

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
November 10, 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

Deputy Mayor Gorzitza chaired the meeting until the arrival of Mayor Weistra at 6:45 pm.

Call to Order: Call to order at 6:17 pm

Guests: **Alf & Marg Olsen - Cat Bylaw & Gravelling of Paved Roads**
Does not need to approach Council as they were able to obtain the information they required.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion made by Councillor Golding to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**

Minutes: To accept the minutes of the October 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2015 Regular Council meeting. Carried

To accept the minutes of the October 13, 2015 Organizational Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councillor Golding to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2015 Organizational meeting. Carried

Business Arising:

- a. **Stormwater Project**
Administrator Beck advised Greg Norman, Village lawyer, to respond to Mr. Wobick's inquiry with respect to any future subdivision of his property, with a hypothetical answer/decision that would avoid any commitment by the Village. There has been no word from MPE Engineering or Alberta Environment as to the status of the project even though messages have been left.

b. Tank Remediation Program

Alberta Environment & Parks has contacted EBA Tetrachtech requesting additional information regarding the submitted the RMP (Remediation Management Plans).

c. Semi-Truck Traffic

Seven invitations were sent to those owners/operators of trucks operating out of the Village to attend this Council meeting. Council wanted to hear their thoughts about possible changes to the Traffic Bylaw which could impact them. J. and I. Duncan, P. Reimer's wife, E. Litovitch and D. Jones were in attendance. Mayor Weistra asked those attending for a solution to the heavy vehicle traffic based on the condition and deterioration of the roads within the village. A lot of discussion ensued. The road from Main Street along Progress Avenue appears to be the worst. There was a claim that loaded buses are the biggest culprit as they weigh more than an empty semi. Stats were reported that there are 80 busloads per week versus 4 trucks per week. The issue of noise in the residential areas was also brought up. The issue was that the trucks were running excessively. Council appreciated everyone coming and sharing their thoughts and further thought based on their feedback would take place at another meeting.

Village Foreman Report:

Forman Coulter has kept quite busy as he has repaired the sump pump at the canal, made a door for the Kubota, put weather stripping on doors and put in the new fire hydrant. According to Forman Coulter, he has been trimming trees and has received requests from residents requesting the same. The ones that he has done have paid for this service. One of the furnaces in the Old Firehall is not working properly, so it was suggested that someone be brought in to diagnose and fix the problem. The ploughs have been put on the equipment. As of the 15th of November, the grass and wood trucks will not be available for residents use. They will be put back into service in the spring. Some pot holes have been fixed.

Administrator Report:

Attended the workshop in Vulcan on October 28th regarding Assessment, Taxation and Tax Recovery. Interesting to note that the Village of Champion charges a minimum property tax of \$1,000.00. In addition, quite a few communities charge 18% for penalties on non-payment of taxes. As always, it was a good networking opportunity. Administrator Beck has been working diligently on Barons Occupational Health and Safety Policies which will be introduced to Council for their consideration at the next meeting of Council. A letter was sent to the RCMP regarding traffic enforcement. A letter was sent to Alberta Transportation regarding the roundabout on Highway #23. Civic Solutions came to the Village to begin work on the TCA (Tangible

Capital Asset for 2015). The contract between the Village of Barons and Civic Solutions is up for renewal next year. A meeting is scheduled with Barons, Coalhurst and Picture Butte regarding Bylaw Enforcement November 26, 2015 in Coalhurst.

Correspondence:

- Bylaw Enforcement Report – September, 2015
- AUMA – Free Webinar for developing a Municipal Strategic Plan
- RCMP Statistical Comparison Report: Jan – Sept. 2011 to 2015.
- Lethbridge County – Appointments to the Emergency Advisory Committee
- Hon. Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs short bio.
- Village of Nobleford Committee Appointments
- ORRSC thoughts on Micro Homes and Shipping Containers
- Stats for Communities not providing for a Cat Bylaw
- Alberta Treasury Board and Finance re Budget 2015
- County Christmas Night of Lights
- Bylaw Enforcement Report – October, 2015

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for October, 2015. The updated bank balance as of October 31, 2015 is \$381,231.36.

Motion made by Councillor Golding to approve the accounts payable for the month of October, 2015. **Carried**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statement for October, 2015. **Carried**

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
No report at this time.
- b) **Fire Department**
Course 1001 is all done and the members who have taken it have passed. The Fire Department will be conducting a 1041 course at the end of this year. The Community dance went well – mostly was attended by persons from out of town. Normal training continues. The AG Society has not received a letter for a donation so will send another letter. The audit by the Fire Commissioner's Office should be completed by the end of November. Remuneration has been done to the volunteers.
- c) **Green Acres**
The next meeting will be held on November 18th.

- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
Mayor Weistra reported that a couple businesses have gone under. Meeting on Saturday on policies. This should make things easier to obtain the grants.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
Councillor Golding attended the October 28th meeting. Election of Officers was held which resulted in no change. A \$3,000 donation was received from McDonalds to FCSS. MLA's have been invited to attend a FCSS board meeting. An additional \$25 Million dollars has been given to FCSS which equates to \$106,000 to Barons Eureka Warner FCSS. No increase in requisitions should be seen by the municipalities.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**
The politicians are challenging each other. Any young students in the village that has high academic scores, the province will pay up to \$250,000 for their education.
- g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**
No report at this time.
- h) **Chinook Arch Library System**
No report at this time.
- i) **AG Society**
Brought up at the meeting as to why Barons Fire Department donation request has not been received. Another letter will be forthcoming. Turkey Bingo will be this weekend. The Mistletoe Market seems to be booked up. Caretaker contract has been renewed and changed ever so slightly.

New Business

- a) **Administrator Vacation Request**
Administrator Beck requests vacation days for November 12 and the week of November 16 – 19 inclusive.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the vacation dates as submitted for Administrator Beck. Carried
- b) **Oldman Watershed Council**
The Oldman Watershed Council is asking the Village to contribute \$0.35 per resident, which would amount to \$114.00.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to support the Oldman Watershed Council and to pay the yearly contribution amount of \$114.00. Carried

- c) **Barons AG Society**
The Barons AG Society is asking for donation of cash or merchandise for the upcoming Annual Turkey Bingo.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to donate \$100.00 to the Barons AG Society Annual Turkey Bingo. Carried

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck