

October 25, 2011

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VETERAN, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011, IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE.**

- ORDER:** Mayor Gorcak called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Gorcak, Councillors Lafontaine and Allison and C.A.O. Debbie Johnstone.
- AGENDA:** **Councillor Lafontaine moved to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED.**
- MINUTES:** **Councillor Lafontaine moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on October 11<sup>th</sup> and the special meeting held on October 13, 2011, be approved as presented/amended. CARRIED.**
- OLD BUSINESS:** **1) 306 Alberta Ave.** – Special Areas was contacted about this project. Time permitting this winter, they agreed to demolish and haul away the debris from this property.
- BYLAWS:** Unsightly Premises Bylaw – tabled until next meeting.
- DELEGATION** **5:45pm - Village Foreman** – joined the meeting to discuss:
- Firehall addition
  - December 6<sup>th</sup> Fire Chiefs meeting in Hanna
  - Fans ordered for arena
  - New racks ordered for firefighters equipment
- Village Foreman exited.
- NEW BUSINESS:** **1) AMSC Benefits for 2012** – more details will be looked into for the mayor and councillor coverage and will be brought forward to the next meeting.
- 2) CIB Budget for 2012** – a budget was presented for council’s approval. The total budget requested was \$3,500 which included bedding plants, planters, lamp replacement, judging day expenses, new flower bed and incidentals.
- RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Lafontaine moved to approve the CIB budget proposal for 2012 for \$3,000, which includes the CIB registration fee of \$250. CARRIED.**
- 3) FCSS 2012 Funding Agreement** – was presented for signature.
- RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Allison moved to approve for signature the 2012 FCSS Funding Agreement as presented. CARRIED.**
- 4) Draft Sick Leave Policy** – the draft policy was reviewed with changes made. The revised policy will be brought to the next meeting.
- 5) Level II Certification** – 2 day course in Calgary on March 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.
- RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Allison moved to approve for Darryl Tkach to attend the Level II Certification course in Calgary on March 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>. CARRIED.**
- DELEGATION** **6:00 – Shirley Kary, Debbie Crawford and Janice Liknes from the newly formed Village of Veteran Cemetery Society joined the meeting** - a budget was discussed for the new society. Their proposal included a caretaker for 3.5 months, fencing and hedge removal. Mayor Gorcak suggested larger entry and exit gates. Council will also look into a policy regarding headstones and the CAO will look into possible grant funding for the cemetery. Council also stressed that approval must be received before any alterations or changes are made to the cemetery. The use of village equipment will be discussed in the spring with the society.
- Delegation exited.
- 6) Concerned Citizen Letter** – was accepted as information.
- 7) 2012 Interim Budget** – was reviewed with a few minor changes noted.
- COUNCILLORS REPORT:**
- Mayor Gorcak** – attended a water meeting in Big Valley.  
Pat would like to invite Special Areas to resume our joint annual council meetings as we have not met for a few years. Debbie will contact Special Areas.  
The hall piano was discussed. Quotes will be brought to the next meeting. A cabinet to house the piano will also be looked into. Thornton Electric will be contacted for a quote for new hall lighting.
- Councillor Allison** – discussed the minutes will not be made available until they are approved.
- Councillor Lafontaine** – attended an Emergency Public Information Course in Coronation on October 18<sup>th</sup>. They suggested a dark page on our website for emergencies, which the Village now has.  
Acadia Foundation meeting - residents have moved into the Consort Lodge, but the grand opening will not be until February. There will be another meeting tomorrow in Hanna. A request has been made for more plug in’s at the arena. Debbie will look into it.
- C.A.O. REPORT** A report was presented to council.
- RESOLUTION:** **Mayor Gorcak moved to accept the CAO report as presented. CARRIED.**

**FINANCIAL**

**RESOLUTION:** Councillor Lafontaine moved to accept the cheque listing in the amount of \$28,466.65 as presented. **CARRIED.** Councillor Allison did not vote due to a pecuniary interest.

**RESOLUTION:** Councillor Allison moved to accept the financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2011 as presented. **CARRIED.**

A spreadsheet of investments to September 30, 2011 was also presented as information.

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

**Meetings, Minutes & Workshops:**

DSS Exercise in Consort on Nov 1 – 5-10pm – RSVP by Oct 25 – Jan & Deb  
Regional Disaster Services Advisory Committee minutes – Aug 24 and Oct 12  
RDRWA – fall general meeting – Thursday, October 27 in Lacombe  
Prairieland – board highlights of October 5 meeting  
Trail of the Buffalo – Nov 9 AGM in Coronation, and Dec 13 in Castor County Office  
Councillor Allison will attend the November 9<sup>th</sup> AGM in Coronation.  
Trail of the Buffalo – 2011/2012 Membership - \$157.50

**RESOLUTION:** Councillor Lafontaine moved to approve the Trail of the Buffalo Tourism Association 2011/2012 Membership in the amount of \$157.50. **CARRIED.**

**Information Items:**

Alberta Transportation – received \$50,000 from Federal Gas Tax Fund for sidewalk project  
AMHSA – October newsletter  
ATCO Pipelines  
FCM – requesting membership \$134, accepted as information.

All correspondence was accepted as information.

The December council meetings were discussed.

**RESOLUTION:** Mayor Gorcak moved to have one council meeting in December on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. **CARRIED.**

The Village Office hours for the last 2 weeks of December will be as follows:  
December 19, 20 and 21, open from 8:30 to 4:00pm  
December 27, 28 and 29, closed until January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

Arena Committee meeting will be organized soon.  
The Village Christmas party will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, November 8, 2011 @ 5:30pm – Regular Council Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Gorcak declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER