

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 held at the Municipal Office, #16 Edouard Beaupre St., Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan on Friday, October 6th, 2023.

Present were: Deputy Reeve – Denis Lesperance, Administrator Sharleine Eger, Assistant Administrator Tereena Bartlett and the following councillors:

Division 4 – Scott Kirby
Division 5 – Dale Berner (via Zoom)
Division 6 – Gilles Bissonnette

Regrets: Reeve – Patrick Therrien
Division 2 – Albert Lavallee
Division 3 – Denis Bellefleur

Addition to Agenda

205/2023 Scott Kirby: That a letter from Councillor Bellefleur be added to and addressed at the beginning of the agenda and that an invoice from MLT Aikens be added to the payables portion of the agenda.

Carried

Resignation

206/2023 Scott Kirby: That Council acknowledge and accept the resignation of Division 3 Councillor Bellefleur effective immediately.

Carried

Financials

207/2023 Dale Berner: That the Statement of Financial Activities and bank reconciliation for September 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried

Accounts

208/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques 21036 to 21088 inclusive totalling (\$127,183.04) and the September payroll (\$34,200.74) and EFT payments (\$401,676.20) be annexed hereto and form part of these minutes.

Carried

Minutes

209/2023 Scott Kirby: That the minutes of the September 2023 regular meeting of council be approved as amended, indicating Councillor Kirby left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Carried

Committee Reports

210/2023 Scott Kirby: That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

- a) Denis Lesperance: JLLRP report and Park Road
- b) Albert Lavallee: No Report
- c) Denis Bellefleur: No Report
- d) Dale Berner: No Report
- e) Scott Kirby: OH of Scout Lake AGM
- f) Gilles Bissonnette: St. Victor main street – inquire with Highways
- g) Pat Therrien: No Report

Carried

November Meeting of Council

211/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That the November meeting of council be moved to Tuesday, November 14th, 2023.

Carried

Maintenance Shop Sceptic

212/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM contract Eddie's Plumbing and Heating to perform sceptic pump out maintenance at the maintenance shop at a quote of \$3,490.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

DELEGATION: Shawn Fleming – CIBC Wood Gundy – Municipal Investment Opportunities

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Land Access Request – Bakke Twp Rd 040

213/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM authorize the foreman, councillor for Division 4, and the deputy reeve to review the request, inspect the road and make a decision with regards to developing the road allowance.

Carried

1977 Fire Truck Tender

214/2023 Dale Berner: That in light of no tenders received for the 1977 Chevrolet fire truck that the RM recommend keeping the truck as an additional source of water capacity for rural fires.

Carried

Hamlet H2O Reports

215/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM accept as presented, the H2O reports for the hamlets of St. Victor and Scout Lake.

Carried

Bylaw 1-2023 First Reading – Building Bylaw

216/2023 Scott Kirby: That bylaw 1-2023 being a bylaw respecting buildings be given first reading.

Carried

Request to Waive Invoice – Gravel

217/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM offer a 50% reduction to the gravel invoice submitted to the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park.

Carried

Acknowledge and Advertise Tax Enforcement List (List of Lands in Arrears)

218/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM advertise in the November 17th, 2023 edition of the Assiniboia Times, the tax enforcement list as attached to and forming part of these minutes and that the RM exclude all properties from the TE List that are less than ½ of the previous year's levy.

Carried

Retirement/Years of Service Acknowledgement Supper

219/2023 Dale Berner: That the RM cover the entire cost of the retirement/years of service supper for members of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Carried

Rescind Fire Ban

220/2023 Scott Kirby: That the fire ban implemented in July of 2023 be rescinded.

Carried

Correspondence

221/2023 Scott Kirby: That the following correspondence be approved as presented:

- a) CDO Report
- b) RCMP Report
- c) RM of Edenwold – Request to Support Resolution
- d) MLDP Opportunities
- e) Municipal Awards Info
- f) Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Carried

Enter “In Camera” or “Closed Session”

222/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM enter in an “in camera” session at 11:22 a.m. to discuss issues as per Section 12.4 of the Council Procedures Bylaw and that those in attendance are Denis Lesperance, Gilles Bissonnette, Dale Berner, Tereena Bartlett, Sharleine Eger.

Carried



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Exit "In Camera" Closed Session

223/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM exit the "in camera" closed session at 11:26 a.m.
Carried

DELEGATION: Michel Cayer – RM Foreman
Winterized the municipal well in town
Road Tour – will organize
Reels are returned
Culvert Repairs – base of Lautier Hill, and at Kirby's
Grader Blades ordered
Need tool boxes for Chev truck (red) – side tool boxes
Trees need moving on Lisieux grid – by culvert and Kelly Lightfoot corral
Need John Deere to seed grass
Trails by Bouviers in Div. 1 not mowed
Larry Haughian and Madison Bissonnette will be done October 31st, 2023

Pay GWR Invoice

224/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM pay the invoice for crossing repairs to Great Western Railway along with a letter stating concerns over responsibilities for such.
Carried

Adjournment

225/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That this meeting adjourn. (12:15 p.m.)

Carried

REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR

Next Meeting – November 14th, 2023