

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
May 9, 2017**

**Present:** Ed Weistra, Mayor  
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor  
Sel Golding, Councillor  
Dan Coulter, Village Foreman

**Absent:** Byron Fraser, Fire Chief

**Recording Secretary:** Laurie Beck, Administrator

**Call to Order:** Call to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Guests:** **Greg Farries, Instrategy Inc.**  
Mr. Farries was contracted to look after all Information Technology (IT) issues for the Village in addition to maintaining the Village's website. Mr. Farries has been working with the Administrator for the last couple of months on the computers at the office and council. Spoke about using the One Cloud and what it can do and what should not be done. Mr. Farries asked Council for any feedback.

**Approval of Agenda:** **Addition:**  
**New Business:**  
**g) Public Sale Date/Reserve Bids**

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to approve the agenda with additions as presented. Carried**

**Minutes:** To accept the minutes of the March 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2017 Regular Council meeting. Carried**

To accept the minutes of the March 30, 2017 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to accept the minutes of the March 30, 2017 Special Council meeting. Carried**

To accept the minutes of the April 27, 2017 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2017 Special Council meeting. Carried**

**Business Arising:** a. **Tank Remediation Program**  
Three additional bore holes were drilled at the gazebo site on April 20, 2017. This will provide additional information regarding any residual hydrocarbon impacts to this site.

***Village Foreman Report:***

Received one quote for a new backhoe from Case but waiting for another one from John Deere. Believe that the Village is getting a fair trade in value for the old hoe. Foreman Coulter had to dig on Main Street due to a water leak but is not finished. There will be need to contact the owner and inform him that if he wanted the water into his building, he would be responsible for the cost. Foreman Coulter suggested that this could be done by pushing in the new water line rather than digging. Spoke about the water issues on the first block on Noble Street. Council suggested that the whole block be done and replaced with a new main. Village Foreman Coulter is fixing the telehandler as the brakes need to be done. Village Foreman Coulter has requested Village treated water to his property across the road as well as Denny Johnson. This should be put in writing and presented on the agenda for the June meeting. A snail toy at the playground was broken at the park.

***Administrator Report:***

Attended the annual LGAA (Local Government Administrators Association) convention. As in past years was very informative and great for networking. Some of the topics discussed were regionalization; fleet safety; solar power and brain wellness. The Village had a few issues with the installation of the upgrade to the water meters. In addition, conflicts between the municipal software program and the meter reading program occurred, which resulted in the utility bills going out a few days late. The Director of Emergency Management attended a tabletop exercise in Nobleford in April. Administrator redeemed a GIC in the amount of \$106,187.77 as the general bank account was getting low. Administrator Beck has ordered additional garbage carts as the Village has none in stock. There is a planned power outage scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>. FortisAlberta sent notification. One of the linemen for Fortis stopped to say that power could go out at 1:00 and not come back until later in the afternoon. Administrator Beck suggests that the Office be closed for the afternoon. Notices have been put in the window, ATB and Post Office to indicate the same. All reporting for 2016 MSI Grants have been completed and sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs. The Village is in receipt of the \$2,500 grant from the Earth Hour Challenge sponsored by FortisAlberta. A donation request from Farm Safety Centre has come to the Village. They are requesting \$200 - \$400.00 to assist them in providing province wide farm safety educational programs. Alberta Municipal Affairs will be conducting regional training for the upcoming changes to the MGA. It is a three day workshop in Lethbridge running June 12 – 14<sup>th</sup>. The third day will be Returning Officer training for the upcoming Elections so it is recommended that Liz Biddlecombe attend.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to have Administrator Beck attend the June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> training put on by Municipal Affairs and have Liz Biddlecombe attend June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to not donate any money to Farm Safety Centre due to budget constraints. Carried**

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to close the Village Office for the afternoon on May 10<sup>th</sup> due to a planned power outage.**

**Carried**

***Correspondence:***

- AUMA – highlights of March 2017 Mayors’ Caucus
- AUMA – Results of 2017 Provincial Budget
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Approval of 2017 Orthophotography Project submitted by ORRSC
- Alberta Service – letter from Minister re: Supernet
- Jaime Thomas, GIS Analyst for ORRSC re: Orthophotography project
- Granum Canada Day Parade Invitation
- RCMP – Implementation of New Radio System, AFRCS
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- Glen Motz, MP – correspondence regarding fixed wing Medivac Services
- Office of Traffic Safety – new off highway vehicle mandatory helmet laws.
- AUMA – Regional water and wastewater systems
- AUMA – legalization of marijuana and the processes.
- Thank you from Oldman Watershed Council
- AUMA – Canada Infrastructure Bank
- Rachel Harder, MP – Community Builders Volunteer Medals
- Doug Black, Senator – Senator’s Contribution Award recognizing the important contributions to communities
- FCSS – Application for Community Initiative Funding
- AUMA – When is it appropriate to seek a court order for enforcement?
- Picture Butte Jamboree Days Parade invitation
- Invitation to FortisAlberta’s Board of Director’s Reception
- Community Peace Officer – Monthly Target Areas
- RCMP Picture Butte Crime Stats – January to April
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding commitment for 2017/2018

***Financial Reports:***

Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for March and April, 2017.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the month of March and April, 2017.**

**Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statements for March and April, 2017.**

**Carried**

***Committee Reports:***

a) **ORRSC**

A quote was received for the development of the Village of Barons Municipal Development Plan. This will be a requirement once the revised MGA (Municipal Government Act) becomes law. This plan will take approximately one year to complete.

b) **Fire Department**

The Fire Department had to put in new batteries into the wildland unit. Fire Chief Fraser and Fire Fighters Tompkins and Moore complete the stair climb challenge fundraiser in Calgary. AB Firetech found a radiator

for the old pump truck. The Barons Fire Association is gearing up for their fundraiser bingo this Friday. Chief Fraser is taking the level 2 instructor course.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to donate \$100.00 to the Fire Department's bingo. Carried**

- c) **Green Acres**  
Attended regular meeting – negotiating with respect to the land for the west side development was discussed. The hierarchy of government makes it hard. Piyami Lodge needs many upgrades – the rooms are too small and the floor is heaving in places.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Discussion was held re loans. There appears to be a discrepancy in the CFLR books but will be auditing to find out the clerical error.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
Much discussed Human Resources policy has been adopted. Spoke about municipal funding for 2017. Small increase can be expected. FCSS is currently encountering problems with finding decent space in Taber. Positive comments were received about the All Council's meeting held in April. Administrator Beck spoke with Zakk Morrison, Director of FCSS regarding some summer programming in Barons. In addition, he sent over an application for small community initiative funding, which promotes and facilitates the development of stronger communities; promotes and facilitates the involvement of volunteers; promotes efficient and effective use of resources; and promotes and facilitates co-operation and co-ordination with allied service agencies operating within the municipality. Maximum funding is \$2,000.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**  
Discussed Bill 8, which is a new labour law that is soon to be introduced. Integra Air is not getting a contract. Marijuana law will be causing lots of problems. It appears that the Municipal government will be responsible for some enforcement.
- g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**  
No report at this time.
- h) **Chinook Arch Library System**  
Renovations will be starting soon. The annual convention will be held in Jasper this year.
- i) **AG Society**  
Money was donated to the school for the robot club. The new handicap bars for the washrooms are in. Family Fun day is July 8 and the Village will do the breakfast. Fire Department and History Centre will be open. Bingo is finished for the year. The AG Society would like to have two smaller garbage carts rather than the big one.
- j) **Emergency Advisory Committee**  
No report at this time.

- k) **CPO Regionalization Committee**  
Mayor Weistra and Administrator Beck attended the meeting in Coaldale. The biggest issue expressed by many was communication with Coaldale.

*New Business:*

- a. **Revised Barons Traffic Bylaw #705**  
As directed by Council, they were presented the revised Barons Traffic Bylaw for their consideration.

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to read Bylaw #705 a first time, this 9th day of May, 2017. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #705 a second time, this 9th day of May, 2017. Carried**

**And by unanimous consent of Council**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #705 a third and final time and finally passed this 9th day of May, 2017. Carried**

- b. **Seniors Week**  
Seniors' Week will be June 5 – 11, 2017. 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 Golding to proclaim June 5th to 11th as Seniors' Week in the Village of Barons and to purchase a cake in recognition thereof. Carried**

- c. **Lethbridge County**  
Administrator Beck met with County Manager Rick Robinson regarding the MDP (Municipal Development Plan), IDP (Intermunicipal Development Plan) and an ICF (Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework). As it was not a requirement before, these plans will be mandatory for all communities to have once the revised MGA (Municipal Government Act) is released. County Manager Robinson suggested that Barons submit a letter to Lethbridge County asking for their assistance with some funding.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to send a letter to Lethbridge County requesting assistance with funding to create a Municipal Development Plan. Carried**

- d. **Carmangay Library**  
Sheila Smidt, Councillor from the Village of Carmangay invited one person from Council to attend the regular Library meetings. This will enable Barons to know what is happening at the Library and the information can be shared with Barons residents.

- e. **2017 Taxation Bylaw #706**  
Council was presented with the final budget and the 2017 Taxation Bylaw #706 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the 2017 final Budget for the Village of Barons. Carried**

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to read Bylaw #706 a first time, this 9th day of May, 2017. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #706 a second time, this 9th day of May, 2017. Carried**

**And by unanimous consent of Council**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #706 a third and final time and finally passed this 9th day of May, 2017. Carried**

**f. Barons Legion Request**  
Deferred to the next meeting Council.

**g. Public Sale Date/Reserve Bids**  
Council was presented with the fair market assessment for the following property that will be offered at the Public Auction. Council is asked to set the public auction date and set the reserve bids for this property that is in tax arrears. It is suggested that the Public Auction date be set for July 20, 2017.

<u>Plan/Block Lot</u>	<u>Reserve Bid</u>
Plan 2605X, Block 2, Lot(s) 3	\$21,430.00

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to set the tentative date of July 20, 2017 as the Public Auction date for the above noted properties that are in tax arrears and that it should be held at 10:00 am at the Village Office. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to set the reserved bid as presented for the property that is to be sold at the Public Auction. Carried**

*Executive Session:* None

*Adjournment:* Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:39 p.m.

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Mayor – Ed Weistra

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Administrator – Laurie Beck