

March 27, 2012

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VETERAN, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012, IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE.**

- ORDER:** Mayor Gorcak called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Gorcak, Councillor Allison, and C.A.O. Debbie Johnstone
- AGENDA:** **Councillor Allison moved to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED.**
- MINUTES:** **Councillor Allison moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on February 13<sup>th</sup> 2012, be approved as presented/amended. CARRIED.**
- OLD BUSINESS:** 1) **Hall Chairs** – a quote was received from Chairtex, the same place where the Lions Club purchased the chairs last fall. They are the same color but the style is more oval than square. The price for 60 chairs including freight is \$3,892 + HST. This was tabled until later in the meeting.
- BYLAWS:** **Cemetery Bylaw Review #506-12** – brought forward for review.
- RESOLUTION:** **Mayor Gorcak moved to give Bylaw No. 506-12 first reading. CARRIED.**
- NEW BUSINESS:** 1) **Draft Financials and Adjustments** – Chapman and Co. forwarded the draft financials and adjustments for 2011 for approval. They will be out on April 10 to go over the financials.
- RESOLUTION** **Councillor Allison moved to approve both the 2011 draft financials and adjustments from Chapman and Co. CARRIED.**
- 2) **SMRWSC** – require submission of projected water volumes for 2012 to 2015 by March 30, 2012.
- RESOLUTION** **Mayor Gorcak moved to approve for submission the projected water volumes to the SMRWSC as follows:**
- 2012 – 24,500 cubes
  - 2013 – 25,000 cubes
  - 2014 – 25,000 cubes
  - 2015 – 25,000 cubes, **CARRIED.**
- 3) **Superior Safety Codes** – a letter was received regarding the unsafe condition of the property located at 306 Alberta Ave. Due to the many complaints we have received and the letter from the Safety Codes Officer, this building needs to be torn down. Quotes will be required.
- RESOLUTION** **Councillor Allison moved to approve for demolition, due to unsafe conditions, the property located at 306 Alberta Ave. Consent will be received by the owner and an agreement will be written up stating any damage caused by the demolition will be the reasonability of the Village of Veteran. CARRIED.**
- 4) **Hall Rental for Starosta/Howe Benefit**
- RESOLUTION** **Mayor Gorcak moved to donate the hall rental for the Starosta/Howe Benefit to be held on April 21, 2012. CARRIED.**
- 5) **AGRO Quote** –
- 1. HT131 – Stihl pole pruner \$736.74 or
  - 2. HT101 –Stihl pole pruner \$634.78
  - 3. Harness - \$78.63
- RESOLUTION** **Mayor Gorcak moved to purchase the HT131 pole pruner and harness for \$815.37. CARRIED.**
- 6) **McCormick Aerial Photo** – price was requested for aerial photo. This will be tabled until more information is received.
- 7) **CIB** – requesting representative from the Village to sit on their board.
- RESOLUTION** **Mayor Gorcak moved to appoint Janice Allison as the Village of Veteran’s representative to sit on the CIB Board. CARRIED.**
- 8) **Wild Pink Yonder** – we need to start planning for this event. The Lions Club will support this project. Ideas brought forth so far include:
- Pink fire hydrants and pink ribbon around power poles
  - Pink crosswalk paint and pink at the park
  - Pink old piece of machinery at front entrance with pink flower baskets
  - Silent auction – letters will be written to oil companies and business for support. The auction will be held at the hall on August 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Bottle drive
  - Large breast cancer symbols cut out on large pink construction paper
  - The Lions Club will do the pancake breakfast on August 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Supper ideas, potluck or volunteer appreciation supper. Bag lunches are required for the next day.
  - Donations collected
  - Any more ideas, contact Lions member or Village Office.

**9) New Motion for Fire Truck** – new motion is required as the cost of the truck will be higher than previously thought.

**RESOLUTION** **Councillor Allison moved to amend the MSI Capital fire truck application to \$64,000. CARRIED.**

**10) 2012 Tree Order** – trees were discussed for 2012. The trees along the highway will be Thunderechild Flowering Crabapple and Schubert Chokecherries. These trees will also be alternated along the boulevards as replacement trees when needed. There are a few replacement trees that will need to be ordered along Wheatbelt Road.

**11) Kitchen Tender** – two tenders were received.

**RESOLUTION** **Mayor Gorcak moved to accept the tender from Ron Rockey Construction for the replacement of the kitchen hall cabinets and countertops for \$30,722 per his quote. Applications will be submitted under MSI Operating for \$23,722 and MSI Capital for \$7,000. CARRIED.**

**12) ATCO Electric Quote** – a quote was received for upgrading the curling club to three phase power. The quote is for \$12,686 plus GST.

**13) MSI Grants for 2012**

**RESOLUTION** **Councillor Allison moved to apply for the following projects under the MSI Grant Program:**

- 1. Curling Club – 3 phase project – MSI Capital - \$12,686,**
- 2. Hall Chairs – MSI Operating \$3,892,**
- 3. Recreation Utilities and Insurance – MSI Operating - \$9,845,**
- 4. Curling Club – Utilities – MSI Operating - \$5,000. CARRIED.**

**14) Coronation/Consort Victim Services** – requesting support and representative. Council would like to invite a representative to the council meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

**Mayor Gorcak** – Pat and Darryl went to Calgary to look at new street sweeper. It will be delivered in the spring.

Acadia Foundation minutes of the February 23 meeting were presented.

SMRWSC – Stettler to Donalda line as been approved.

Reviewed complaint letter regarding the Unsightly Bylaw.

**Councillor Allison** – attended a Day Care meeting.

**Councillor Lafontaine** – absent

**DELEGATION:** **Veteran Cemetery Society** joined the meeting at 7:25pm. Janice Likness and Debbie Crawford brought up for discussion the following items:

1. Permission for Betty Christianson and another Society member to access village archives for information on cemetery. Permission was granted.
2. Village budget - \$1,500 for repairs and maintenance and \$2,100 for caretaker
3. New Cemetery Bylaw – first reading was passed.
4. Letter regarding condition of gravesites. Accepted but with the addition that it is the owner's responsibility to clean up their debris. Delegation exited at 7:35pm.

**C.A.O. REPORT** A report was presented to council.

**RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Allison moved to accept the CAO report as presented. CARRIED.**

#### **FINANCIAL**

**RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Allison moved to accept the cheque listing in the amount of \$134,901.80 as presented. CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION:** **Mayor Gorcak moved to accept the financial statements for the period ending January 31, 2012 and February 29, 2012, as presented. CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following items of correspondence were reviewed:

#### **Meetings, Minutes & Workshops:**

PrairieLand Board highlights – Feb 15

PrairieLand Board highlights – Mar 7

AMHSA – AGM – April 3 in Leduc

Growing Rural Tourism Conference – April 2-4 in Camrose

ATCO Community Symposium – May 15 and 17 in Bonnyville & Peace River

Vitalize 2012 Conference – June 7 to 9 in Calgary

AMSC – Muni-funds info sessions – Edmonton – April 10 and Calgary – April 11

#### **Information Items:**

MA – 2012 MSI Grant– Capital \$139,085 and Operating \$62,724

2010 Financial Indicator Graph

Wild Rose Manor – request to upgrade rooms, need to talk to Alberta Seniors

SA – know more mid May on newer half ton options

ATCO Electric – offer of 2 tents for homecoming

MA – BMTG - \$17,766 (formerly SIP), FGTC - \$50,000 for 2012

MA – County of Stettler received Regional Collaboration funding for \$150,000

**CORRESPONDENCE:** MA – Changes of MSI Capital and Operating program:

MSI Operating

- expanding the definition of maintenance and repair to include betterment and rehabilitation
- broadening the range of eligible small capital projects, reducing application form to single form per year
- 10% minimum threshold lifted

MSI Capital

- expanding eligible projects costs to include off-site management costs, non-routine maintenance, beautification activities, and the purchase or replacement of ancillary and small equipment
- broadening the definition of project to permit multiple capital assets on a single form
- replacing the multi-year capital plan requirement with a declaration check box
- reducing capital plan requirement for temporary borrowing from 10 years to 3 to 5 years
- minimum threshold lowered to 5%

Seniors Week - June 4-10

AUMA – Local Matters – promote new Provincial-Municipal relationship

AMHSA March newsletter

Trail of the Buffalo – Passport Program

911 – call out data

Consort & Area Food Bank letter

Alberta Farm Safety – could we commit \$200 annually to safety initiative

AB. Health & Wellness – review of operations of emergency medical services

Keystone XL – construction schedule revised

BRWA –winter newsletter

Ab. Community Services – 2012 Heritage Awards – nominations cease June 1

2012 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Grant – funding only available when celebrations take place between September 1 and December 31<sup>st</sup>

Alberta Capital Finance Authority 2011 annual report

RDC 2010/2011 annual report

All correspondence was accepted as information.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 @ 5:30pm – Regular Council Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Gorcak declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER