

**VILLAGE OF VETERAN  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
September 5, 2023**

**A Special meeting of the Council of the Village of Veteran was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, in the Veteran Village Office**

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- ORDER:** Mayor Wipf called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Wipf, Councillor Allison, C.A.O. Debbie Johnstone.  
Lisa Long observing.
- AGENDA:**
- 2023-201** Deputy Mayor Lafontaine moved to approve the agenda as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- MINUTES:**
- 2023-202** Mayor Wipf moved the minutes of the regular council meeting held on June 20, 2023, be approved as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- DELEGATION** None.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
- 2023-203** 1) Unsightly Letters  
Lisa Long exited at 5:55pm.  
Deputy Mayor Lafontaine moved to give extensions to the following property owners:
- Garth & Lisa Long – 312 Waterloo Street – to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
  - Martin Haugen – 306 Railway Ave – to July 31, 2024
  - Allen Larson – 106 Waterloo Street – to September 30, 2023,
  - Garnet Lebert – 102 Waterloo Street – to September 30, 2023
  - Darryl & Caroline Tkach – 215 Delhi Street - to September 30, 2023.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- BYLAWS:** None
- NEW BUSINESS:**
- 2023-204** 1) Paving Motion  
Motion made by Mayor Wipf via group text on July 4, 2023, for N & M Paving to pave the Redan Street water break hole and fill some potholes on the south end of Waterloo Street for approximately \$12,000.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 2023-205** Mayor Wipf moved to add the Wheatbelt Road water line break hole to the paving project, depending on the cost.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 2023-206** 2) Highway 884 Signage  
Motion made by Deputy Mayor Lafontaine via group text on July 6, 2023, to contact Alberta Transportation to install a sign north of Gordan & Paulette Longs, for truckers to avoid using their engine retarder brakes.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 2023-207** 3) New Hall Caretaker  
Moved by Councillor Allison to accept Melissa Trask’s resignation and hire David Hudyma effective July 15, 2023 for \$600/month.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 4) Highway Signage

- 2023-208 Councillor Allison moved to donate the highway signage for Village functions only. Private functions must pay the following rates, \$75/mos or \$25 for the weekend.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 5) 31 Day Municipal Savings Account
- 2023-209 Motion made by Deputy Mayor LaFontaine via group text on July 25, 2023, to move \$75,440 (\$25,440 of deferred revenue and \$50,000 of the new CCBF Fund) into a 31 day Municipal Savings Account.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 6) Men's Ball Diamond
- 2023-210 Motion made by Mayor Wipf via group text on July 25, 2023, to purchase fertilizer for the men's ball diamond for approximately \$500.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 7) Rental Agreement
- 2023-211 Moved by Mayor Wipf to offer the "old station grounds", portion of Block A, Plan 585AJ, north of the railway bed, to rent to Gordan Long. In lieu of rent, the grounds and fences are to be maintained, and 2 gates will be added to have access to the lagoon.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 8) Fire Fighting Hourly Rate
- 2023-212 Moved by Deputy Mayor Lafontaine to amend Policy #16-12 effective September 5, 2023 to increase the hourly fire fighting rates to \$30/hour.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 9) Annual Vacation Policy
- 2023-213 Moved by Mayor Wipf to add to the Employee Annual Vacation Policy #02-09 as follows;
- 2.4 After 15 years of employment, the employee shall receive 5 weeks of annual vacation, 5 days for the full time position per week, and 3 days for the 3 day part-time position per week.
- 2.5 After 20 years of employment, the employee shall receive 6 weeks of annual vacation, 5 days for the full time position per week, and 3 days for the 3 day part-time position per week.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 10) Hall Bathroom Update
- 11) Tax Recovery Sale
- 2023-214 Moved by Mayor Wipf to set the following reserve bids for the 2023 Tax Recovery Sale to be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00am in the Village Office:
- 313 Delhi Steet - reserve bid of 34,070  
310 Lucknow Street – reserve bid of 10,710  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

- Mayor Wipf – verbal report presented.
- Deputy Mayor Lafontaine – verbal report presented.
- Councillor Allison – verbal report presented.

**CAO REPORT:**

**2023-215**

Moved by Mayor Wipf to allow a 1 day only exemption to Harpreet Hallait of 105 Wheatbelt Road to pay the remaining balance of taxes in full on September 20<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$408.45 with no penalty.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2023-216**

Deputy Mayor Lafontaine moved to approve the AMSC Power + Agreement Amending Agreement to reflect an electricity maximum price \$0.0695/kWh and changing the end date to December 31, 2029 from 2033.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2023-217**

Councillor Allison moved to approve the CAO report, as presented and holidays for October 5<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**FINANCIAL**

**2023-218**

Councillor Allison moved to approve the cheque listing in the amount of \$134,388.645 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2023-219**

Mayor Wipf moved to approve the monthly financial statements for the periods ending June 30 and July 31, 2023, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CORRESPONDENCE: Meetings, Minutes & Workshops:**

Sept 6, - 10 am – Zoom meeting for Rural Renewal Stream (Wanda Diakow) I will be locking the doors from 9-11am.

**Information Items:**

FCSS Amending Agreement – increasing from \$25,056 to \$26,089.56 over 3 years. Motion Required.

**2023-220**

Deputy Mayor Lafontaine moved to approve FCSS amending agreement as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ATCO – increasing LED multiplier rate (61m) effective Sept 1<sup>st</sup> from 8.42% to 8.49%

Fire Department 2021 and 2022 financials (not audited, will follow)

MA – 2024 preliminary equalized assessment –

- Residential/Farmland - 9,138,746, an increase of 79,511
- Non-residential – 2,545,549, an increase of 113,437
- Machinery & Equipment – 70,560, an increase of 3,330

Policing report – Aug 8, new Cpl Ken Shamblaw for the Consort RCMP, They will be scheduling community engagement in September.

Wanda Diakow – Rural Renewal Stream (RRS) (Alberta Advantage Immigration Program) We were approved.

Canada Summer Jobs – we are unsuccessful for the grant.

MA – 2023 MSI Capital allocation \$63,410, MSI operating \$76,504, CCBF - \$50,000

Consort & District FCSS Jan to June report

ATCO Gas – Franchise Fee forecast for 2024, 99,643 down from \$108,565. Total estimated franchise fee for 2024 will be \$5,979.

ATCO Electric – franchise fee increase deadline before October 10, 2023. Currently both gas and electricity are at 6%

AHNA Newsletter

CAO June and July timesheet – June – 5.625 hrs OT, July 5.625 hrs OT (Boil Water Advisory)

Village Foreman June & July –6 hrs OT

**2023-221** Mayor Wipf moved to accept the correspondence as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CLOSED MEETING:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**2023-222** Mayor Wipf moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Regular meeting – September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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Jerry Wipf,  
Mayor

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Debbie Johnstone,  
Chief Administrative Officer