

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Biggar #347 held Tuesday, October 20, 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
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 8:10 a.m.

AGENDA:

137/2020 WATSON: That the October 20, 2020 agenda be adopted as presented with additions:

- Texas Gate Request
- Rocks on Road
- Black Dirt on Roads
- Fences on RM ROW
- Approach
- Projector Screen Installation
- Layoff Notices – Transporation
- Policy for Fire Expenses pertaining to Councillors

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was read and filed.

Councillor Brian Fick attended the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

138/2020 FICK: That the September 15, 2020 minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARING – DISCRETIONARY USE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

139/2020 WATSON: That the Council meeting be suspended to open a Public Hearing on the proposed Discretionary Use Development Application submitted by Dean and Jordan Remeshylo SW 30-35-14 W3rd at 9:30 a.m.

Carried

The Public Hearing was held from 9:30 – 9:40 a.m. with no attendance.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING

140/2020 FICK: That the Public Hearing be closed and the Council meeting resume at 9:45 a.m.

Carried

Councillor Barry Sagon left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Foreman Derek Custer attended the meeting to give his report at 9:55 a.m.

FOREMAN'S – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Foreman Derek Custer reported on the work done to date, dozer was returned, Volvo grader repair needed, mowing completed and work that they are still intending to do before the end of the season. The crusher asked if council would consider crushing additional gravel as they are still there and the product they are crushing is very good road spec gravel.

Councillors' gave reports on their respective divisions.

Division 1 – culvert work needed

Division 2 – rocks need to be picked, black dirt is showing on road, Derek wants to pull shoulders and reshape that road

Division 3 – Argo road to be completed this season. Duperow Road signs have been knocked over and road repair by Springwater

Division 4 – no report

Division 5 – gravel north of Petrowsky's and south of Singer's. Inquired on de Bussac approach, Derek has that planned for the following week.

Division 6 – approach on Hooegeveen quarter, cut down willows on Highway 51, switch signs at the old Highway 51 located on Jordy Ries property.

ACCOUNTS:

141/2020 GORING: That the following list of accounts be approved for payment: Checks #1282-1312; online utilities, MasterCard, remittances and September payroll for a total amount \$533,558.82.

Carried

Foreman Custer left meeting at 1:00 p.m.

PROGRESS PAYMENT – CONTRACTORS NEMANISHEN:

142/2020 FICK: Approve the progress payment of \$43,236.72 to Nemanishen Contracting for the reconstruction of road S 13-36-16 W3rd and S 18-36-15 W3rd known as Oban/Whiteshore Road Project.

Carried

CAPITAL PURCHASE – FOREMAN TRUCK:

143/2020 WATSON: Approve the Foreman to purchase a ½ ton 4x4 gas truck for \$35,000.00.

Carried

BRUSH TRUCK – BIGGAR RURAL DISTRICT FIRE ASSOCIATION:

144/2020 WATSON: Approve the shared contribution of \$51,616.44 to the Biggar Rural District Fire Association for the purchase of a CET Fire Pumps Mfg. brush truck assembled on a 2021 Ford F550 4x4.

Carried

BANK RECONCILIATION and FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

145/2020 POLETZ: That the September Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement be approved as presented.

Carried

LETTER OF SUPPORT – CENTRE FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY IN AGRICULTURE

146/2020 POLETZ: That the administrator send on behalf of council a letter of support for the application that Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture is doing for a project to the Canadian Centre for Health and Safety.

Carried

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT:

147/2020 FICK: That Council approves the discretionary use application for a subdivision on land legally described as the SW 30-35-14 W3rd as submitted by Dean and Jordan Remeshylo, Biggar, Sk.

Carried

PROJECT SCREEN:

148/2020 FICK: That the projector screen be installed in council chambers by the November 17, 2020 meeting.

Carried

LAYOFF NOTICES - TRANSPORTATION:

149/2020 DANYCHUK: That the 2-week layoff notices be issued to the transportation employees.

Carried

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE:

150/2020 POLETZ: That Road 549W and 550S between NW 7-34-17 W3rd and NW 6-34-17 W3rd have a temporary road closure.

Carried

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUS:

151/2020 de MOISSAC: That employees receive a \$100.00 Christmas bonus and that there will not be a Council and Staff Christmas party this year.

Carried

The head of council acknowledged the List of Lands in Arrears presented by the administrator.

OCTOBER PER DIEMS:

152/2020 POLETZ: Motion to approve the councillor per diems in the amount of \$3,131.80.

Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 p.m..

Reeve

Administrator