



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting January 15, 2024 - 01:00 PM

PRESENT:

Reeve: Larry Grant
Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen
Division 2 Councillor: Timothy Christianson (attended via teleconference)
Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter
Division 4 Councillor and Deputy Reeve: Shadrick Peno
Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Cathy Legault, Administrator
Ben McLearn, Public Works Foreman

1 Call to order

A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Res. No. 2024-0001

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the agenda for this January 15, 2024 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Res. No. 2024-0002

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the minutes of the December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Public Hearings

5 Delegations

5.1 2:00 p.m. - Robert (Bob) Stork - Weed Inspector Services

Mr. Stork did not attend.

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 2024-0003

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 2024-0004

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet, and Bank Reconciliations as of December 31, 2023 be accepted as presented - noting that not all year end adjusting has not completed and not all invoices for 2023 have been received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2.1 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 2024-0005

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the "List of Accounts for Approval" detailing the following payments be approved:

-Inn. CU - Cheques 4222 - 4243 totalling - \$7,455,839.02

-Inn. CU - CAFT Payments 2023-0175 - 2024-0005 totalling - \$11,553.90

-Inn. CU - Online Banking Payments 2023-120 - 2024-0005 totalling - \$22,064.90

-Inn. CU - Automatic Withdrawals 2024-0001 - 2024-0002 totalling - \$46,911.81

-Collabria Credit Cards Payments 2023-0096 - 2024-0005 totalling - \$5,826.46

-Total Payments - \$7,542,196.09

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2.2 Road Legitimization Reserve Adjustment

Res. No. 2024-0006

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That account 310-100-300 "Reserve - Road Legitimizations" be adjusted to a balance of \$37,000 as of December 31, 2023; as that is the amount of expenses yet to be incurred for that project in the 2024 fiscal year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2.3 Community Church - Summary of Revenues & Expense 2023

Res. No. 2024-0007

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the "Summary of Revenues and Expenses" for the Community Church for 2023 be acknowledged and that the Administrator prepare the necessary Bylaw to repeal Bylaw 2021-05 regarding Val Marie Church Maintenance and Operation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2024-0008

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed.

7 In Camera Session

7.1 Move to In Camera Session

Res. No. 2024-0009

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That we now move to an in-camera session in order to discuss employee matters, time 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

All staff left the meeting room at 2:00 p.m.

All staff rejoined the meeting room, time 2:37 p.m.

7.2 Rise from In Camera Session

Res. No. 2024-0010

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we rise from in camera session, time 2:37 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 Unfinished Business

8.1 Government of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Environment - Black Tailed Prairie Dog Control Policy

Res. No. 2024-0011

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Black Tailed Prairie Dog Control Policy be forwarded to the Premier of Saskatchewan and Minister of Agriculture expressing our disbelief for this policy and its ridiculous conditions. This is a policy that is unrealistic, and does not protect our ratepayers from this invasive species. Controlling Black Tailed Prairie Dogs legally will not happen with this policy.

That it be made clear to our elected officials that the R.M. of Val Marie waited for years on this policy, and it is absolutely disappointing that it took this long to get this poor of a policy - from a government who at one time had a mandate to reduce red tape. This policy is as ridiculous as mandating a farmer on how to kill weeds or grasshoppers.

That a meeting be requested with the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Environment, and the Premier in order to discuss the problem of controlling Black Tailed Prairie Dogs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Job Description Updates - Public Works Foreman and Maintenance Operator

Res. No. 2024-0012

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the attached updated job descriptions for the Public Works Foreman and Maintenance Operator be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Irrigation Project Roads (Transferred in 2023)

Res. No. 2024-0013

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the roads transferred from Canada to the jurisdiction and control of the R.M. be recorded in the asset register as \$1 per parcel as of December 31, 2023. That the administrator begins drafting agreements to address the drainage and irrigation water supply structures in the roads with the Irrigation projects.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Clarification of Set Back Requirements

Res. No. 2024-0014

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That because Bylaw 2-20 "A Bylaw to Regulate Activities and Things in, on or adjacent to Municipal Roads" and Bylaw 1-81 "The Zoning Bylaw" conflict with set back requirements, the Administrator begin the process (including public notices and other requirements) to amend the Zoning Bylaw to reflect a requirement for non-residential buildings to be set back 150 feet from the center line or intersection of any road.

CARRIED

8.5 Seismic Project Pinto Creek 2D 2023 Amendment - Notice of Completion

Res. No. 2024-0015

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the completion notice for Seismic Program "Pinto Creek 2D 2023" be acknowledged and signed by the Administrator.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 WSP - Final Reports for Olson & Jensen Bridge Replacement Projects

Res. No. 2024-0016

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the Final Project Report for the Olson & Jensen Bridge Replacement Projects as well as the "As Built" Report for Jensen Bridge Replacement required by the Ministry of Environment per the Aquatic Habitat Projection Permit be acknowledged as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 New Business

9.1 Presentation of Bond

Res. No. 2024-0017

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That the bond coverages for 2024 be noted as presented by the Administrator with the following coverage levels:

- SARM Fidelity Bond: Fidelity Bond Insurance \$200,000 Coverage; Registered Mail: \$50,000; and Money & Securities: \$20,000 Coverage.
- SGI Canada Policy: Fidelity Bond \$500,000; Loss Inside Premises Coverage \$25,000; Loss Outside Coverage \$25,000; Money Orders and Counterfeit Paper Currency Coverage \$25,000; Depositors Forgery Coverage \$25,000; Credit Card Forgery \$1,000; Computer Fraud and Funds Transfer Fraud \$25,000 (subject to various deductibles).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 2024 WCB Coverage for Council

Res. No. 2024-0018

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the WCB coverage for elected officials be set at \$80,645 for 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Reserve Adjustment - Road Legitimization Reserve (agenda item listed twice, no resolution)

9.4 Innovation Credit Union - Account Control Issue

Res. No. 2024-0019

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the account control issue explained by the Reeve and Administrator whereby Innovation Credit Union transferred funds without doing a verification on the second party be noted as reported and we await reply from Innovation Credit Union.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 Sask Lotteries - Community Grant Program 2025

Res. No. 2024-0020

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the 2025 Sask Lotteries Grant for the R.M. of Val Marie be allocated to the Village of Val Marie/Val Marie Recreation Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 SaskPower Project 20406391 (SE 16-01-12-W3)

Res. No. 2024-0021

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That SaskPower Project 20406391 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 SaskPower Project 20406388 (NW 22-01-12-W3)

Res. No. 2024-0022

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That SaskPower Project 20406388 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 Notice of Intent - Seismic Activity - Grasslands 2023 2D 23P064

Res. No. 2024-0023

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That Synterra Project Grasslands 2023 2D be approved for crossing RM road allowances with equipment only, no seismic activity is permitted on the road allowance right away. No access is permitted to RM road allowances for seismic activity. Landowner permission needs to be obtained.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 Notice of Intent - Seismic Activity - Huff Lake 2023-2D 23P056

Res. No. 2024-0024

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the Huff Lake 2023-2D 23P056 project not be approved due to the entire project being located on road allowances and many adjacent landowners have not given permission for access to their lands. No seismic activity is permitted on RM road allowances in this municipality. Seismic companies may be given authorization to cross and use road allowances to access private lands; however not to conduct seismic activities within the boundaries of the legal road allowance or road plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 Resolutions to SARM Annual Convention

Res. No. 2024-0025

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the attached resolutions be submitted for consideration at the 2024 SARM Annual Convention.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.11 Reschedule March 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Res. No. 2024-0026

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the March Regular meeting be re-scheduled to Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. due to the scheduled date conflicting with the SARM Convention.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.12 Special Meeting - McGuire Bridge Replacement Tender Review with WSP

Res. No. 2024-0027

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That a special meeting be set for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024 in order to:

1. review the tender documents with WSP for the McGuire Bridge Replacement Contract; and
2. to discuss the road deterioration north of the Andrew Larnus yard due to the Frenchman River eroding the bank very near the road.

That this resolution serves as notice to all Council members present.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Communications

Res. No. 2024-0028

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the communications listed on the agenda be acknowledged as required and filed as deemed appropriate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 Reeve & Councillors Forum

12 Adjournment

Res. No. 2024-0029

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting does now adjourn, time 5:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
