

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Biggar #347 held Tuesday, April 21, 2020 in the Municipal Office at Biggar, Saskatchewan.

**Present:**

Reeve – Jeanne Marie de Moissac – by Telephone  
Councillor Division 1 – Brad Poletz  
Councillor Division 2 – Rob Danychuk – by Telephone  
Councillor Division 3 – Wes Goring  
Councillor Division 4 – Barry Sagon  
Councillor Division 5 – Brian Fick  
Councillor Division 6 – Brian Watson - Absent  
Administrator – Sandi Silvernagle

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum being present, Reeve de Moissac called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

**AGENDA:**

41/2020 POLETZ: That the April 21, 2020 agenda be adopted as presented with additions: Road Closure Bylaw, withdrawal from Saskatchewan Municipal Hail acknowledgement, Wylie Farms Abatement request, Texting by Council, Fire Ban, Stettler Heather tree request, Development Permit Application – Tavatnetz.

Carried

Correspondence read and acknowledged as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MINUTES:**

42/2020 GORING: That the minutes of the regular meeting of council held March 17, 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried

**BANK RECONCILIATION and FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

43/2020 POLETZ: That the Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement for the month of March 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried

Councilors gave a report on their respective divisions. There were no issues or concerns.

**ACCOUNTS:**

44/2020 SAGON: That the following list of accounts be approved for payment: Checks #1072-1099; online utilities, MasterCard, remittances and March payroll for a total amount \$139,699.24

Carried

**DELEGATES:**

Foreman Derek Custer joined the meeting.

**NEW HIRE**

45/2020 GORING: That Myron Dirksen be hired as an equipment operator at Level 4 on the salary grid.

Carried

Councillor Robert Danychuk requested a recorded vote

**EMPLOYEE SALARY GRID:**

46/2020 GORING: That council accepts the salary grid as presented and the placement of employees on this salary grid as follows: Cliff Metz, Level 5; John Domes, Level 5 green circled; Reazul Islam, Level 4; Melissa Kowalchuk, Level 4; Troy McCarty, Level 4; Bob Paules, Level 5; Darrel Campbell, Level 2 green circled; Joel Hanson, Level 2.

In Favour

Barry Sagon  
Brian Fick  
Brad Poletz  
Wes Goring  
Jeanne Marie de Moissac

Not in Favour

Rob Danychuk

Carried

**OBAN/WHITESHORE TENDER CONTRACT**

Councillor Brad Poletz declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 12:25.

47/2020 de MOISSAC: That Brad Poletz be awarded the Oban/Whiteshore Road fence tender, which is removing and reinstalling 3 miles of electric fence for the amount \$8,100.00.

Carried

Councillor Brad Poletz returned to meeting 12:30 p.m.

**APPOINT PLANT HEALTH OFFICERS:**

48/2020 POLETZ: That the following Plant Health Officers be appointed as Pest Control Officers for 2020: Katey Makohoniuk, SARM Division 1; Joanne Kwasnicki, SARM Division 2; Betty Johnson, SARM Division 3; Lynne Roszell, SARM Division 4; Chelsea Neuberger, SARM Division 5; Colleen Fennig, SARM Division 6.

Carried

**BYLAW TO DO ROAD CLOSURE**

49/2020 GORING: That a bylaw to provide for the closing and leasing of a municipal road described as: South of Highway 14 on the SE 11-36-15 W3rd and SW 12-36-15 W3rd be drafted and presented to council at the next regular council meeting.

Carried

**WITHDRAWAL APPLICATION FROM SMHI:**

50/2020 SAGON: Council made motion to approve the withdrawal application presented by SMHI.

Carried

**WITHDRAWAL APPLICATION FROM SMHI:**

51/2020 GORING: Council approved Stettler Heather purchasing trees for \$1,800.00 to be planted in the buffer zone in the Business Park on the west side of his residence. Stettler will plant and maintain the trees on an ongoing basis.

Carried

**FIRE BAN:**

52/2020 de MOISSAC: That a Fire Ban in the Rural Municipality come in to effect on Monday, April 27, 2019.

Carried

**MILL RATE:**

53/2020 FICK: That the mill rate for the 2020 tax year to remain unchanged at 8.6 mills.

Carried

**BYLAW TO ESTABLISH 2020 MILL RATE FACTOR**

54/2020 POLETZ: That a bylaw to establish the 2020 mill rate factor be drafted and presented to council at the next regular scheduled council meeting.  
Carried

**WYLE FARMS TAX ABATEMENT**

55/2020 DANYCHUK: That Wylie Farms be included in the 2020 Commercial Tax Abatement.  
Carried

**EMPLOYEES BANKING TIME**

56/2020 GORING: That employees may have the option to bank time.  
Carried

**APRIL PER DIEMS**

57/2020 GORING: Motion to approve the April 21, 2020 councillor per diems in the amount of \$2,088.00  
Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Reeve

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Administrator