

MASSENA JOINT RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF JANUARY 12th, 2021 MEETING

Dave MacLennan called the regular monthly meeting of the Joint Recreation Commission to order at 3:00 pm at the Massena Arena, on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. In attendance were John Horan, George Hamill and John Meddings. Gary Gushlaw was not present. Village Liaisons Francis Carvel and Christine Winston and Town Liaison Al Nicola were present. No members of the press were present.

A motion was made by John Horan to accept the minutes of the December meeting. Seconded by John Meddings and approved by all.

MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Mike McCabe

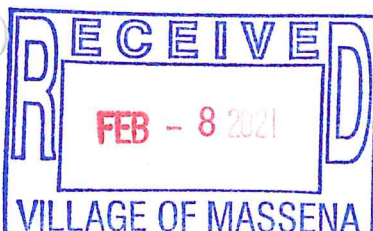
Everyone had, on hand, a copy of the financial report as well as the breakdown in revenues for the month of December:

- **Arena Ice Fees**- Down \$3000 for the month. We are down \$250 on the year to date.
- **Rec Skating Fees**- Up \$1700 for the month. We are up \$2800 on the year to date.
- **Advertising**- We are up \$100 on the month and down \$1500 year to date.
- **Commissions**- We are up \$1200 on the month and down \$1300 on the year to date.
- **Community Programs**- We are up \$310 on the month and down \$7200 on the year to date.
- **Concessions** – We are down \$5700 on the month and \$27000 on the year to date.

OLD BUSINESS

Zamboni- The lifespan of Zambonis are 20 years and ours is 21 years old. We are experiencing waves on the ice and have changed the Springs on the Zamboni which have helped but not prevented the waves on the ice. The cost of a new Electronic Zamboni would be \$150,000 for a Model 55AC. The batteries need to be replaced every 5 years at a cost of over \$12,000 and we need batteries and with additional repairs could be looking at \$20,000 in spending on the current Zamboni in the next year. We could receive about \$5000-\$10,000 in a trade for the Zamboni. In speaking with Kevin Felt, he indicated if we had the funds in the fund balance to cover the cost of the Zamboni, we should be doing that as opposed to looking to lease/bond. Karen White at NYPA has been contacted to see if funding exists to help purchase the Zamboni.

Outdoor Ice- We may be looking at starting to flood the outdoor rinks next Monday when the temperatures drop to a level where we can maintain the ice for a period. Our four locations will again be the annex, Danforth, Alcoa Field, and Howard Street.



Budget Update- I submitted our budget yesterday to Monique and our committee has meet to discuss changes to the budget. We did add the Zamboni purchase to the budget. This budget is based on the idea that we will be returning to normal operations by June 1st. We will continue to look at the assistant position for a start date of around June 1st. I have had a discussion with Aaron Jolley about the possibility of him running the concessions. We will continue to have a discussion with that idea and see where it leads.

OLD BUSINESS

Holiday Ice Sponsors- We ran Free Sponsored Public Skating over the Holidays. They will run weekdays when school is not in session from Dec 23 until Dec 31. The sessions were 10-11am and 12:30pm-1:30pm Monday- Friday during the breaks when we were open. We did have Saturday and Sunday evening sessions as well. We allowed 30 skaters on the ice for these sessions and reservations were recommended. We sold out all but one session. Sponsors included Carvel Family, Carrothers & Clough, Massena Amvets, Massena Elks, Tarbell Management Group, Northside Community Church, Hazelton Foundation, Massena Savings & Loan, and Massena Rotary. We posted on Facebook and the electronic marquee the sponsorship and thank them the following week on the Marquee for providing the fee skating opportunity.

MMHA/MFSC/MCS Updates- MMHA was sending out an email to see about interest in continuing their program into March. Generally, MMHA ends March 1st and we run a March House League, but it looks like we will not be able to do that this year. MFSC is looking at a small Ice Show in February as well as running a Basic Skills in February or March. It was indicated that the earliest High School Hockey would start would be the end of January at this time but with no word, yet it seems very unlikely.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 9th @ 3pm at the Massena Arena.

Motion to adjourn and hold Executive Session was made by John Horan, seconded by George Hammill and approved by all.

MOTION CARRIED.