

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
October 13, 2015**

- Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor
Sel Golding, Councillor
Byron Fraser, Fire Chief
- Absent:*** Dan Coulter, Village Foreman
- Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 5:58 pm
- Guests:*** **Alf & Marg Olsen - Cat Bylaw & Gravelling of Paved Roads**
Postponed until November council meeting.
- Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**
- Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the September 8, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Mayor Weistra to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2015 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- Business Arising:***
- a. Stormwater Project**
Administrator Beck left message with engineer and Alberta Environment regarding the status of the project. After the meeting with Eric Dyson, MPE Engineering to discuss the proposal for drainage at Main Street and Railway Avenue, a pond would still be required and it would be best to be on the quarter south of the village. In addition, an additional lift pump station would be needed to get rid of the water. The LNID would have to coordinator to put together a management plan. As the land has cattails growing on it, it is considered wetlands and whomever might require compensation to change it. The cost of this portion would be in the millions. It was suggested that a complete storm water report go along with the grant application but would cost the Village approximately \$8,000.00. Council to advise.
- Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to not proceed with this aspect of the Stormwater plan unless adequate grant funding is available and to submit an application without a study. Carried**

b. Tank Remediation Program

At the AUMA Convention, Administrator Beck spoke with Alberta Environment & Parks regarding the Risk Management Plans that were submitted by EBA Tetrattech back in May, 2012. They apologized for losing the RMP (Remediation Management Plan) for both sites but promised that the Village should have an answer by the end of September.

c. Semi-Truck Traffic

An email was sent to Canadian Pacific Railway regarding the possibility of trucks parking on their property. No response has been made. Discussion. An invite should go out to those who drive trucks within the village to the next council meeting.

Village Foreman Report:

Forman Coulter has tarred the cracks on the roads, fixed the electrical at the carwash, Kubota and telehandler. He has also kept busy with removing trees and cleaning manhole lids. The fire hydrant and readying the vehicles for winter are the next scheduled projects. The chlorinator at the water plant had to be replaced and serviced. The cost of this was \$3,500.98. Council is asked to approve this expenditure as it was not in the budget.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the invoice for \$3,500.98 for the cost of the replacement and servicing of the water chlorinator.
Carried

Administrator Report:

The AUMA Convention was good – always a great networking opportunity. Highlights of the convention included: Administrator Beck sat in on the Dialogue with the Education, Municipal Affairs and Human Services Ministers, to hear questions being asked of them. In addition, listened to the Premier's address to AUMA and it sounds like more money will be infused into some programs while other programs will cease. Premier Notley wouldn't elaborate which programs were to benefit or what programs would be cut. Auditors were here October 6th and 7th. A resident expressed concern with the lack of enforcement of speed zones within the Village. As this is a police matter, perhaps the Village could send a letter to the RCMP expressing these concerns. The 2015 MSI Operating Grant component has been approved by Alberta Municipal Affairs. There is a workshop being held in Vulcan on October 28th regarding Assessment, Taxation and Tax Recovery that Administrator Beck would like to attend. Interstrategy has been working very diligently on the website. Council to provide a bio and group picture for the website. Administrator Beck has been working on Occupational Health and Safety Policies to be implemented by the Village.

Motion made by Councillor Golding to send a letter to the RCMP regarding traffic enforcement.
Carried

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to have Administrator Beck attend the workshop in Vulcan on October 28th, 2015. Carried

Correspondence:

- Jason Cayford, Alberta Environment
- Transportation Tool Kit
- AB Firetech Ltd – Pretest inspection and Service Results
- Alberta Culture Days – September 25 – 27
- Land Use Secretariat – Castle Area
- Thank You card from Summer Camper
- AUMA re AUMA elections
- 2016 Re-Instatement of STEP Program
- Alberta Government – Increase in funding to FCSS
- Green Acres Foundation Board Correspondence
- Alberta Emergency Management Agency re 2015 Alberta Emergency Management Agency Stakeholder Summit.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs re Safety Codes exemption for Specified PDD Residents

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for September, 2015. The updated bank balance as of September 30, 2015 is \$356,059.77.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the accounts payable for the month of September, 2015. Carried

Motion made by Councillor Golding to approve the monthly statement for September, 2015. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
No report at this time.
- b) **Fire Department**
Finished the 1001 course. Put on an in-house 1041 course. Working with Claresholm. Had 15 persons in the HAZMAT course. Dance is scheduled for the 24th. Fire Conference is this weekend. Audit process is going well. Hoping to have this finished by the end October. Discussion re issues with the vehicles.
- c) **Green Acres**
No report at this time.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
Promising businesses had failed. Will go over some policies in November. With the audit, some of policies needed to be changed.

- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
Picture Butte FCSS is moving to Nobleford because of space. Taber FCSS is moving to a smaller space. Ronald Macdonald received some free press or possible funding in Coaldale.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**
Environment Minister attended the meeting and spoke about the new Provincial Park. Some talk was held regarding the roundabout and highway paving taking too long for completion. Broadband and fiber optic discussion. A workshop will be held in Olds regarding same. Board members were asked to provide information regarding issues within their respective communities and that these issues will be submitted so that the ministers can be approached for resolution or discussion. Discussion was held re linear taxes for skating rinks and pools.
- g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**
No report at this time.
- h) **Chinook Arch Library System**
No report at this time. Mayor Weistra attended the retirement party for Maggie MacDonald.
- i) **AG Society**
Two meetings were held since last report. Discussion was held regarding the Family Fun day. The Community Hall is being rented out more. Discussion held regarding the rental price of the hall. Went over the donations. The highway sign has been fixed. Received quotes for to put in a/c into the building. The annual Turkey Bingo is scheduled for November 14th.

New Business

- a) **FortisAlberta Franchise Fee**
Each year the Village has an opportunity to change the franchise fee with FortisAlberta.

Motion made by Councillor Golding for the Village of Barons to maintain the current franchise fee. Carried

- b) **Royal Canadian Legion – Military Service Recognition Book**
As in previous years, the Village of Barons has purchased a business card ad in the Legion's Books. The money raised goes towards supporting Alberta Veteran's and their families as well as Local Youth Programs in the form of scholarships, cadets and sports.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to purchase a business card ad in the Military Service Recognition Book in the amount of \$275.00. Carried

c) **Administrative Policies #049 & #050**

Council was presented with Administrative Policies #049 and #050 for consideration.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to adopt Policies #049, known as the Village of Barons Harassment Policy and #050, known as the Defensive Driving Policy. Carried

d) **Account Write-Off**

The Alberta Social Housing Corporation will no longer be providing grants-in-lieu of taxes for Senior Social Housing.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to write off taxes for the 2015 Green Acres account in the amount of \$3,555.95. Carried

e) **Highway #23 Roundabout**

Concern has been raised about the Noble blade located at the Roundabout on Highway #23 as it brings attention to the Village of Nobleford but does nothing to promote other communities. Discussion. Safety is a bigger concern with the monument. A high volume light will be better with the roundabout.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to send a letter to Alberta Transportation expressing the Village of Barons concerns. Carried

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck