

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
November 8, 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 1:00 p.m.

Guests: None

Approval of Agenda: One addition to the agenda.

New Business:

- c) **Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Grant**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to approve the agenda with the addition as presented. Carried

Minutes: To accept the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Carried

To accept the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Organizational Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2022 Organizational meeting with one correction. Carried

Business Arising: None

Village Foreman Report: Lots of plowing done over the last week. Got some parts on order for the plow. Needs new cutting edge on the blade, as well as the “shoes” to hold it in place. Picked up pump #1 from Sebo as it was out being repaired. Has been working with contractors for sewage lagoon project as of late. Removed the old concrete pad at the

sewage lagoon in preparation for the generator to come, as well as working towards the forthcoming upgrades to the lagoon building. A bit of miscommunication is occurring between the contractors and MPE as to the timelines for completion and location of the

conduit boxes for the upgrades. Looking to change the plans from a poured concrete slab for the generator to sit, to a pre-poured slab to alleviate the issues of having to thaw the ground for a prolonged period. Regarding the “skating rink”, the Village has all the equipment necessary to start flooding the basketball/tennis court to make an outdoor rink. Will have to pick up a few supplies and set up the trailer for this.

Administrator Report:

Auditors were here last Tuesday but were unable to finish on Wednesday. They will be back this coming Thursday to finish the pre-audit 2022. Had a meeting with Lethbridge County regarding Regional Emergency Management. Advertising was done for the Administrator’s position in both Canada Post and the Village Office as well as externally on the LGAA website. Deadline for submission is November 15, 2022. Spoke to Diane Horvath from ORRSC regarding the zoning changes to the old firehall as well as changes to the Land Use Bylaw. Council should have something by the next Council meeting. Council was presented with a bulk water comparison whereby 30 different communities were polled. A new Bylaw Officer has been employed by the Town of Coalhurst and will be meeting with him tomorrow afternoon.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to raise the cost of the bulk water to \$3.50/cubic meter effective January 1, 2023.

Carried.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Rebecca Schulz, new Minister of Municipal Affairs
- Victim Services re-design opposition letter – Mayor of Fox Creek
- Municipal Emergency Program review – Garry Dzioba
- Fire Services call report – Lethbridge County Fire Services
- 2021 Franchise Presentation – Fortis Alberta
- 2021-2022 Annual Report – Oldman Watershed Council
- Lethbridge County Intermunicipal Committee Electee – Lethbridge County
- Emergency Advisory Committee Electees – Lethbridge County

Financial Reports:

Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for the month of October, 2022.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the month of October, 2022. Carried

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

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
No report at this time
- b) **Green Acres**
Had a meeting in October. They've discovered that there are two sinkholes under the parking areas at BlackRock Terrace. They say the building is safe, however they'll be putting in piles to help support the structures. Still dealing with COVID outbreaks at many of their lodges. Work is ongoing at St Martha's and converting it into apartments for rent. Still trying to get the government to fund upgrades to Piyami Lodge.
- c) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
Mayor Weistra's last meeting due to term limits. Discovered an accounting error and are facing a shortfall due to this. A couple of loans that were in arrears have now been paid up. Moving forward, Deputy Mayor Doell will be the Village representative.
- d) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
Attended a meeting via zoom. Big conference coming up in Edmonton and Mayor Weistra is attending as a voting delegate.
- e) **Mayors and Reeves**
MLA's Hunter and Neudorf attended last meeting. Hopeful that they will be voting on a few changes to the ministry. Hopeful that as MLA Neudorf is from the area and is now the Deputy Premier, he'll be more open to assisting with funding.
- f) **Chinook Arch Library System**
Meeting upcoming at the end of November.
- g) **AG Society**
Turkey bingo is upcoming. Mistletoe market is this weekend.
- h) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
Working on updating legislative requirements.
- i) **Carmangay Library**
No report at this time.

New Business:

- a) **Bylaw #746 – Chicken Bylaw**

Council was presented with the Chicken Bylaw #746 for their consideration.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #746 a first time this 8th day of November, 2022. Carried

Motion made Councillor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #746 a second time this 8th day of November, 2022. Carried

And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell this 8th day of November, 2022. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #746 a third and final time and finally passed this 8th day of November, 2022. Carried

b) Regional Emergency Management

Council for the Village of Barons were presented with an updated budget for the Regional Emergency Management for their consideration. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra that the Village of Barons agrees to participate in the Regional Emergency Management program and for the Town of Coaldale to apply for the ACP Grant to assist in this endeavor. Carried

c) Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Grant

Alberta Transportation has asked the Village to send an updated cost estimate for the Wastewater Lift Station and Collection System upgrade. MPE has provided the updated information and has been presented to Council for their consideration. Currently the Village has \$304,060 in Gas Tax Funds available, which leaves a remained of \$134,190 to be funded from other sources.

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza that the Village of Barons resubmits the grant application to AMWWP program for the 2023/2024 year. Carried

Closed Session: None

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 1:57 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck