

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
December 13, 2022**

- Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor
Daniel Doell, Deputy Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Councillor
Brian Passmore, Village Foreman
- Absent:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator
- Recording Secretary:*** Jen Durell, Recording Secretary
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 1:01 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 November 8, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Carried
- Business Arising:*** None
- Village Foreman Report:*** The ice is now ready at the tennis courts. New plow shoes were installed. Received a call from Public Works in Nobleford that Barons was filling up its reserve tank up to five times daily when normally only once or twice. Public Works cannot identify the cause as there is no pressure loss in the system. More investigation will be conducted.
- Administrator Report:*** Re-submitted the grant application to AWWWP (Alberta Transportation) with revised cost estimates for the sewer lift station project. Assistant Administrator Durell took part of training offered by Alberta Municipal Affairs. Sent letters to individuals regarding Bylaw infractions. The Village revised the QMP (Quality Management Program) for Alberta Safety Codes, which has been approved again for another five years. Auditors were here to complete the pre-audit for 2022. Benchmark was in the Village for inspections. Sent letter to Town of Coaldale re participation in regional Emergency Management. Still attempting to clarify what is the status of the capital MSI grant funds. The Village is now receiving bylaw services Coalhurst is awaiting the appointment to be a Community Peace Officer. The Order for clean-up and bylaw infractions have been awarded by the court. The individual has

been sent a letter and a copy of the order. Had a meeting with the Information Technology (IT) person who looks after the Villages website. He showed administration the new website and some of its functionality, which was very exciting.

Correspondence:

- ORRSC - Notification of Subdivision Fee Increase
- Alberta Precision Laboratories – Community Lab Service Transition
- Bank Statement – October, 2022
- Town of Coalhurst – Barons Waste Collection 2023 Fees
- ATB Financial – GIC Investment x2
- Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services – Victim Services
- Bank Statement – November, 2022
- Merry Christmas – Town of Coaldale

Financial Reports:

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

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

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

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
There will be an increase of 5% in 2023 to recover costs.
- b) **Green Acres**
New ministers attended the meeting. COVID outbreaks are still common. Lots of Christmas parties to attend at the different lodges.
- c) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
Attended training. Not much business happening.
- d) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
Attended FCSS Conference in Edmonton. It wasn't very good.
- e) **Mayors and Reeves**
MLA Neudorf attended meeting. Highway 3 will be twinned in some areas. Some MLA's spoke.
- f) **Chinook Arch Library System**
Attended supper meeting. Very hard to follow. Proposal that was brought up was not passed.

- g) **AG Society**
Turkey Bingo was a big success.
- h) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
All members of Council were in favor of joining the Regional Emergency Management project as per November's council meeting.
- i) **Carmangay Library**
The Library is looking to do a big expansion with it almost being fully funded. Cooking classes and movie nights still being held.

New Business:

- a) **Bylaw #747 – CAO Bylaw**

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #747 a first time this 13th day of December, 2022. Carried

Motion made Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #747 a second time this 13th day of December, 2022. Carried

And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Mayor Weistra this 13th day of December, 2022. Carried

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #747 a third and final time and finally passed this 13th day of December, 2022. Carried

- b) **Bylaw #748 – Land Use Bylaw Amendments**

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #748 a first time this 13th day of December, 2022. Carried

- c) **Bylaw #749 – Borrowing Bylaw**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #749 a first time this 13th day of December, 2022. Carried

Motion made Councillor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #749 a second time this 13th day of December, 2022. Carried

And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Mayor Weistra this 13th day of December, 2022. Carried

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #749 a third and final time and finally passed this 13th day of December, 2022. Carried

d) Interim Budget

Council was presented with the 2023 Interim Budget for their consideration.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the 2023 Interim Budget. 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 22nd to January 3rd, 2023 inclusive.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to close the Village Office and Public Works at 12:00 noon on December 22nd and remain closed until January 3rd, 2023. Carried

f) Wages/Christmas Bonuses

It is the recommendation to provide a cost-of-living increase of 6.9% for Public Works.

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 6.9% cost of living increase for the Public Works Foreman, effective January 1, 2023. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell 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
FOIP ACT – 17(4)(f)**

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to go incamera at 2:03 p.m. Carried

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to come out of camera at 2:05 p.m. Carried

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 2:06 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck