

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
January 10, 2023**

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

Recording Secretary: Laurie Beck, Recording Secretary

Call to Order: Call to order at 12:37 p.m.

Guests: Angel and Lee Zucchiatti – Fire Hall

Provided a presentation to Council.

Would like to form a collaboration between the Village of Barons and the newly established multi-health care option (Sacred Sounds Health Centre) that Angel and Lee have formed. Looking to provide mental health and addiction services, as well as food sustainability. Their plan is to use hydroponics and aquaponics as sources of food. Access to food would be all year long, with many benefits to the community and surrounding area. Looking at the Firehall as the facility that would provide the necessary room to establish this business. Council requested that Lee and Angel provide their business plan, so that Council can look at.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to bring this issue to the next council meeting for the Village’s decision, on the condition of being provided the business plan. Carried

Approval of Agenda: Additions:

New Business:

c) Bylaw #748 – Amendments to Land Use Bylaw #677 & #710.

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to approve the agenda with the addition as presented. Carried

Minutes: To accept the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Carried

Business Arising: None

Village Foreman Report: Water leak was detected in the Chlorine room before Christmas. Regular plowing throughout the Christmas break. Another water leak happened on New Year’s Day. Keith Bramley from Retallack Corp. came to the Village to assist in the investigation of water leak and its source. After investigation, it was determined that it is not a village issue – that it was between neighbours. The Mayor suggested that the Village put some money in the budget to have him come out this summer to do some other things. Conference call today with MPE and the contractor to get the new switch in at the sewer lagoon. Will also speak to MPE regarding the pumping at the lagoon.

Administrator Report: A resident approached the Office, who may send a letter to Council, inquiring of the possibility of annexing a portion of the Village boulevard for the purpose of moving their fence to encompass the trees. Submitted two new MSI applications. Poster was made to indicate the change in cost for the bulk water users. Administration sent letters to numerous agencies and communities to indicate the change of Administrator for the Village of Barons. A request came in from the Carmangay Junior Bonspiel requesting a donation to the Junior Bonspiel, which is set for February 2 and 3, 2023. Barons has contributed to this event before.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to donate \$100.00 to the Carmangay Junior Bonspiel. Carried.

- Correspondence:**
- Safety Codes Council – 2022 Annual Review
 - Fortis Alberta – Approved 2023 distribution rates
 - ORRSC – 2023 Assessment Review Board training
 - Ag Society – Turkey Bingo Thank you.
 - Carmangay Junior Bonspiel – Request for donation

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for the month of December, 2022.

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

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

- Committee Reports:**
- a) **ORRSC**
No report at this time.
 - b) **Green Acres**

No report at this time.

c) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**

No report at this time.

d) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**

No report at this time.

e) **Mayors and Reeves**

Mayor Weistra chaired meeting. The meeting was held at Chinook Arch. City of Lethbridge concerned with the amount of money going out. Presentation from Nathan Neudorf, MLA regarding new bills, policing,

f) **Chinook Arch Library System**

No report at this time.

g) **AG Society**

Audit was done. Discussing what they would do for AG days in February/March. Did well on the market and turkey bingo.

h) **Emergency Advisory Committee**

All municipalities in the County of Lethbridge have agreed to sign on to the Regional Emergency Management partnership.

i) **Carmangay Library**

No report at this time.

New Business:

a) **APS Agreement**

With the change in administration, a new agreement will need to be signed, naming Administrator Durell as the administrator for the Village of Barons.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to name Jen Durell as the administrator for the Village of Barons for APS.

Carried

b) **ConX Wireless Water Fill System**

Information only.

c) **Bylaw #748 – Amendment to Land Use Bylaw #677 and #710.**

Discussion.

Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #748 a second time this 10th day of January, 2023.

Carried

And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Councillor Gorzitza this 10th day of January, 2023.

Carried

Motion made Deputy Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #748 a third and final time and finally passed this 10th day of January, 2023.

Carried

d) Consultancy Agreement

Council was presented with an agreement to hire Laurie Beck As an Administrative Consultant.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to sign the agreement with Laurie Beck as presented.

Carried.

Closed Session: None

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 1:20 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Jen Durell