

**TOWN OF LOCKEPORT
EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016**

**PRESENT: MAYOR DARIAN HUSKILSON, COUNCILLOR JOANN SWIMM AND
COUNCILLOR ERROL WILLIAMS**

**ABSENT: DEPUTY MAYOR LONNIE TOWNSEND AND COUNCILLOR DAYLE
ESHELBY**

Mayor Huskilson called the Emergency Council Meeting to address a serious concern pertaining to the job description of one of the Town's Employees.

Call to order

Mayor Huskilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

05-25-16-01

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting proceed "In Camera" to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion Passed

Meeting proceeded in Regular Session.

Members of the Lockeport Volunteer Fire Department met with Council to discuss a concern pertaining to out-of-town repairs and maintenance to fire trucks.

In attendance on behalf of the fire department were the following members:

Fire Chief Wayne Chetwynd, Deputy Fire Chief James Chetwynd, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief Lindsay Williams, James Goyetche, Kevin Parks, Blair Acker, Benny Acker, Darrell Hiltz and Kevin Grant.

The immediate issue at hand was the fact that the Safety Inspections had expired on three of the fire trucks and this service is no longer available in the Town. The closest service provider is located in Barrington. One truck has already been taken to Barrington and will be ready for pick-up tomorrow. The concern of the fire department members is regarding the lack of availability of a qualified driver who could volunteer their time to drive the trucks to Barrington, or in future when emergency repairs are required.

The opinion was voiced by some members that they felt that because the fire trucks are Town of Lockeport property, then the Town should be responsible for paying to have someone take the trucks, and because the Fire Chief is also an employee of the Town, they felt it was appropriate for the Town to allow him to do this while on Town duty and paid for his time. Mayor Huskilson responded by stating that this is not within any employees job description, nor a precedence that the Town should consider. The Mayor also stated that the Town could look into

establishing a policy whereby addressing future situations that may arise; ensuring that a protocol is put in place that would be followed.

The suggestion was posed by Jamie Goyetche of a possible policy which would address emergency/critical repairs/maintenance where someone, regardless of who it is, be compensated for loss of wages due to being required to leave their place of employment in order to get the vehicles to the service provider. This suggestion was received favorably by those in attendance. The costs would fall within the vehicle repairs and maintenance section of the annual operating budget for the fire department. It was understood that the first action would be for the fire department to ascertain whether or not there was a qualified volunteer within the fire department available, and if not, the fire department would determine who would be asked, and able, to leave their employment to take the vehicle.

There was a lot of good discussion and it was suggested by Blair Acker that it is important for the fire department and the Council to have the opportunity to get together to discuss concerns or ideas that may arise. The consensus of those in attendance was agreement. Committee of the Whole meets every month on the fourth Monday at 1:00 p.m. and the fire department has been invited to attend in the past and Council extended an additional invitation at this time.

Upon the fire department members exiting the meeting,

05-25-16-02

It was duly moved and seconded that Council proceed “In Camera” to discuss the personnel issue further.

Motion Passed

Meeting proceeded in Regular Session.

Notice was hereby given at this time that it is Council’s intention to develop a policy addressing emergency servicing to Town owned vehicles.

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Time 8:10 p.m.

Mayor Darian Huskilson

Joyce Young – Town Clerk/Treasurer