

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
April 19, 2022**

- Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor  
Daniel Doell, Deputy Mayor  
Ron Gorzitza, Councillor  
Brian Passmore, Village Foreman
- Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 1:02 p.m.
- Guests:*** None
- Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**
- Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the March 8, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- To accept the minutes of the March 23, 2022 Budget/Planning Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2022 Budget/Planning Meeting. Carried**
- To accept the minutes of the April 13, 2022 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2022 Special Council meeting. Carried**
- Business Arising:*** a) Hotel Site  
The contractor is now working on cleaning up the hotel site.
- Village Foreman Report:*** There has been no water breaks, etc. Road on the second block of Main Street has lifted – will wait until it has dried up a bit before repairing. There are barricades up so that people will drive around it. The summer employment position has been advertised. Last week MPE Engineering was out at the sewer lagoon and suggested that they will put in screw piles instead of a cement pad.

**Administrator Report:** Administration has been working closely with the Village’s auditor on the 2021 financial audit. In addition, all changes needed for

compliance of the Municipal Accountability Program is now completed. The Town of Raymond has contacted those communities who have signed the Reciprocal Business Agreement to see if they are interested in continuing. A reply was sent to the Town of Raymond that the Village would like to see this continue.

- Correspondence:**
- February 2022 Bank Statement/Reconciliation
  - ORRSC – Notice of Application for Subdivision of Land
  - Village of Carmangay – Sharing of Services
  - Alberta Emergency Management Agency – Program Review Report
  - WCB/Insurance for KJN Excavating and Trucking
  - Letter from R. Anderson re Recycling Fees
  - Fox Creek – Utility Fees
  - Safety Codes Council – Annual Internal Review
  - ORRSC – Notice of Application for Subdivision of Land
  - Priddle Gibbs Insurance re: Recycling Trailer loss
  - Karen Willms, Interim Fire Chief – re closure of the Fire Department
  - Green Acres 2021 Report
  - March 2022 Bank Statement/Reconciliation
  - Town of Nobleford re: Firehall closure

**Financial Reports:** Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for the months of March, 2022.

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to approve the accounts payable for the month of March, 2022. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to approve the monthly statement for March, 2022. Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

- a) **ORRSC**  
No report at this time.
- b) **Fire Department**  
The lock at the Fire Hall has been disabled so now we would need to use a key to gain entry. Byron Fraser came out and did a quick

inventory of the hall and has sent out an inventory list to other departments.

c) **Green Acres**

Some of the lockdowns due to COVID in the different facilities have now been lifted.

- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Appreciation Dinner. Spoke of some bad loans. Met the new executive director. Looking for new business advisors. If any business needs the digital squad – they will help set up websites at no cost to the business.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
Had auditor from KPMG – everything was good. Things were a little bit lower than expected. Spoke of honorariums. Taber obtained a grant to pay for a banner for the veterans.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**  
Spoke about the Carbon tax and how the provincial government took off their portion of gas tax to help with the rising costs. Spoke of the new carrier out of Lethbridge airport. Spoke about short wave internet. Oldman Watershed Council said that Southern Alberta has a good snowpack but will need rain in the spring.
- g) **Chinook Arch Library System**  
Went over the budget and accounts. Looking to buy additional vehicles.
- h) **AG Society**  
Spoke about the AG Days and how good the participation was. Still looking at grants. For Family Day on July 9<sup>th</sup>, looking at using the old tennis court asphalt for putting on stencil. Different events will take place throughout the day.
- i) **Emergency Advisory Committee**  
No report at this time.
- j) **Carmangay Library**  
Reminder of updates for the newsletter and changing of the materials in the free library boxes.

***New Business:***

- a) **Bylaw #734 – Amendment to the Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw #733**  
Council was presented with Bylaw #734 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #734 a first time this 19th day of April, 2022. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #734 a second time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022. Carried**

**And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council a motion made by Mayor Weistra to hold a third and final reading this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022. Carried**

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #734 a third and final time and finally passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022. Carried**

**b) Bylaw #735 – Meeting Procedures Bylaw**

Council was presented with Bylaw #735 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #735 a first time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #735 a second time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022. Carried**

**And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council a motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to hold a third and final reading of Bylaw #735, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #735 a third and final time and finally passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022. Carried**

**c) Bylaw #736 – To repeal Bylaws #731, #695 and #665**

Council was presented with Bylaw #736 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #736 a first time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #736 a second time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022. Carried**

**And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Mayor Weisstra to hold a third and final reading of Bylaw #736, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #736 a third and final time and finally passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022. Carried**

**d) Bylaw #737 – Remuneration Bylaw**

Council was presented with Bylaw #737 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #737 a first time this 19th day of April, 2022. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #737 a second time this 19th day of April, 2022. Carried**

**And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to hold a third and final reading of Bylaw #737, this 19th day of April, 2022. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #737 a third and final time and finally passed this 19th day of April, 2022. Carried**

- e) **Bylaw #738 – Levying of Utility Rates**  
Council was presented with Bylaw #738 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #738 a first time this 19th day of April, 2022. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #738 a second time this 19th day of April, 2022. Carried**

**And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to hold a third and final reading of Bylaw #738, this 19th day of April, 2022. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #738 a third and final time and finally passed this 19th day of April, 2022. Carried**

- f) **Bylaw #739 – Fees for Service Bylaw**  
Council was presented with Bylaw #739 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #739 a first time this 19th day of April, 2022. Carried**

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #739 a second time this 19th day of April, 2022. Carried**

**And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to hold a third and final reading of Bylaw #739, this 19th day of April, 2022**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #739 a third and final time and finally passed this 19th day of April, 2022. Carried**



- g) Royal Canadian Legion Military Service Recognition Book**  
Each year the Village of Barons sponsors a business card ad in the Military Service Recognition Book for the Legion.

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to place a business card ad in the Royal Canadian Legion Military Service Recognition Book in the amount of \$315.00. Carried**

- h) Account Write-offs**  
Three outstanding accounts with charges stemming from 2016 and 2019 need to be written off.

CPR - \$1,600.00  
I. Duncan - \$600.00  
Axia - \$60.03

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to write off three accounts whose combined total is \$2,260.03. Carried**

- i) Education**  
The University of Alberta is offering a NACLAA Level 1 Program. Different courses include local government, local government finance, municipal law, public administration, professionalism, and organizational behavior and leadership.  
Would the Village consider funding this education. Administrator directed to research other certification programs and present to council at a later date.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to have the Administrator research other certification programs and present back to Council at a later date. Carried

***Closed Session:*** None

***Adjournment:*** Adjournment of the meeting was at 2:07 p.m.



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**Mayor – Ed Weistra**

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**Administrator – Laurie Beck**