

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
December 10, 2019**

Present: Ed Weistra, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor
Michelle Tarditi, Councillor via teleconference
Brian Passmore, Village Foreman

Absent: Byron Fraser, Fire Chief

Recording Secretary: Laurie Beck, Administrator

Call to Order: Call to order at 6:01 p.m.

Guests: **Barons AG Society – Community Hall**
Glen Turner, President of the AG Society spoke of the AG Society request for repair at the community hall. What they are looking for is a brace for the stage and to put up a plywood board in the basement. He also was looking for clarification on the agreement between the Village and the AG Society. Question was what is considered inside maintenance and what is outside. The AG Society has put on the eavestroughs and a new roof which are all considered outside. Council asked why the Elks club couldn't do the repairs. It was reported that the outside light is out in the front of the buildings – the village will replace. Council directed Administrator Beck to have Byron Fraser come out to the community hall, take a look at what is required and to give an estimate on what is needed with respect to the brace on the stage.

S/Sgt Glenn Henry – RCMP Role in the Community & Emergency Management

Update on policing. Doing a pilot project – Coaldale RCMP detachment has assumed control of the Picture Butte Detachment. The RCMP building will still be utilized by the RCMP. There will be an amalgamation of the departments – alone there are seventeen members in the Coaldale RCMP. Coaldale will absorb the four constables from Picture Butte into their shift schedule. The plan is to keep the members in their assigned zones. It is anticipated that the RCMP could realize more efficiency. It was stated that the change should not affect response times - in fact there should be an increase. S/Sgt Henry emphasized the importance of encouraging residents to report crime. The RCMP is looking for a cooperative relationship between themselves and the municipalities they serve.

Bill Seymour – AB Emergency Management Agency

Mr. Seymour brought in a slide show regarding the Emergency Management Legislative Review. Mr. Seymour introduced

himself and provided an update to some of the changes with respect to AB Emergency Management Agency. Provided an overall picture of what AB Emergency Management does and how it can help. Suggested that a hazard and risk assessment analysis be done or have it updated as it was noted that it had not been done since 2015.

Approval of Agenda:**Addition: New Business*****f) Emergency Management***

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

Minutes:

To accept the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Regular Council meeting.

Carried

Village Foreman Report:

Plow and sander are working well. Everything else in the Village is running well.

Administrator Report:

Had attended meetings at the Lethbridge County Office regarding the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework and attended along with Mayor Weistra, a meeting at ORRSC regarding the Intermunicipal Development Plan between Barons and Lethbridge County. Civic Solutions was here to prepare for the Tangible Capital Asset information needed for the auditors. The digitizing of the minutes is ongoing – currently working on the year 1992. All motions are being typed up for easy reference. After this is completed, the intent is to have all Village Bylaws digitized. Lethbridge County has been invoiced in the amount of \$40,400 for the 2019 fire services. Administrator Beck is obtaining all necessary quotes and support letters in preparation to make the application for grant funding for the development of the subdivision.

Correspondence:

- Municipal Services and Legislation – Municipal Census Data
- RMA Insurance – Damage Deductible increase
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Legislated requirements re Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework and Intermunicipal Development Plan
- Alberta Transportation - Alberta Emergency Alerts and Highway Events
- Bylaw Enforcement Activity Report – October 24 – November 21, 2019
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – MSI Funding
- ORRSC – 2020 Subdivision Fee Increase
- Alberta Justice and Solicitor General – Police Funding Model

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for the month of November 2019. Council was also presented with the income/expense statement ending November 30, 2019.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the month of November 2019. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statements for November 2019. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
Elections were held – executive stayed the same. The fees for all services will be going up by 1%.
- b) **Fire Department**
The Fire Department members have attended a few tougher calls lately but are making sure everyone is doing what they need to make sure they stay mentally healthy. Calls have been slower in this last quarter.
- c) **Green Acres**
At the recent meeting there was election of some new members to the executive and financial committees. Discussion was held regarding a facility in Coalhurst but the plans are on hold.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
No report at this time.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
Went through the annual plan and wages.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**
No report at this time.
- g) **Chinook Arch Library System**
Elected new members to the board. Good dinner. A meeting in Jasper will be held in the new year.
- h) **AG Society**
No report at this time.
- i) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
No report at this time.

- j) **Carmangay Library**
No report at this time.

New Business:

- a) **Interim Budget 2020**
The 2020 Interim Budget was presented to Council for their consideration.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the 2020 Interim Budget as presented. Carried

- b) **Civic Solutions – Contract Renewal for Tangible Capital Asset Reporting**
Council was presented with the Contract renewal document between Civic Solutions and the Village of Barons for Civic Solutions to continue providing the services of reporting on Tangible Capital Assets for the Village of Barons.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to renew the contract between Civic Solutions and the Village of Barons for Tangible Capital Asset reporting. Carried

- c) **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 23rd to January 6th, 2020 inclusive.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to close the Village Office and Public Works at 12:00 noon on December 23rd and remain closed until January 6th, 2020. Carried

- d) **Wages/Christmas Bonuses**
It is the recommendation to provide a cost of living increase of 2.7% for the Administrator and Public Works.

It is the recommendation that Casual Employees be provided a \$1.00 per hour increase – from \$17.00 to \$18.00. This would be the first increase since December 2016.

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

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve a 1.5% cost of living increase for both the Public Works Foreman and Administrator.
Carried

Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to provide a Christmas bonus of \$250.00 for Administrator Beck and Public Works Foreman Passmore and to provide \$100.00 Christmas bonus to Liz Biddlecombe and \$75.00 to both Chief Fraser, Dan Coulter and \$40.00 for Jen Durell.
Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve a \$1.00/hr wage increase for all casual staff.
Carried

- e) **Carmangay Junior Bonspiel Donation Request**
As in previous years, Barons has supported the Carmangay Junior Bonspiel with a donation of \$100.00. This request was submitted to Council for their consideration.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to donate \$100.00 to the Carmangay Junior Bonspiel that will be held in January 2020.
Carried

- f) **Emergency Management**
Deferred until January 2020.

Executive Session: Administrator's Yearly Evaluation
FOIP ACT – 17(4)(f)

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to go incamera at 7:32 pm
Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to come out of camera at 7:52 pm.
Carried

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck