

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
January 9, 2018**

Present: Ed Weistra, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor
Michelle Tarditi, Councillor
Dan Coulter, Village Foreman

Absent: Byron Fraser, Fire Chief

Recording Secretary: Laurie Beck, Administrator

Call to Order: Call to order at 6:00 p.m.

Guests: None

Approval of Agenda: **Addition:**
Minutes:
November 15, 2017 Special meeting.

Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the agenda with the addition as presented. Carried

Minutes: To accept the minutes of the December 12, 2017 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2017 Regular Council meeting. Carried

To accept the minutes of the November 15, 2017 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2017 Special Council meeting. Carried

Business Arising: a. **Tank Remediation Program**
No information at this time.

Village Foreman Report: Water main break by the hall started with a crack. When the Noble Street water break happened, the storm sewer line was affected. Still has to fix the storm sewer line. At the Noble Street location, the water line was 10 feet down. A saddle was put on the line as the main split about a foot. Three valves were dug out to isolate the line on Nobleford Street. Foreman Coulter turned on the fire pump at the water plant to reduce the pressure. Replaced a meter at one residence and had a couple of small breaks at other places. Snow removal on going.

Administrator Report: Had Civic Solutions in to begin the 2017 Tangible Capital Asset reporting in preparation for the 2017 audit. Telus was called to fix the fax machine line as there was no dial tone. Councillor Tarditi had

inquiry re website hosting and new federal smoking laws. A copy of the signed Website/IT contract was given to council for their information. Concern was raised about having a more secured email. After research, Federal smoking laws do not apply to Provincial municipalities.

Correspondence:

- ORRSC 2018 Subdivision Application Fee Increase
- Alberta Infrastructure, Canada Infrastructure Plan
- Bylaw Enforcement Stats for week December 17 – 23, 2017

Financial Reports:

Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for December, 2017.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the month of December, 2017. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statements for December, 2017. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
Diane Horvath, Planner would like to get some dates from Council to review the community survey results and to discuss the process to finish off the draft Municipal Development Plan (MDP). A date of February 20, 2018 at 1:30 was suggested.
- b) **Fire Department**
Reminder of the meeting with the County Emergency Services Committee on January 10th at 11:00 a.m. at the fire hall. A copy of Draft 3 has been provided to all Council. The Christmas event sponsored by the Tarditi's went well. Attended a table top exercise regarding mutual aid i.e. ECC, incident command. Chief Fraser reported that the workshop was really good. Chief Fraser finished and passed the Safety Codes course.
- c) **Green Acres**
Orientation was held for the new people on the board. A financial consultant will be coming in to advise Green Acres
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
Cleaned up policies and had final approvals for them. Business included ratifying a few loans. A presentation was made by London Road Marketing who help people market their municipality, etc.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
No report at this time.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**
Concerns were brought up regarding the differences between the MLA's and MP's. Rachael Harder offered a round table on rural crime and she would like to hear municipalities regarding their issues. AHS gave

speech regarding the services they offer. AUMA and AAMDC want to collaborate together.

- g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**
None
- h) **Chinook Arch Library System**
Attended supper. Financial reports, renovations are being done on the building. Sending out the information as to who comprises the executive.
- i) **AG Society**
Mary Bishop is the new president.
- j) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
No report at this time.
- k) **CPO Regionalization Committee**
Tentatively on March 13, 2018, an Open House is scheduled. The CPO's will provide a report and give the opportunity to look at the vehicles and equipment.
- l) **Carmangay Library**
A new librarian has been hired. New programs are being offered all the time.

New Business:

- a. **Nobleford Water Treatment Plant Reservoir**
Nobleford needs to increase the treated water storage as there is not sufficient capacity for all user groups (Barons, County and Nobleford) during peak usage times. Nobleford applied for funding for the project and was able to obtain a 50/50 grant. The total project cost is \$869,000.00 to which \$434,500.00 is grant funded. That leaves \$434,500.00 to be funded amongst the users. Barons share of this project would be approximately \$35,000.00. The other alternative would be that Barons share of the cost could be reflected in the water rates.

Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to not invest in Nobleford's treated water storage and have Baron's share of the upgrade be reflected in the cost of treated water. Carried

- b. **Meeting with Rachael Harder, MP**
Yearly Ms. Harder likes to come out to the communities to speak to Council about some of their concerns. Suggested dates are February 20 and 21, 2018 in the day time. (Feb. 19 is family day)

Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to suggest the date of February 20, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.as a possible date to meet with Rachael Harder, MP. Carried

- c. **Town of Coalhurst Garbage Collection Service Agreement**
Council was presented with the Garbage Collection Service Agreement between the Town of Coalhurst and the Village of Barons for their consideration.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to sign the Garbage Collection Service Agreement for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020. Carried

Executive Session:

Offer to Purchase

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to go incamera at 7:11 pm. Carried

Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to come out of camera at 7:15 pm. Carried

Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to accept the offer of \$10,000.00 to purchase the property known as 207 Railway Avenue. Carried

Adjournment:

Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck