

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
September 10, 2019**

- Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor
Michelle Tarditi, Councillor
Brian Passmore, Village Foreman
Byron Fraser, Fire Chief
- Absent:*** None
- Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 5:58 p.m.
- Guests:*** None
- Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**
- Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the June 11, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Mayor Weistra to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- To accept the minutes of the August 1, 2019 Special Council meeting.
- Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2019 Special Council meeting. Carried**
- Business Arising:** None
- Village Foreman Report:*** It was reported to be a pretty quiet summer. Discussion held re trees. Had to replace some belts on the zero-turn mower. Plans are to finish cleaning up the yard and move some of the piping off the wet well.
- Administrator Report:*** A concern was raised by an upset resident regarding the lack of dust abatement on Blayney Avenue this year. Spoke with Telus and a different plan for all telephone lines was arranged at a cheaper rate. Lethbridge County reimbursed the Village \$23,317.94 to pay for half of the AFRRCS radios that had been purchased by the Village. Bylaw Enforcement set up a meeting

between Alberta Health Services (AHS) and administration to discuss the old hotel site. AHS was to send a letter to the owner of the property requesting a report that apparently was done on the site regarding asbestos. To have this site tested for asbestos, it will cost approximately \$3,000. Council wants to wait to see if the report requested by AHS comes in before making any decisions. Administrator Beck negotiated with Save On Foods to host a flu clinic at the Barons Seniors on October 23, 2019. R. Anderson and the Administrator worked on an updated Village pamphlet. New signs were erected at the storm water drainage system behind Blayney Avenue, indicating that this was private property and no motorized vehicles are allowed. Received a call from J. Duncan demanding that the Village remove bylaw fines off their account. She threatened to sue the Village but also claimed that it had gone before the courts and was thrown out. Administrator Beck stated that these fines will remain until they are paid as they have not complied with the Traffic Bylaw, whereby semis are not allowed to be parked in a residential area. The Village's email address has changed. Administrator Beck will continue to advise persons of this change. Administrator attended an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework meeting at Lethbridge County. Discussion was held regarding recent train derailment, solid waste, transportation, water and wastewater and recreation. In addition, Emergency Services was discussed. This committee is working on a new Fire and Rescue Services Agreement. Lethbridge County is considering on purchasing spray patching equipment and wanted feedback from the municipalities if they purchased it, would the municipalities contract these services? The Village has completed the clean up on the property known as 206 Noble Street. Administrator Beck is requesting Council to place the outstanding amount of \$1,360.00 on their taxes.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to apply the \$1,360.00 outstanding cleanup costs onto the tax roll for the property known as 206 Noble Street. Carried

- Correspondence:**
- Government of Alberta Regulations on liquor consumption in Municipal Parks
 - Coalhurst Miners Days Parade Invitation
 - Alberta Culture, Multicultural and Status of Women – Recognition of Volunteers
 - Office of the Election Commissioner re Supplying Information to the Office of the Election Commissioner if Local By-election Required
 - Alberta Municipal Affairs – AUMA Convention
 - Alberta Emergency Management Agency South Region Newsletter

- Town of Peace River re GST Audit Concern
- AB Firetech – Inspection Reports
- Alberta Fire Training Conference – asking for sponsors
- Chinook Arch re provincial budget
- Rachel Harder pamphlet
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – tentative grant funding
- Canadian Badlands Tourism Conference 2020
- AUMA Overview of MacKinnon Report on Alberta’s Finances
- Highway 3 Twinning Development Association – Meeting with Government Ministers re Highway 3 Twinning.

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for June, July and August, 2019. Council was also presented with the Income/Expense Statement to date, for their information.

Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the accounts payable for the months of June, July and August, 2019. Carried

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the monthly statements for June, July and August, 2019. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
Discussion was held regarding the Town of Raymond’s Solar Panel project. Spoke about the financials and had dinner.
- b) **Fire Department**
The Fire Department has been quite busy with the train derailment incident. Discussion. The Fire Department will be out at the site while they are flaring the residual gases tomorrow.
- c) **Green Acres**
No report at this time.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
Has contracted a collection service to pursue those accounts that are in arrears.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
No report at this time.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**
It was reported that MSI grant funding could be cut by 15 – 20%. AUMA is trying to put together a plan to make it easier to get grants. Highway 3 is still looking for support from municipalities.

- g) **Chinook Arch Library System**
Elections preparation. A grand opening was held.
- h) **AG Society**
No report at this time.
- i) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
No report at this time.
- j) **Carmangay Library**
No report at this time.

New Business:

- a) **Village of Barons Revised Policies**
Council was presented with revised Village Policies #52 - #73 inclusive for their consideration.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to adopt the revised Village of Barons Policies, #52 - #73 inclusive.

Carried

- b) **AUMA Convention – September 24 – 27, 2019**
The annual AUMA Convention will be held in Edmonton.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to have Councillor Tarditi and Administrator Beck attend the annual AUMA Convention in Edmonton, September 24 – 27, 2019.

Carried

- c) **ATCO Franchise Fee**
The current franchise fee as per the agreement is 14.97%. If the village wants to change the franchise fee percentage amount for 2020, ATCO Gas will need to know to begin the process.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to keep the ATCO Gas franchise fee at the same rate for 2020. Carried

- d) **Compliance Declaration of Local Government Bodies**
The Alberta Land Stewardship Act sets out the legal basis for regional land use planning, which also mandates the development of regional plans to the Land Use Secretariat. It is a requirement that each municipality declares that they have complied with the regional plan.

Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to sign the Compliance Declaration for Local Government Bodies, to comply with the Alberta Land Stewardship Act. Carried

Executive Session:

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FOIP Act – 16(1)c(i)**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to go incamera at 7:08 p.m.
Carried**

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to come out of camera at
7:13 p.m. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to forgive the
penalties for 218 and 234 Main Street in the amount of
\$9,883.82. Carried**

Adjournment:

Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck