

Minutes of the Village of Bulyea Council Meeting
held Thursday, March 20th, 2024, at the Municipal Office of Bulyea, Saskatchewan.

Present:

Mayor: Cynthia Lovequist

Acting Administrator: Darci Lowe

Councillors: Brian Gorrill Laine Henfrey
 Linda Dmyterko

Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Deputy Mayor Lovequist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda:

40-03-24 Dmyterko/Gorrill: That the agenda is accepted as presented with changes added. **Carried**

Minutes:

41-03-24 Gorrill/Dmyterko: That the minutes from the February 29th, 2024, meeting be accepted as presented at the meeting with a motion to be made at this meeting that was missed in **33-02-24**.

Carried

Staff Report:

Maintenance: Maintenance Staff Gelinis had Acting Admin report on his behalf.

-Randy from Element water has asked for Water Samples to be sent to him so he is able to test them and understand what is happening in the WTP. Randy plans to come and speak to Tim and Council regarding VHF, and a head that runs the pump, as well as a price on the pump and any other deficiencies.

-Road repairs on Ashley Street IE: Potholes: We have everything required to fix the potholes. The weather is still not nice enough to do so. The plan is to pick a weekend when the weather is consistently warm enough to repair all the potholes starting from one end of Ashley to another.

Financial Reports:

42-03-24 Dmyterko/Gorrill: Village Bank Rec- \$9.99 rounding issues. The \$10.00 is a pet license that was not entered into the GL. It will be accounted for. Approved. **Carried**

43-03-24 Gorrill/Dmyterko: That we approve the Hall February Bank Reconciliation. **Carried**

44-03-24 Dmyterko/Gorrill: That we approve the list of accounts for approval

Carried

Committee Reports:

Transportation: Councillor Henfrey reports the “A” frame advertising sign by the hotel is causing problems with the road and traffic, it must be removed from the middle of the road and placed on the sidewalk.

It was suggested that he contact McDougall to see if it can be repaired. The grader needs to be moving. Counselor Henfrey will also see if he can find someone to operate the grader for road repairs in the spring.

Discussed posts for the “traffic” signs- Treated 4x4’s should be what is needed, and a Skid Steer post hole auger can be acquired.

Admin noted Gelinas discussed this with Gwillim as Gwillim has knowledge based on helping with set up in the Town of Strasbourg. Admin will discuss timeline with Maintenance.

Utilities- Councillor Gorrill discussed a variable speed pump and changing the pump and controls. As well as general maintenance to the generator that was previously purchased.

Water quality was discussed, the water in the village is clear at the plant, the 2” lines going into most people’s older homes are thin and can not be unscaled. This causing most the orange/iron issues. Homeowners should make sure they are changing filters regularly. Maintenance will be performing performing quarterly water flushes to help with this as well.

Library- Mayor Lovequist voted on the new building for the main Parkland Regional Library in Yorkton, SK. They are using money in their reserve to purchase it and hope to sell the old building. There is nothing more to report.

Hall: Councillor Dmyterko noted they had a meeting March 5th 2024. The following was discussed.

Verna Lynn-Resigned as president

New President-Cassidy Flavel

Vice-President-Carol Nordal

Health: Mayor Lovequist -Meeting next Tuesday March 26th 2024

Environment: Councillor Gorrill- Next meeting is Wednesday March 27th 2024

Recreation Board: Mayor Lovequist requested this be added as she is on the committee, and they would like the Bylaw updated. They feel it no longer describes the full service, duty and purpose of the group and would like some flexibility in the amount of meetings required to engage volunteers.

Old Business:

-RM Of McKillop Property

A letter was sent information the RM a curb stop would be installed to shut off the water to the current property as one currently does not exist.

They were given copies of the building bylaw, and it was explained what council expected when it came to the demolition.

-Tightline Tree Services

Acting admin requested information about the continued 3-year plan with the Tightline. Discussion ended with Admin suggested to contact Tightline regarding the next step in service.

-Village Of Bulyea Logo

4 mock up logos were provided. Councillors choose two designs from the contest that were pieced together to incorporate what is felt to best represent Bulyea and the community. There are a few changes to make on the chosen mock up. Once completed and approved the winners will be announced publicly.

-Sidewalk Tenders

Acting Admin sent out old tenders as directed, she advised construction/concrete companies to come and have a look at the site as the location and likely the measurements changed. Lowe heard back from two local companies and one company based out of Regina and had discussion. No quotes have been received.

-Backwash Servicing- New Pump From: "Municipal Utilities"

The village received a quote for servicing on the current backwash pump, as it has yet to be done.

-MU's price for a new 3 phase 3HP pump and motor matching the performance of the existing distribution pump is \$3474.00 plus all applicable taxes. The price of the variable speed controller required to operate the 3 phase pump is \$3930.00 plus all applicable taxes.

Minutes from February 29th (Reset Reps) 33-02-24 -

45-03-24- Gorrill/Henfrey: That a motion be made to reset the Committee Reps based on the minutes from the February 29th, 2024, meeting be accepted as missed in **33-02-24.**

Carried

New Business:

-Water consumption for the month of February 2024 **-153,925 Gallons.**

-Tim Water Conference

Gelinas will be in Regina on April.10th to partake in a conference put on by Flocor. He will receive a CEU certificate and there will be a Neptune presentation as well as many other presentations we felt would be beneficial for the Village to have for Maintenance Staff. The learning session is free of charge.

46-03-24 Dmyterko/Lovequist: Motion was to approve the purchase of skid steer tires and installation as quoted from Bulyea Co-op.

Carried

47-03-24 Henfrey/Dmyterko: Motion to introduce and read for the first time the General Election Bylaw # 01-24 in the Village of Bulyea, with the changes to remove the repeal of Bylaw 01/20- Mail in Ballot Bylaw.

Carried

-Resident Request Scheduled Payments

Council received a request from a ratepayer with request to make scheduled payments for tax arrears. Council was of the decision that because taxes are the ratepayers' obligations to village and the way in which the municipality is funded; that they would not grant this request. The Village of Bulyea has employed Taxervice who now handles all tax enforcement for the Village of Bulyea.

48-03-24 Dmyterko/Gorrill: Motion to remove LGA services, W.Zerff as IT services for the Village as he wants to slow down that portion of his business and Admin feels she's able to handle that side of the business.

Carried

47-03-24 Dmyterko/Henfrey: Motion to introduce and read for the first time the Community Hall Bylaw # 02-24 in the Village of Bulyea, with the changes discussed.

Carried

48-03-24 Gorrill/Henfrey: Motion to allow Earl Grey vet clinic to set up Vaccination Clinic in Village Shop if there is inclement weather, otherwise allowing them the space on Village property April 27th 10am-10:30am

Carried

Office Hours Disrupted in April

Office Closed the following dates in April 2024- 1, 8, 11,15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23, 24.
Admin will be checking emails, and voicemails to make sure no payments/interest is missed or charged.

Important Dates: Council Meeting April 22nd and AGM- April 30th

Outstanding Taxes:

Previous properties with Tax liens have been sent to newly appointed Taxervice.

Water Arrears:

Amounted in \$7044.83, council would be in contact with those they could reach. Letters were also sent out earlier in the week. If in arrears more than 30 days the utility Bylaw states water shut off. It was discussed this will need to be enforced.

Adjournment:

49-03-24 Gorrill/Henfrey: That this meeting is adjourned at 9:58 pm. **Carried**

Mayor

Administrator