

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
Of the Village of Barons
July 18, 2024**

Present: Daniel Doell, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor
Clinton Bishop, Councillor
Jen Durell, Administrator

Recording Secretary: Jen Durell, Recording Secretary

Call to Order: 12:57 pm

Guests: **W. and R. Vrooman, B. Baird, K. Hickman, B. and R. Gullickson, S. Sarazin, C. Beierbach, M. Schmale, C. Shaw, A. de Valois, M. Van der Velden, B. Christianson**

Purpose of Meeting: **Request to Lease Fire Hall Building**
R. Vrooman spoke of how their current building is being sold so are looking for alternate places to relocate to. The fire hall is being seen as an option for their business.

They propose to use the building to offer more on demand products (food), as well as convenience items, bathrooms, etc. Speaks of the space they want to use, rent consideration, utilities and being responsible for the maintenance of the building (walls, floors) as well as the exterior of the building. Speaks of increases to Village expenses and this is offering a revenue source to the Village. Has presented letters to council from patrons. W. Vrooman spoke of issues re: woodshop and that the woodshop doesn't have to be a part of it if it will cause problems (building the wall, ventilation, etc).

Residents asked if the Village is going to be using the building and a resident spoke of the History Centre offering bathrooms. Some residents spoke of the convenience of having a store in this community. Other residents spoke of liability. One resident suggested that the Village should go with a per sq feet payment.

The Vroomans said they were prepared to spend approximately \$1000.00/ month plus utilities, with the rent increasing by \$250.00 each year for the three year term, ending with \$1500.00/month.

Insurance costs were talked about as well as utilities The Vrooman's believe that because we are a small community, that they shouldn't have to pay big insurance rates.

Council was presented with a letter requesting to lease the building known as the Fire Hall. Discussion was held.

Council needs to decide if they will allow someone to lease the building. Councillor Bishop states that he is in favour of allowing someone to lease the building.

Motion made by Councillor Bishop to approve the fire hall building for rental purposes, and to direct Administration to initiate contract negotiations for a lease with the applicant.

In favour: Councillor Bishop

Opposed: Mayor Doell and Deputy Mayor Gorzitza

Motion defeated 2 to 1.

Mayor Doell suggested that Council move to a closed session under Section 24 of FOIP – Advice from Officials.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to go incamera under FOIP Section 24 – Advice from Officials at 2:04 pm

Carried

Motion made by Mayor Doell to come out of camera at 2:53 pm.

Carried

Motion made by Councillor Bishop to approve the fire hall building for rental purposes, and to direct Administration to initiate contract negotiations for a lease with the applicant.

Carried

Adjournment:

Adjournment was at 2:54 pm

Mayor – Daniel Doell

Administrator – Jen Durell