

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
May 9, 2023**

***Present:*** Daniel Doell, Mayor  
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor  
Brian Passmore, Village Foreman  
Jen Durell, Administrator

***Recording Secretary:*** Jen Durell, Recording Secretary

***Call to Order:*** Call to order at 12:58 p.m.

***Guests:*** None

***Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**

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

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting. Carried.**

To accept the minutes of the April 18, 2022 Budget Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Budget meeting. Carried.**

To accept the minutes of the April 19, 2023 Special Council meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Mayor Doell to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2023 Special Council meeting. Carried.**

***Business Arising:*** a) **Sacred Sounds Health Centre Proposal**  
Administration has been informed by Sacred Sounds that they wish to wait until after the by-election to present their plans to Council. As per Bylaw #735, the recipient cannot ask to be put on the agenda for 3 months.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to deny the request at this time, and to instruct Administrator Durell to send a letter to Sacred Sounds advising them to bring the proposal back to Council in 3 months. Carried.**

***Village Foreman Report:*** Foreman Passmore reports that Public Works is getting ready for the summer season. The summer help has now started and mowing has begun. Foreman Passmore and the summer helper have now completed the installation of Village utilities to the property located on King Street. Foreman Passmore reports that some patch work has been started on Main Street, however this is only a temporary measure until permanent patch work can begin.

***Administrator Report:*** All reporting for by-election done for Municipal Affairs. The official candidates list has been posted, and ballots have been ordered. Administrator Durell has been informed that we have been successful in our application to the AMWWP program for the Sewage Lift station upgrades project. Audited financial statements and Financial information report sent off to Municipal Affairs, and the Audited Financial Statements are now posted on the website. The clean-up order on King Street has now been executed, and the property looks remarkably better than before. The Peace Officer has provided a flash drive of before and after photos for Council to view. AHS has subsequently issued a closure order for the property, enforceable as of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Administrator Durell has received a few complaints regarding buses going off the bus route in town and has called Palliser School Division to hopefully put a stop to the behavior. Administrator Durell has now reported all grant expenditures for 2022. The Summer Help position has now been filled and he started as of May 1, 2023. The Peace Officer reports that he has been having issues with a resident in town as of late and is being chased around town by said resident. Administrator Durell has instructed him to carry on with his duties as normal, and if he feels threatened, to contact the RCMP. Administrator Durell attended a meeting at the Lethbridge County office regarding the Emergency Management Partnership; The partnership has received word that we were successful with our ACP grant application for this undertaking, though the grant can only be used for consulting costs. We agreed that Picture Butte as the managing partner would hire a consultant to determine the scope of the project and the consultant would report back to the current Advisory Committee with their recommendations by September. Administrator Durell has received a call from Doug Fraser from Carmangay Council, inquiring as to whether Council would consider allowing our Village Foreman to assist them with checking their water, as their current agreement with the Village of Champion is too costly and their Village Foreman is not certified for their system.

**Motion made by Mayor Doell to allow Foreman Passmore to temporarily assist the Village of Carmangay on the provision that an agreement with the Village of Carmangay is signed outlining responsibilities of each party and the costs associated. Carried.**

- Correspondence:**
- ORRSC – Conference Room Availability
  - Peace Officer Herasemluk – Report on 120 King Street
  - Municipal Affairs – ICF review period extension
  - Town of Tofield – EPR Program changes letter
  - Joseph Schow, MLA – Letter of Congratulations
  - Alberta Transportation – AMWWP Approval
  - AHS – Update on EMS System improvements
  - April Monthly Statement
  - Town of Coaldale – Civic Square Grand Opening
  - Government of Alberta – Provincial State of Emergency

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the correspondence as presented. Carried.**

**Financial Reports:** Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for the month of April, 2023.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the accounts payable for the month of April, 2023. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Doell to approve the monthly statement for April, 2023. Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

- a) **ORRSC**  
Next meeting upcoming in July.
- b) **Green Acres**  
Meeting upcoming at the end of May to be held at the newest Green Acres Foundation building, where a site tour will be held for the Board Members.
- c) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Lots of applications coming to CFLR for consideration. Next meeting is upcoming.
- d) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
Next meeting is upcoming April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- e) **Mayors and Reeves**  
Meeting is upcoming.
- f) **Chinook Arch Library System**  
Discussed direction and financial reports. Next meeting is in July
- g) **AG Society**  
The meeting is upcoming on May 11.

- h) **Emergency Advisory Committee**  
Emergency Management Partnership is off to a good start. The ACP grant application was approved, so a consultant will be hired with those funds to determine scope and direction. Consultant to report back to the Committee in September.
- i) **Carmangay Library**  
Carmangay Library received a grant to continue some of their outreach programs. Summer Library program planning is underway, and the Carmangay Library will be hosting events again this summer at the Barons Seniors Centre for the kids in the community.

*New Business:*

- a) **Bylaw #751 – Meeting Procedures Bylaw**  
Council was presented with the Meeting Procedures Bylaw #751 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to put this over to the next meeting to allow for further reading of the proposed bylaw. Carried**

- b) **MPE Confirmation of Assignment**  
Council was presented with the Confirmation of Assignment from MPE Engineering for their consideration.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to sign the confirmation of assignment with MPE Engineering as presented. Carried**

- c) **Reciprocal Business License Agreement**  
Council was presented with the updated Reciprocal Business License Agreement for their consideration. It is noted that the communities of Picture Butte, Raymond, Magrath, Coalhurst, Stirling and Nobleford have agreed to sign the agreement as written.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept and sign the Reciprocal Business License Agreement as written and presented. Carried**

- d) **Final Budget Meeting**  
Council is asked for their consideration to set the final budget meeting date.

**Motion made by Mayor Doell to set the next budget meeting date for May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11 am. Carried.**

***Closed Session:*** None

***Adjournment:*** Adjournment of the meeting was at 1:55 p.m.

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**Mayor – Clinton Bishop**

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**Administrator – Jen Durell**