

# Murray Freedom Festival Minutes

## Murray Village Hall – February 15, 2018

**Trustees Present:** George Blessing IV (President), Judy Simpson (Treasurer), Nikki Lewis, Matt Lewis  
**Trustees Absent:** none  
**Guests:** Mike Gillott (Chairman, Village of Murray)

Meeting called to order at 7:22p.

1. Minutes of Previous meeting
  - a. Motion To accept: Matt L.
  - b. Second: Judy S.
  - c. Discussion: None
  - d. Vote: Pass
2. Treasurer's report
  - a. Distributed at the meeting
  - b. Motion: Judy S.
  - c. Second: George B.
  - d. Discussion: Everything as-expected
  - e. Vote: Pass
3. Submission of bills
  - a. No bills
4. Old business
  - a. Fundraising update
    - i. March 10<sup>th</sup> is confirmed with Conestoga Elementary School
    - ii. This will be a soup / chili feed
    - iii. The event will start at 4p and run to 8p.
    - iv. Mike Gillott will run Bingo as he has in the past
  - b. Search for new secretary
    - i. President George will serve in the interim
    - ii. Please let anyone who is interested in being the MFF Secretary know.
    - iii. Judy will also post to social media
  - c. Insurance
    - i. Judy is looking into year-round insurance
5. New Business
  - a. Kids Carnival
    - i. Becky Smart has secured money in support of the kids carnival (Tyson Park)
  - b. Concessions vendor
    - i. Bryan Minor (Nehawka) has reached out and it interested in being MFF's Food / Concessions Vendor
    - ii. MFF is also looking at other potential vendors
  - c. Discussion on parking situation for fireworks at Young Park
    - i. There is a possibility of working with a couple of local farmers for parking space for the fireworks
    - ii. Any place we have people park, we're going to need traffic control
    - iii. The possibility of using off-site parking and using a small shuttle to move to / from the event
    - iv. Charging people to park would encourage car pooling
    - v. We could temporarily remove the wooden game
    - vi. Could we do fireworks at Conestoga High School and use the stadium for people? Judy will reach out to Jeremy Schroeder to see what the possibilities are. Booster club might also want to run concessions.

- vii. Keep parade in-town and do fireworks at CHS. Plenty of time for people to get to CHS.
  - d. New members
    - i.
  - e. Oozeball
    - i. New member Jessica Vallery has indicated that Fastenal will handle the Oozeball event – THANK YOU Jessica and Fastenal
    - ii. Limited to 28 teams, ends around 3p
    - iii. Young Park is really the only feasible location, though moving it go the very SE corner of the current baseball field \_might\_ be a possibility, though installed irrigation may present an issue – would need permission from the Park Commissioner. Village of Murray Chairman, Mike Gillott, will check into this.
    - iv. We need 3 or 4 people – 2 to run it and 2 to monitor the site (water, etc)
    - v. April S. and Chad S. would be available to help on Oozeball.
    - vi. As with last year, we will utilize Online registration.
  - f. 5k update
    - i. Procedure will be roughly the same as last year
    - ii. Tee-shirt will be somewhat different from last year
    - iii. 5K will have to avoid the viaduct area due to the upcoming construction work on HW1 starting in May.
  - g. Parade
    - i. Fire / Police vehicles will have to avoid the area of the Viaduct, similar to the 5K.
  - h. Work on HW1
    - i. Work on the Murray viaduct will begin in May of 2018
    - ii. State of Nebraska Department of Roads suggests that we may not want to run the MFF in Murray in 2019 due to the limitations on traffic flow which will be present.
- 6. Open discussion
  - a. Concessions
    - i. Harvey Burtley has indicated that he can provide food all-day in Murray
- 7. Next meeting
  - a. Tuesday, March 6, 2018 @ Murray Village Hall, 106 W Main St

Meeting adjourned: 8:15p

Respectfully submitted,  
George Blessing  
President