

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
December 8, 2021**

***Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor  
Dan Doell, Deputy Mayor

***Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator  
Jennifer Durell, Assistant Administrator

***Call to Order:*** Call to order at 10:07 a.m.

***Purpose of Meeting:*** Minutes of Previous Meetings, Monthly Statements/Cheque Register, Correspondence, Rezoning Request, Grant Application Approval, Interim Budget 2022, Village Holiday Schedule, Wages/Christmas Bonuses

***Approval of Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the November 4, 2021 Special Council Meeting as presented.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2021 Special Council meeting.  
Carried**

***Financial Reports:*** Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly financial statements for the month of November, 2021 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the monthly statement for November, 2021. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to approve the accounts payable for November, 2021. Carried**

***Correspondence:***

- Email – Lethbridge County re Reeve and Deputy Reeve appointment
- List of Mayors/Deputy Mayors for Lethbridge and area
- High Level Law – Writ Registration
- Bank Reconciliation October, 2021
- Lethbridge County – Letter of Introduction
- Lethbridge County – Intermunicipal Committee Appointment
- Lethbridge County – Emergency Advisory Committee

- Interim Fire Chief COVID Protocols
  - Alberta Ombudsman
  - Library Association of Alberta
  - Rachel Thomas, MP – New Horizons for Seniors Program
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- Lethbridge County Fire Service – Report on Recycling Trailer
  - Lethbridge County – Fire Ban
  - Green Acres Foundation – Presentation to Council
  - ORRSC – Christmas Greetings
  - FCSS – Increase in Requisition for 2022

***New Business:***

**a) Rezoning Request**

A request has been made to rezone the property known as Plan 2605X, Block 6, Lots 28 – 35 from Commercial to Residential. Discussion.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to deny the request from rezoning of the property known as Plan 2605X, Block 6, Lots 28 – 35.**

**Carried**

**b) Grant Application Approval**

MPE has submitted the application for funding for the retrofit of the sewer lift station.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra that the Village of Barons make application to the AMWWP program for the Lift Station Upgrades and Forcemain Twinning project.**

**Carried**

**c) Interim Budget 2022**

Council was presented with the 2022 Interim Budget for their consideration.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to approve the 2022 Interim Budget.**

**Carried**

**d) County Water Line**

A complaint was made by a user of the water line directly west of Barons. Council will need to determine as to where does the Village go from here as the line was put in improperly and is a liability to the Village.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to send letters to the users of this line that the Village is providing six months written notice as to the abandonment of this line unless the county ratepayers are willing to pay the necessary funds to bring this system into compliance.**

**Carried**

**e) 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 4th, 2022 inclusive.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to close the Village Office and Public Works at 12:00 noon on December 23rd and remain closed until January 4th, 2022. Carried**

**f) Wages/Christmas Bonuses**

It is the recommendation to provide a cost-of-living increase of 4.7% for the Administrator and Public Works. It is also recommended that the Assistant Administrator be provided a wage increase to \$35,000 per year.

As in keeping with previous years, it is recommended that a Christmas bonus of \$500.00 for Administrator, Public Works Foreman and the Administrative Assistant.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve a 4.7% cost of living increase for both the Public Works Foreman and Administrator. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to provide a wage increase to \$35,000 per annum for the Administrative Assistant. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to provide a Christmas bonus of \$500.00 for Administrator Beck, Public Works Foreman Passmore and the Assistant Administrator Durell. Carried**

**Closed Session**

**a) Administrator's Yearly Evaluation  
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**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to go incamera at 10:50 a.m.**

**Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to come out of camera at 11:00 a.m.**

**Carried**

***Adjournment:***

Adjournment of the meeting was at 11:03 a.m.

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**Mayor – Ed Weistra**

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**Administrator – Laurie Beck**