Minutes of a special meeting of the council of the Town of St. George’s, held in the Town Hall, November 20, 2017

Members Present
Mayor: D. Conway
Deputy Mayor: T. Messervey
Councillors: A. Tobin, C. White, M. Fleming, R. Williams, R. Blanchard

Also Present
Town Manager: J. Butt
Town Clerk: D. Woolridge

Call to Order
Mayor Conway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Purpose
Three items were on tonight’s agenda.

1) Budget 2018
Two options were presented to council for their consideration. Option 1 showed a balanced budget of $1,301,286.44. Option 2 showed $1,287,452.54.

Option 1 included the following proposed increases:

Property Tax from 5.5 to 6.5 mils; $325 minimum for each parcel.

Water and Sewer Rates per year would be as follows: Residential $450; Duplex - $900; Commercial $472; Public Buildings $460. Schools remain the same at $3.60 per student. Vacant Land, Water Only, and Sewer Only $272.50. Connection Fees remain at $500 each for water and sewer. Industrial $1,000. Water Turned Off by Request will cost $30, an additional $30.00 for Water Turned On by Request.

Business Tax increases would be: Banks - 21 mils; Contractors, Construction Companies and Natural Resource Industries - 13 mils (minimum $325.00); Gas Stations, Take-Outs, Restaurants, Night Clubs, Convenience Stores, Beauty Salons, Barber Shops, Taxi Stands, Bed & Breakfasts, and Pharmacies - 6 mils (minimum $325.00).

Building Permits, both residential and commercial, would remain the same, as well as Occupancy Permits, Tax Certificates, and the Water Cut-off Re-connection Fee.

Motion #17 - 145 Williams/Tobin
Resolved that we accept Option 1 with a balance of $1,301,286.44 for Budget 2018.

In favour: Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor T. Messervey
Councillors: A. Tobin, C. White, R. Williams, R. Blanchard

Opposed: Councillor M. Fleming

Abstaining: 0
Motion carried.
2) Municipal Tax Structure
Motion #17 - 146 Messervey/White
Resolved to accept the Municipal Tax Structure for 2018 reflecting the changes listed above. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) 2018/2019 Capital Works and Small Communities Fund Applications
Motion #17 - 147 Fleming/White
Resolved to apply for funding for the Fire Hall Extension under the 2018/2019 Capital Works and Small Communities Fund Applications. All in favour. Motion carried.

Other Business
Motion #17 - 148 Williams/White
Resolved that we purchase a 2018 Dodge 5500 Dump Truck.

In favour: Mayor D. Conway
            Deputy Mayor T. Messervey
            Councillors: A. Tobin, C. White,
                          R. Williams, R. Blanchard
Opposed: Councillor M. Fleming
Abstaining: 0
Motion carried.

Adjournment
Motion #17 - 149 Messervey/Tobin
Resolved that meeting do now adjourn. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk