

Minutes of the December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council of the Rural Municipality of Biggar No. 347 in the municipal office, Biggar, Sk.

Present:

Reeve – Jeanne Marie de Moissac
Councillor Division 1 – Absent
Councillor Division 2 – Rob Danychuk
Councillor Division 3 – Dale Thomson
Councillor Division 4 – Barry Sagon
Councillor Division 5 – Greg Mundt
Councillor Division 6 – Brian Watson
Administrator – Sandi Silvernagle

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, Reeve de Moissac called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

AGENDA:

176/2020 MUNDT: That the December 15, 2020 agenda be adopted as presented.

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Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was read and filed.

NEW BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

177/2020 SAGON: That the November 17, 2020 minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

BANK RECONCILIATION and FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

178/2020 MUNDT: That the November Bank Reconciliation and current Financial Statement be approved as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARING – DISCRETIONARY USE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

179/2020 SAGON: That the Council meeting be suspended to open a Public Hearing on the proposed Discretionary Use Development Application submitted by Melissa Kowalchuk SW 22-36-14 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

180/2020 THOMSON: That the Public Hearing be closed and the Council meeting resume at 9:45 a.m.

Carried

APPROVE DISCRETIONARY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

181/2020 SAGON: That the Discretionary Development Application for Melissa Kowalchuk to have a mobile trailer on the SW 22-36-14 W3rd is approved with no conditions.

Carried

DIVISION REPORTS:

DIVISION 1 – Nothing to Report currently
DIVISION 2 – Road 837 and 838S needs plowing
DIVISION 3 – Road Allowance 1003S wanting plowed, but road has never been maintained in the summer, so Council is not approving the road being plowed at this time.
DIVISION 4 – Nothing to Report currently
DIVISION 5 – Nothing to Report currently
REEVE – Updated on the Fire Association Meeting that was on December 7, 2020. The Fire Association has approved the purchase of a SeCan cost shared with the Fire Department members 50-50 to do live burn training. The Fire Association received a grant of \$25,000 from Canadian National Railways towards the purchase of the Wildland Brush truck.

Foreman Derek Custer attended the meeting by telephone at 10:10 a.m. Updated council on year end projects, the staff is until end of December then will be doing a 3 day per week. Only 3 other staff members besides the Foreman are working. Foreman Custer ended the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

ACCOUNTS:

182/2020 THOMSON: That the following list of accounts be approved for payment: Checks #1351-1398; online utilities, MasterCard, remittances and November payroll for a total amount \$1,032,057.00
Carried

CAPITAL 1 QUICK ATTACHMENTS AND ONE WAY PLOW

183/2020 WATSON: Approve the purchase of a Capital 1 Quick Attach lift group and One Way plow installed on Cat 160 AWD grader for \$44,100 and a Capital I Quick Attach Lift Group with wiring and coupler installed on Cat 140 M3 grader for \$13,650 from Finning, Saskatoon.
Carried

TENDER OPENING FOR LIGHT VEHICLES

184/2020 WATSON: Accepts the bids as presented for the tender of the 1994 light truck for \$400.00, the 1999 light truck for \$550.00 and the 2001 light truck for \$600.00.
Carried

CYBER LIABILITY TRAINING:

185/2020 WATSON: Approve the Cyber Liability training for administration at a cost of \$25.00 per person.
Carried

SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTOR

186/2020 MUNDT: That Greg Donahue be contracted at \$150.00 per hour for the removal of snow on the main grid roads as approved by Foreman Custer and Councillor Poletz.
Carried

2021 COUNCIL AND CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS:

187/2020 WATSON: That the 2021 Council and Citizen appointments as presented are approved and attached to the December minutes.
Carried

OBAN/WHITESHORE ROAD TITLE and PAYMENT:

188/2020 SAGON: That Janice Carruthers be paid for the purchase of 6.18 acres parcels 118740067, 118740078, 118724957, 118749763, 118749448, 118749437 for \$15,450.00, Norm de Bussac for 1.03 acres parcel 118749752 for \$2,500.00 and Charlotte Owens for 1.03 acres parcel 118740056 for \$2,500.00 to increase the ROW to 100 feet and that Meridian Surveyors proceed with the transfer of title based on the preconstruction survey.
Carried

2021 FIDELTY BOND:

189/2020 WATSON: That the payment for the Fidelity Bond for 2021 is approved.
Carried

2019 AND 2020 PITRUN and SAND PAYMENTS:

190/2020 WATSON: That Ken Kostuchenko be paid \$1,722.00 for 2019 and 2020 pitrun and sand; Massie Hilltop Farms for 2019 pitrun \$877.50 and Dale McBee for 2019 pitrun \$1,785.00.
Carried

CORRESPONDENCE WITH CHRISTENSEN'S ABOUT ROAD ALLOWANCE:

191/2020 DANYCHUK: That there be correspondence with John and Janice Christensen regarding the road allowance on the NW 33-34-14 W3rd.
Carried

THANK YOU GIFTS FOR COUNCILLORS:

192/2020 WATSON: That thank you gifts be purchased for Brian Fick and Wes Goring for serving as councillors.

Carried

PURCHASE LAND FOR ROAD 1214R:

193/2020 MUNDT: That Matthew Zidkovich be compensated for crop damage 2.76 acres x 45/bu. x \$13.00/bushel for total of \$1,614.60 and the purchase of 1.38 surveyed acres at \$2,500.00/acre for a total of \$3,450.00 for the construction of road 1214R on the SW 29-36-14 W3rd. Title transfer will be completed by Meridian Surveyors.

Carried

SALE OF DUPEROW LOTS:

194/2020 WATSON: That the lots at Duperow are for sale as per the same policy as Springwater lots.

Carried

CONTRACTED SNOW REMOVAL SPRINGWATER:

195/2020 MUNDT: That Neil Houdek be contracted for snow removal in Springwater up to a maximum of \$300.00.

Carried

DECEMBER PER DIEMS:

196/2020 THOMSON: Motion to approve the councillor per diems in the amount of \$4,576.59.

Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 2:25 p.m..

Reeve

Administrator