

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
November 8, 2016**

- Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor
Sel Golding, Councillor
- Absent:*** Dan Coulter, Village Foreman
Byron Fraser, Fire Chief
- Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 5:58 p.m.
- Guests:*** None
- Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**
- Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the October 11, 2016 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Mayor Weistra to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2016 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- To accept the minutes of the October 11, 2016 Organizational Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Councillor Golding to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2016 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- Business Arising:***
- a. Tank Remediation Program**
EBA Tetra Tech plans on sampling the groundwater at the Gazebo site within the next few days. The soil vapour extraction unit at the public works building appears to be working as designed during the last few visits out to Barons.
- Village Foreman Report:*** Foreman Coulter reports that he has been trimming trees and fixing equipment. Gravel has been ordered and hopes to get some spread this week. There is a concern with the residents throwing things over the fence onto Village property (cocchia, garbage and rocks) rather than disposing of it properly. Discussion. This poses an unsightly condition in addition to being a fire hazard. There are the two trucks behind the Village Office where they can

deposit the weeds, etc. Council would like the residents along Blayney Avenue to be sent a notice to request that they cease throwing things over the fence and dispose of these items accordingly. The grass and wood trucks will be taken out of use for the season at the end of November but will be available again in the spring. Concern was raised by a resident that the Village had compromised a ditch in the back of the residents on Blayney Avenue by putting in dirt – this was not the drainage ditch but an area lying west of the drainage ditch. It was explained that the Village needed to have an area whereby the Village vehicles/machinery could access the property. After checking with MPE, there is indeed a secondary ditch right next to the residences but it will not compromise this ditch if the Village would put in a culvert so that any water would move down to the intended area.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra that the Administrator is to send a letter to the residents along Blayney Avenue requesting that they cease throwing weeds, garbage and other materials over the fence onto Village land and dispose of these items accordingly.
Carried

Administrator Report:

Administrator Beck and Fire Chief Fraser attended the AFRRCs (Alberta First Responders' Radio Communication System) meeting. More information will be shared at a later date. Civic Solutions was at the Office to start the preliminary TCA (Tangible Capital Asset) for 2016. Administrator Beck and Foreman Coulter had a meeting with MPE Engineering regarding the treated water storage project. As per AB Transportation, the Village needs to update the cost for this project even though it has not been approved. Keith Schenhur from AB Transportation reports that if the project was put forward and did receive funding, the grant would be 50% government and 50% municipal so Council will have to determine if the Village would still proceed with the project. The Village Office received two quotes for renovation of the office. The Contractor is working on the office renovation project. Chairs and a table have been purchased for the Council chambers from a MSI Capital Grant program. Administrator Beck attended the LGAA regular Zone meeting held at Nobleford. Questions were posed by the zone members to the representatives from AB Municipal Affairs was what was going to happen with MSI funding and the carbon tax. Briefly spoke of the changes coming forward with the new Municipal Government Act and how it would affect our communities. In addition to zone members, attending the meeting were MLA Pat Steir and MLA David Schneider who gave a brief rundown of their activities. CAO Kirk

Hofman made a presentation of the “Nobleford Experience” to the zone members. Administrator Beck updated the village website to include the 2015 municipal utility and tax comparison charts, with permission from the CAO in Glenwood. Administrator Beck is currently working with Coalhurst, Coaldale and Picture Butte on the Joint Community Peace Officer Shared Agreement. This is in preparation of submission for signing the agreement by the respective councils. A Village GIC comes due November 13th so Administrator Beck has re-invested it for another year. The AG Society is looking for a donation from the Village for the Annual Turkey Bingo.

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

Correspondence:

- Bylaw Enforcement November schedule
- AB Municipal Affairs – MSI Grant Application Acceptance
- CFLR – Accelerate South 50 Conference
- AB Municipal Affairs – MSI Conditional Grant Acceptance
- Lethbridge County – Committee Appointment
- City of Lethbridge – Tipping Rates for 2017
- Oldman Watershed Council Annual Report
- RCMP Picture Butte September Traffic Stats
- AUMA – Municipal Government Act
- AB Municipal Affairs – Alberta Community Partnership Program
- FCSS – Rural Seniors Conferences Award
- Bylaw Enforcement Monthly Report for October, 2016
- Federal Opposition email re carbon pricing

Financial Reports:

Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for October, 2016.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the accounts payable for the month of October, 2016. Carried

Motion made by Councillor Golding to approve the monthly statements for October, 2016. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
No report at this time.
- b) **Fire Department**
Three members of the Fire Department are taking the Officer Level 1 course. The rescue vehicle is not working again so will contact CR Mechanical to come look at and repair.

c) **Green Acres**

Spoke about the Seniors Lodges and the governments proposed carbon tax rebates. Concerns were raised that rebates will go to the individuals instead of the lodges. Dawna Coslovi spoke to representatives from the Provincial Government regarding their decision of who gets the rebates. The schedule of lodge Christmas parties have been sent.

d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**

At the meeting, members of CFLR ratified loans and spoke about the Canada 150 grant, which funding is a 1/3 grant – third for municipal, provincial and federal. Discussion was held about the upcoming Christmas party. The next meeting will be comprised of planning, processing and procedures.

e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**

A joint conference will be held November 23 – 25. There will be a board retreat with the staff in Canmore sometime in the future. Seniors Award was discussed.

f) **Mayors and Reeves**

It was reported that the Low German Mennonite program will be making a presentation about their school due to fears that they may lose their funding. Representative from Uber made a presentation to the board. They would like to start up in Lethbridge but the government is demanding that all drivers must have a class 4 license. A film was presented regarding water usage. Spoke about the electric vehicle charging stations. Elections were held – Lorne Hickey is the chair. Tom Butler is the vice chair. Bovine tuberculosis was briefly discussed and concerns were raised.

g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**

No report at this time.

h) **Chinook Arch Library System**

No report at this time.

i) **AG Society**

Alberta Association of AG Societies meeting was held in October. Concerns have been expressed with leaf blowing/bagging leaves and the board is looking for someone to look after the leaves and shoveling the sidewalks in the winter. This year's New Year's bash will be a go but the board hasn't determined what they will be having.

j) **Emergency Advisory Committee**

No report at this time.

k) **CPO Regionalization Committee**

No report at this time.

New Business:

a. **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.

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

b. **MP Rachel Harder – Invitation to Discussion & Dessert**

Information – Mayor Weistra will be attending this event on behalf of the Village of Barons.

Executive Session:

Legal

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to go incamera at 6:45 p.m. Carried

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to come out of camera at 7:00 pm.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to continue to refer all correspondence from UCANU or Keith Nodwell to the Village lawyer, Norman and Company. Carried

Adjournment:

Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck