

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
January 25, 2022**

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

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

***Call to Order:*** Call to order at 10:14 a.m.

***Purpose of Meeting:*** Minutes of Previous Meetings, Monthly Statements/Cheque Register, Correspondence,

***Approval of Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the December 8, 2021 Special Council Meeting as presented.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021 Special Council meeting.  
Carried**

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

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to approve the monthly statement for December, 2021. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for December, 2021. Carried**

***Correspondence:***

- Bylaw Enforcement Report – December, 2021
- Bank Reconciliation – November, 2021
- Bruce McLeod – Alberta Municipalities Representative
- Chinook Arch December Board Report
- Revised Chinook Arch Library System Agreement
- Town of Coalhurst – Garbage Increase
- MPE – Progress Certificate
- Fortis 2022 Distribution Rates

- Alberta Municipalities – Year End Review
- Oldman Watershed Council
- Wastewater Lift Station and Trunk Main Upgrades Cost Estimate
  
- ORRSC Council Orientation Rescheduled
- Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development – Congratulations to those successful in the 2021 municipal elections
- Town of Tofield – Rural Alberta, Adolescent Vaccine Provision
- Barons Fire Department - Update
- Chinook Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Fees
- EMS Pressure and Mitigation Plan Memo

***New Business:***

- a) **Recycling Trailer**  
 Received information from the adjusters regarding the status of the claim on the recycling trailer. Discussion.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to have Assistant Administrator Durell obtain quotes for a replacement model of the same type of recycling trailer, in addition get quotes for recycling and yard waste collection services.**  
**Carried**

- b) **MP Rachel Thomas**  
 MP Rachel Thomas is requesting a meeting with Council for the Village of Barons. Her availability is February 22 – 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to provide the tentative date of February 22<sup>nd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for the proposed meeting.**  
**Carried**

- c) **Hotel**  
 An order and a writ has been placed on the Edmonton property. Council is asked to make a decision with respect to forcing the sale of said property in Edmonton.

**Motion made by to proceed with sale of the Edmonton area lands and to submit the retainer, Consolidated Civil Enforcement in the amount of \$1,323.00.**  
**Carried**

- d) **West Water Line**  
 A request from one of the users on the west water line are asking if the Village would provide non-potable water via the line. Administrator Beck contacted Alberta Environment and they responded that as this line does not meet the Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) criteria, it is not regulated by AEP but that Alberta Health Services (AHS) would be the

regulator. In any event, AEP suggests that there must be a backflow preventer in place between the potable and nonpotable lines.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to deny the request to use the line as a non-potable water source. Carried**

e) **Emergency Management – Regionalization**  
 Meeting was held with the different municipalities and the county regarding a regionalization of Emergency Management services. It appears that most communities are in favour of pursuing this idea. The next step will be putting out a survey gathering information from each municipality which will show what each community has and does in regards to Emergency Management.

f) **ATB Financial**  
 The Village has the opportunity to apply to have direct deposit for its payroll and to allow for the Village to pay online the monthly Canada Revenue Agency.

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to apply for direct deposit for payroll and set up online payment for Revenue Canada. Carried**

g) **Hotel**  
 The Village’s lawyer advised that the son of the owner of the hotel site may come forward with a settlement and would Council entertain such an offer.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra that the Village will entertain no less than total cleanup of the site and the lots be brought back to a status of an undeveloped lot including landscaping, and that all materials be disposed of properly using the regulations of contaminated materials. The site must be cleaned up to the satisfaction of the Village of Barons before considering signing-off. Carried**

**Closed Session None**

**Adjournment:** Adjournment of the meeting was at 10:57 a.m.

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**Mayor – Ed Weistra**

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**Administrator – Laurie Beck**