

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

Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA:

58/2020 SAGON: That the May 28, 2020 agenda be adopted as presented with additions: Councillor Reports and Fire Ban

Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

59/2020 POLETZ: That the minutes of the regular meeting of council held April 21, 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried

Councilors gave a report on their respective divisions.

Division 1 – Councillor Poletz reported on the information he has been gathering for the proposed well in his division.

Division 2 – Roads need to be graded more frequently, Big Rose Colony has increased traffic

Division 3 – Councillor has received from ratepayer's a concern about the Wild Boars and the bins on the road allowance

Division 4 – Centre Road needs more maintenance

Division 5 – No issues

Division 6 – Road 1018W has soft spot

DELEGATES:

Janice Christensen and Jim Tapp attended the meeting at 9:05 a.m. to discuss the road allowance between the NW and NE 33-34-14 W3rd Road Plan 93S34276. The understanding in 1993 by Mr. Tapp, who was the owner at the time, was that the road allowance was being abandoned and that he was verbally told by council that it could be ripped up and seeded.

Mr. Tapp sold the RM 8.55 acres of property in the NW 33-34-14 W3rd (refer to minutes July 2, 1992 - #148) for the new correction line road in 1992.

The road in question (marked X on road plan 93S34276) has been titled since 1916 to Her Majesty the Queen. The Christensen's are asking that the road be consolidated back to the quarter or that the road be closed and leased for 99 years.

Delegates left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Foreman Derek Custer attended the meeting to give his report at 9:45 a.m. He reported on equipment and on the road in Division 6 1018W. The crew will be there as soon as possible to correct the soft spot on that road and on 1049W in Division 3. He is having issue in locating clay close to area. The Springwater Fire Truck has been outfitted with a watering bar and they are now using it to do construction work. They have finished projects in Division 1 widening of road and building up the speed curve.

Foreman Custer left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

PURCHASE 2 - 4155 RHINO MOWERS:

61/2020 DANYCHUK: That we purchase 2- 4155 Rhino Mowers from Triod Supply 2011 Ltd. North, Saskatchewan for the quoted price of \$42,000.00 with trade-in.

Carried

RENT TO OWN SHEEP FOOT PACKER:

62/2020 WATSON : That we rent from Garry Construction a 2014 Sheepfoot 52” packer, SN 08-13-01-04 for \$3,000 month beginning May 6, 2020 and purchasing the packer in August 2020 for \$16,960.00. Carried

RENT DOZER:

63/2020 WATSON: That we rent from Spence Equipment a D6 dozer for 4 months for 160 hrs/month at a cost of \$11,200.00 per month. Carried

DRAFT BYLAW TO CLOSE AND LEASE A ROAD:

64/2020 FICK: That administration draft a bylaw to close and lease road allowance between the NW and NE 33-34-14 W3rd marked as X on road plan 93S34276 acknowledging the verbal agreement that was made between Jim and Linda Tapp and the RM of Biggar in 1993 for the next council meeting. Carried

BANK RECONCILIATION and FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

60/2020 SAGON: That the April Bank Reconciliation and May Financial Statement be approved as presented. Carried

ACCOUNTS:

61/2020 POLETZ: That the following list of accounts be approved for payment: Checks #1100-1136; online utilities, MasterCard, remittances and April payroll for a total amount \$89,477.39. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence received from Kent Dubrieul and Gerry Besse were read and filed.

2020 BUDGET and TAX ABATEMENT

62/2020 DANYCHUK: That the 2020 balanced budget and the 2020 tax abatement in the amount of \$217,730.31 be adopted, as attached to and forming a part of these minutes and signed by the reeve and the administrator. Carried

2019 DRAFTED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

63/2020 de MOISSAC: That the drafted financial statements prepared by Davies & Drury for the fiscal year December 31, 2019 be accepted as presented. Carried

TIRE COMPENSATION:

64/2020 FICK: That administration draft a letter to Janice Christianson stating that it is not a policy of the municipality to compensate for tires. Carried

CRIMESTOPPERS SUPPORT:

65/2020 DANYCHUK: Council made motion to contribute \$200.00 through the voluntary sponsorship program. Carried

BYLAW 2-2020 – A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH MILL RATE FACTORS:

66/2020 DANYCHUK: That Bylaw 2-2020 being a bylaw to establish mill rate factors be given first reading at this meeting. Carried

67/2020 POLETZ: That Bylaw 2-2020 being a bylaw to establish mill rate factors be given second reading at this meeting. Carried

68/2020 SAGON: That Bylaw 2-2020 being a bylaw to establish mill rate factors be given all three readings at this meeting.

Failed

BYLAW 3-2020 – A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CLOSING AND LEASING OF A MUNICIPAL ROAD

69/2020 DANYCHUK: That a bylaw to provide for the closing and leasing of a municipal road described as: south of Highway #14 West on the west side of SW 12-36-15 W3rd and including Plan BJ6080 with Justin Laventure be given first reading at this meeting.
Carried

70/2020 POLETZ: That a bylaw to provide for the closing and leasing of a municipal road described as: south of Highway #14 West on the west side of SW 12-36-15 W3rd and including Plan BJ6080 with Justin Laventure be given second reading at this meeting.
Carried

71/2020 WATSON: That Bylaw 3-2020 being a bylaw to provide for the closing and leasing of a municipal road described as: south of Highway #14 West on the west side of SW 12-36-15 W3rd and including Plan BJ6080 with Justin Laventure be given all three readings at this meeting.
Carried Unanimously

72/2020 WATSON: That a bylaw to provide for the closing and leasing of a municipal road described as: south of Highway #14 West on the west side of SW 12-36-15 W3rd and including Plan BJ6080 with Justin Laventure be given third and final reading at this meeting.
Carried

Parrish and Heimbecker financial request tabled to June meeting.

ADMINISTRATION COMPUTER PURCHASE:

73/2020 WATSON: Council approves the purchase of computers from Western Wireless for approximately \$5,000.00 for administration.
Carried

DIAMOND LODGE LEVY:

74/2020 POLETZ: That the Diamond Lodge levy for 2020 be set at .703 mills.
Carried

MAY PER DIEMS

75/2020 WATSON: Motion to approve the councillor per diems in the amount of \$3,799.60.
Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Reeve

Administrator