revised prices for the monthly services, with Sussex Janitorial Services Ltd. for the time period from February 1, 2007, to December 31, 2007. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that Council authorize the Town Clerk/Treasurer to transfer Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the 2006 Utility Operating Fund to the Utility Capital Reserve Fund. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that Council approve that the Town Clerk/Treasurer be authorized to issue a cheque at the beginning of each quarter for the Town's 2007 contribution towards the Mural Project. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that Council approve the quote in the amount of \$3,256.80 from Scholten's Landscape Ltd. to complete repair work on the White Ash on the nature walkway trail near Coventry Walk Subdivision. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that Council approve for payment the accounts for the month of November, 2006, in the amount of \$418,701.42. Motion carried.

His Worship Mayor Carr and members of Council wish the Town Staff and citizens of the Town of Sussex a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2007.

The Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the employees of the Town of Sussex, wishes the citizens, His Worship and Councillors a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2007.

Deputy Mayor Thorne noted that nine or ten reservists from the 8th Hussars will be deployed to Afghanistan for a six month tour and the Deputy Mayor wished them well and admired their conviction in helping the Afghan people.

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Councillor Fulton thanked the Administration and staff for the pleasurable working atmosphere for 2006 and noted that it was a pleasure working through the 2006 proposed budget process this year. Councillor Black noted that the budget process this year seemed to move forward in an efficient manner.

It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that this regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Sussex adjourn. Motion carried.

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MAYOR

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TOWN CLERK