

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
December 11, 2018**

- Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor
Michelle Tarditi, Councillor
- Absent:*** Brian Passmore, Village Foreman
Byron Fraser, Fire Chief
- Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 5:51 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 November 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- Business Arising:*** None
- Village Foreman Report:*** Been plowing and sanding the streets. Put up new Christmas lights at the entrance to Barons and at the gazebo. Public Works foreman has been going through the scrap out at the yard and shop. Some maintenance was done on the Kubota. During the time off during the Christmas break, it is the plan to replace some of the lights in the Village buildings.
- Administrator Report:*** Civic Solutions started the 2018 Tangible Capital Asset (TCA) audit. Letters were sent to those accounts that have outstanding taxes that an additional 12% penalty will be levied on January 1, 2018. This excludes all that have a payment contract with the Village. The Village Office roof renovations are now complete. At the entrance to the Village, additional Christmas lighting was purchased including the sled and reindeer. The Village lawyer was consulted regarding the removal of the chain link fence and removal and sale of the gensets located on Railway Avenue that the owner was trying to broker a deal on the equipment and scrap metal. It is the lawyer's position that the chain link fence must not be removed and the Village will not take any position and will play no role with respect to the proposed removal and sale of the gensets. This information was relayed to both respective parties via email. The Carmangay Junior Bonspiel will be having their bonspiel January 18 – 20, 2019 and are looking for donations. As in past

years, Barons has donated to this. A resident called and left a message that demanded that the Bylaw Fines that they had incurred be removed from their account. A student attending the Carmangay Outreach School is looking to collect non-perishable foods, clothes, shoes, jackets and other life necessities for the Streets Alive in Lethbridge. This person was asking if Barons would participate in this endeavor. Administrator Beck has a meeting on Thursday with Lethbridge County regarding the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF).

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to donate \$100.00 to the Carmangay Junior Bonspiel. Carried

Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to permit the handout of flyers to the citizens of Barons by Lisa Driedger, who is looking for donations to the Streets Alive in Lethbridge. Carried

Motion made Mayor Weistra to not remove the Bylaw Fines from the Duncan’s account as they were incurred by violating the Traffic Bylaw as they are parking a semi –truck in a residential area. Carried

Correspondence:

- Government of Alberta – Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation Summary
- Town of Coalhurst – Review of Cost of Services letter
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – City Charters Fiscal Framework Act
- AUMA – City Charters Fiscal Framework Act
- Alberta Emergency Management – Testing of the Emergency Public Alerting System
- Oldman Watershed Council thank you card and invite to attend Celebration of Appreciation

Financial Reports:

Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for November, 2018.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the month of November, 2018. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statements November, 2018. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
Annual meeting – vote was held for the Executive. Membership fees will go up by 1.58 percent. This includes the GIS project and the basic rates.
- b) **Fire Department**
One Fire Department member did not receive an honorarium as the Fire Chief thought as he had not put forth any effort to attend meetings or calls – he showed up only 27%. Fire Chief Fraser felt that he hadn’t earned anything. The Fire Department received donations from Gibb’s

Insurance, Gibb's Agencies and Barons Elks for the purchase of another thermal imaging camera, portable tank for water storage and new gas monitors for testing. Administrator Beck to contract Chief Fraser to ensure that the wording of honorarium is used in the proper context in the future. Training is ongoing. The continuation of the 1001 course will start again in January.

- c) **Green Acres**
Meeting was held regarding general meeting with orientation to be held in January.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
Had received confirmation letters from other municipalities re representation. Reconciled a few loans. Chairperson attended an AG meeting and shared the changes.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
No report at this time.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**
Trying to get changes through for Broadband. (SouthGrow) The government is still looking at a replacement for MSI grant funding program.
- g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**
No report at this time.
- h) **Chinook Arch Library System**
No report at this time.
- i) **AG Society**
No report at this time.
- j) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
No report at this time.
- k) **CPO Regionalization Committee**
No report at this time.
- l) **Carmangay Library**
No report at this time.

New Business:

- a. **Interim Budget 2019**
Council was presented with the 2019 Interim Budget for their consideration.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the 2019 Interim Budget. Carried

b. Village Holiday Schedule

As in previous years, the Village Office and Public Works have been closed between Christmas and New Year's. It is proposed that the Office and Public Works be closed between noon on December 20th to January 2nd, 2019 inclusive.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to close the Village Office and Public Works at 12:00 noon on December 20th and remain closed until January 2nd, 2019. Carried

c. Wages/Christmas Bonuses

It is the recommendation to provide a cost of living increase of 2.8% for the Administrator.

As in keeping with previous years, it is recommended that a Christmas bonus of \$500.00 for Administrator Beck and to provide \$150.00 Christmas bonus to Brian Passmore and Liz Biddlecombe. It is also recommended that a \$75.00 gift certificate to Safeway be given to Franz Zuercher and Byron Fraser in recognition of their contribution to the community of Barons.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve a 2.8% cost of living increase for both theand Administrator. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to provide a Christmas bonus of \$500.00 for Administrator Beck and to provide \$150.00 Christmas bonus to Village Foreman Passmore and Liz Biddlecombe and \$75.00 to both Chief Fraser and Franz Zuercher. Carried

Executive Session:

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to go incamera at 6:38 pm Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to go out of camera at 6:52 p.m.

Adjournment:

Adjournment of the meeting was at 6:54 p.m.