

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
May 10, 2022**

- Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor
Daniel Doell, Deputy Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Councillor
Brian Passmore, Village Foreman
Laurie Beck, Administrator
- Recording Secretary:*** Jen Durell, Recording Secretary
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 12:51 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 April 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- To accept the minutes of the April 28, 2022 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Mayor Weistra to accept the minutes of the April 28, 2022 Special Council meeting. Carried**
- Business Arising:*** a) Hotel Site
The contractor is now working on cleaning up the hotel site.
Discussion was held.
- Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to instruct Administrator Beck to contact the property owner and have more topsoil brought in to level the site and eliminate the low spot in the center of the lot. Carried**
- Village Foreman Report:*** Foreman Passmore speaks of extra grass seed that the Village owns to eliminate the dirt blowing away from the hotel site as it is bare dirt. Cannot be done until the title has been transferred to the Village. Will remove the satellite dish and post from the hotel lot. Was in contact with River Rocks to measure out the road surface to

repair heaving in the overlay on Main Street. Discussion was held regarding materials to be used in the repair of the overlay. Working out at the lagoon to landscape/groundscape in preparation for the

upgrades to the sewer plant to be done. Foreman Passmore reports that his summer help has started now and is working out well so far.

Administrator Report: Administration has been quite busy with the liquidation of the Fire Department assets. Thank you must be extended to Lethbridge County for the use of their Manager of Fire Services, B. Fraser, allowing the Village of Barons to consult with him pertaining to the Fire Department. All financial statements have been sent to Municipal Affairs before the deadline of May 1, 2022. Working on updating all active/inactive bylaws.

Correspondence:

- ATB – GIC Investment
- Fire Underwriters – Grade changes
- Town of Taber – Increasing Utility Fees
- Lethbridge County – Fire Service District and Zone changes
- FortisAlberta – Online Mapping System Ending
- Carmangay Sports Day and Fair Invite – August 6, 2022
- Litterbug Bin Picture

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

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to approve the accounts payable for the month of April, 2022. Carried

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statement for April, 2022. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
No report at this time.
- b) **Fire Department**

No report at this time.

c) **Green Acres**

First in person meeting held since COVID restrictions lessened.
Discussion held re: land purchases. Retreat will be held in Waterton this upcoming weekend.

- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
First meeting held with the new manager of CFLR. A few hiccups so far, but they have faith that he will work out. KPMG in to discuss insolvencies and what CFLR can do.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
Meeting was held in Taber. FCSS won an international award for the “do crew”. Will be approaching the school to see if they would come to the village to bring them on board.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**
Discussion with MLA’s re: Ambulance service and how it is failing our communities. Brought out 10 rules for service re: AHS and how they’re looking to hire more medics and buy more ambulances to meet surging demand. The hope is that with new structuring, ambulances will stay within their communities instead of getting tied up in the larger centres.
- g) **Chinook Arch Library System**
No report at this time.
- h) **AG Society**
Had meeting last night. Spoke about Family Fun Day. They were assured that the village will be taking care of breakfast. Want to have judging for parade a little earlier to allow them for more time.
- i) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
No report at this time.
- j) **Carmangay Library**
Had some renovations completed (new furnace and A/C).

MAYOR WEISTRA DEPARTED MEETING AT 1:08PM

New Business:

- a) **Seniors’ Week – June 6 – 12, 2022**
Seniors’ Week will be June 6 – 12, 2022. Council was asked if they wish to do as in previous years and purchase a cake and have the Mayor present it to them.

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to proclaim June 6th to 12th as Seniors' Week in the Village of Barons and to purchase a cake in recognition thereof. Carried

b) Budget Meeting

Another meeting will be required to finalize the mill rate and tax bylaw.

Special meeting is set for May 26 at 1:00 pm.

b) Administrator Vacation Request

Administrator Beck requests June 16th – June 27, 2022 inclusive for vacation time.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to approve the vacation time request from Administrator Beck. Carried

Closed Session: None

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 1:13 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck