

October 30, 2012

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VETERAN, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012, IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE.**

- ORDER:** Mayor Gorcak called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.
- PRESENT:** Mayor Gorcak, Councillors Allison and Zacharias, and C.A.O. Debbie Johnstone.
- AGENDA:** **Councillor Allison moved to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- MINUTES:** **Councillor Zacharias moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on October 9, 2012 be approved as presented/amended. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- MINUTES:** **Councillor Allison moved that the minutes of the organization meeting of council held on October 25, 2012 be approved as presented/amended. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- OLD BUSINESS:**
- 1) **New Community Sign** – approval was received from the owner of Edwards Agencies, Ron Edwards and Margaret Evans for permission to place the sign on their property, because of the high traffic flow. We can discuss the exact placement when we receive the sign. This item will be tabled until the January meeting.
  - 2) **Campground Fire Pit Quote** – a quote was received from Nifty Livestock Equipment for 11 fire pits for \$175 each, including freight. A photo of the fire pits were presented as information. MSI Operating funds could be used for this purchase. The CAO will contact Nifty Livestock to possibly bring a fire pit to the next meeting.
- BYLAWS:** none
- NEW BUSINESS:**
- 1) **FCSS – Kids Club Application (Youth Group)** – an application was received for \$1,000. All that remains in the budget is \$468.82 for 2012.
- RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Zacharias moved to approve the FCSS Youth Group Application in the amount of \$468.82. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 2) **Veteran Minor Sports Letter** – requesting permission for ATCO Electric to donate and install a light on the power pole by the booth at the sports grounds. They are also requesting the Village to pay for the light on a monthly basis. An estimate was given for approximately \$20/month.
- RESOLUTION:** **Mayor Gorcak moved to approve the installation of a light by ATCO Electric on the power pole near the booth by the sports grounds and the Village agrees to pay the monthly charge of the light. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 3) **Renewal Contract – Sandy Walters, Century 21** – renewed contract for another 6 months commencing October 18<sup>th</sup>. The CAO requested she advertise the lots in Veteran like she advertises the new lots in Consort. Currently, we do not have lots 1,4, 6 & 7 in Fairway Place listed with her.
- RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Allison moved to approve the 6 month contract with Sandy Walters, with Century 21 to list lots 15, 20-21, 25-28 and lot 32 in Fairway Place. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 4) **Communities in Bloom** – a meeting was held with the CAO, Linda Schetzslle, Connie Larson, Marlene Cornelius and Shirley Kary on October 25 at the Village Office. Concerns were brought up regarding the lack of communication between the CIB and council. An alternate was suggested when the council representative could not attend a meeting. Village council agreed that if the CIB representative could not attend a meeting, CIB can forward a copy of their minutes to village council. A letter will be written to the CIB. They also discussed some beautification ideas for the campground for 2013 such as planters, planting a few mad day trees around the camp kitchen and refurbishing the water pump.
- DELEGATION:**
- 6:15pm - **Veteran Cemetery Society** – Debbie Crawford and Maureen Quaife joined the meeting to talk about budget numbers for the Cemetery Society for 2013. The hedge removal has been postponed until 2013 due to the weather. A letter will be sent out by the Cemetery Society in response to the letter we both received regarding the removal of the caragana hedge. Council advised that if they do not use up their allocated funds in the calendar year, they will not be carried forward. Grant opportunities were discussed. Delegation exited at 6:30pm.
  - 6:30 – **Village Foreman** – discussed capital items for 2013. Due to the condition of the garbage truck container, quotes were received for a newer garbage truck and making a new box from scratch. We are limited in the size of the garbage truck due to the waste transfer site dimensions. New skid steer quotes were also presented and the rollover program was discussed. Quotes for the overlay of Waterloo, Lucknow, Alberta and Railway Ave were presented. A fire hall air exchange filtration unit quote was presented for council's consideration. There are 2 brand new side tool boxes available for \$300 for the new truck as well as a LED flashing light for approximately \$159, for safety reasons.

The new arena lights are not yet installed. Quotes were received, but the original contractor is unable to do the job. Mr. Tkach will contact another contractor to see if they can be installed before year end.

The intersections need to be sanded. Mr. Tkach exited at 7:30pm.

5) **SMRWSC** – requesting projected water volumes for 2013. Our debenture will be \$5,319 per year starting in 2013.

**RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Allison moved to advise SMRWSC that our projected water volume for 2013 will be 25,000 cubic meters. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6) Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund** – we can apply for up to \$250,000 for infrastructure projects, but we must match the grant. The deadline is November 19<sup>th</sup>. An application has been completed for the overlay project of Waterloo, Alberta and Lucknow Street in the amount of \$499,000. Our portion will be covered by MSI Capital for 2013 and 2014, Federal Gas Tax Fund for 2013, and the Basic Municipal Grant (formerly SIP) for 2013 and 2014.

**RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Zacharias moved to approve the submission to the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund in the amount of \$499,000 for the overlay of Waterloo, Alberta and Lucknow Street. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7) **2013 Interim Budget** – was presented to date.

**RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Allison moved to approve for purchase in 2013 the 2006 F450 SC12 Garbage Truck in the amount of \$35,430, using MSI Capital funds, as long as the inspection reveals the truck is in good working condition. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Zacharias moved to approve for purchase 2 new tool boxes for \$300 and a LED flashing safety light for \$159 for the 2008 GMC. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8) December Council Meeting** – was set for December 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Village Christmas party will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. AA Catering will be contacted to cater.

#### **COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

**Mayor Gorcak** – discussed the trailer still on the street at Loyalist Ave. Both Mr. Tkach and the CAO have talked with the owner to move the trailer.

There are problems with the lagoon valve. It is being worked on. The Tuff Steam sign needs to be moved further east. A SMRWSC meeting was attended.

**Councillor Allison** – attended a Neutral Hills Community Adult Learning meeting, a Neutral Hills Child Care Society meeting and a Big Country Waste meeting. There is a crushing machine coming to Hanna. They will be contacted regarding our cement pile.

**Councillor Zacharias** – attended an Acadia Foundation meeting. January 17<sup>th</sup> is the Consort Lodge grand opening at 3pm.

**RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Zacharias moved to go in-camera at 8:20pm.**

**RESOLUTION:** **Mayor Gorcak moved that the regular meeting be resumed at 8:27pm.**

#### **C.A.O. REPORT**

Discussed former councillor Dionne Elliott sitting on the Assessment Review Board as the Village of Veteran's representative.

**RESOLUTION:** **Mayor Gorcak moved to purchase a \$50 Canadian Tire gift card for Dionne Elliott in appreciation for sitting on the Assessment Review Board for the Village of Veteran. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

#### **FINANCIAL**

**RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Allison moved to accept the cheque listing in the amount of \$17,310.57 as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**RESOLUTION:** **Councillor Zacharias moved to accept the financial statement for the period ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

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

PrairieLand – October 3 Board Highlights

East Central 911 AGM – Wednesday November 21 @ 7pm @ Wainwright Communiplex (Hall #2)

**CORRESPONDENCE: Information Items:**

PrairieLand – school buses will be using the alternatively flashing red lamps and the stop arm while loading and unloading students at school.

Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – 2013/2014 Funding Request, Fall Newsletter & 2012 Annual Report

AMHSA – October issue & 2013 Business Plan

Municipal Affairs – invitation for Veteran Library Board to provide submissions for the Ministers 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards for Excellence & Innovation in Public Library Service.

2013 Great Kids Award – due by December 5<sup>th</sup>

RCMP – September 30<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Report

Letter to Veteran Cemetery Letter – re: removal of caragana hedge

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 @ 5:30pm, Regular Council Meeting**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Gorcak declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER