

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
January 10, 2017**

- Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor
Sel Golding, Councillor
- Absent:*** Byron Fraser, Fire Chief
Dan Coulter, Village Foreman
- Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 5:58 p.m.
- Guests:*** **Sgt. Tom Howell, Picture Butte Detachment, RCMP**
Was not in attendance.
- Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Councillor Golding to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**
- Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Mayor Weistra to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- Business Arising:***
- a. Tank Remediation Program**
No report at this time.
 - b. Storm Water Project**
No report at this time.
- Village Foreman Report:*** Spent most time doing snow removal. Foreman Coulter started making ice at the tennis courts. Still have more watering to do before the ice will be good for skating. Also has spent time working on repairs to different vehicles.
- Administrator Report:*** A resident called requesting a copy of the audited financial statement for 2015. This was copied and sent. A revised quote from Metercor has been received. This was for an automated meter reading program and equipment including new water meters. The revised quote has come in \$2,641.65 higher than the original quote of April 18, 2016. MSI Capital grant funding is in place for this project for \$42,000.00 but the cost is \$44,641.65. Should the Administrator use other grant funds to make up the difference or

use general funds? The statement of funding and expenditures has been completed for the Storm Water Project and had been submitted to Alberta Transportation prior to Christmas.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to fund the remaining cost of \$2,641.65 out of the reserves. Carried

Correspondence:

- Town of Coalhurst – Cost of Garbage Collection and Tipping Fees effective April 1, 2017.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Estimated Change to 2017 Linear Property Assessment
- Diane Horvath, ORRSC Planner – Holiday Schedule
- Green Acres – Piyami Lodge
- SouthGrow – December Bulletin

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for December, 2016.

Motion made by Councillor Golding to approve the accounts payable for the month of December, 2016. Carried

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the monthly statements for December, 2016. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
No report at this time.
- b) **Fire Department**
No report at this time.
- c) **Green Acres**
No report at this time.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
CFLR is looking at becoming a shareholder with the different companies applying for funding. Instead of just lending money, CFLR can become part owner. Concerns were raised as to risk. The committee ratified a few loans.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
The playground was tentatively approved by the Town of Coaldale. Retreat is still scheduled for later this month. The Board is re-writing the personnel policy for FCSS staff. March 9th will be the All Council's meeting.

- f) **Mayors and Reeves**
Rural Doctors Association made a presentation to Mayors and Reeves. This group is hoping to attract local kids that are going to be coming out of the University as physicians. Spoke about broadband.
- g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**
No report at this time.
- h) **Chinook Arch Library System**
No report at this time.
- i) **AG Society**
The AG Society made a \$200.00 donation to the Carmangay Junior Bonspiel. Mistletoe Market and the Turkey Bingo were successful. Snow removal and leave removal set. Rene Turner is now the caretaker while Cammy Pariseau still takes the booking.
- j) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
No report at this time.
- k) **CPO Regionalization Committee**
Meeting held on the December 16th at Coaldale. It was more of an introduction meeting with all communities involved. A regular meeting will be held February 16, 2017.

New Business:

- a. **MP Rachel Harder Meeting**
MP Harder would like to touch base with Council as it serves as a way for her to better understand Barons' state with respect to funding, needs, etc. She has openings for either March 13 or 14th and would like to meet with as many council members as possible.

Motion made by Councillor Golding to propose March 14, 2017 as a date of availability for Council to attend a meeting.
Carried

- b. **Assessment Services Contract Renewal**
Council was presented with the renewal contract for assessment services submitted by The Muniserve Corporation, for their consideration.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza that the Village of Barons approve and sign the Assessment Services Contract renewal between The Muniserve Corporation and the Village of Barons for assessment services.
Carried

c. Carmangay Junior Bonspiel

The Carmangay Junior Bonspiel is requesting a donation to assist with trophies and prizes. As in previous years, the Village of Barons has donated \$100.00

Motion made by Councillor Golding to donate \$100.00 to the Carmangay Junior Bonspiel. Carried

d. Planning Session Dates

Council was asked to put forward available dates for the 2017 planning year. After consensus, February 23rd is the date decided on and it will be at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

Adjournment of the meeting was at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck