

APRIL 23 , 2018

Present:

Councillors: Ed Smith

Craig Hewitt

Bill Guise

CAO: Greg Gayton

Recording Secretary Rhonda Tofteland

1. It was noted that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were both absent. Councillor Hewitt volunteered to chair the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Minutes of the April 9, 2018 regular Council meeting

MOVED by Councillor Guise that the minutes of the April 9, 2018 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 04/18/62**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Guise requested Public Works bring log book to meetings.

Councillor Hewitt requested an inventory of vacant lots for next meeting. CAO Gayton noted this was necessary for the minimum tax changes.

CAO Gayton informed council that the grant for one student to man the tourist booth was approved. Council requested to have a senior resident to be with the student as they would have the historical background for information purposes. CAO Gayton will speak with historical society members to gauge interest.

4. Representation:

a) 5:35 - Meyers Norris Penny representatives Jenna Rosvold and Lauren Lojczyc presented the 2017 Financial Statements. Ms. Rosvold gave council a detailed presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Hewitt to accept 2017 Financial Statements as presented. **CARRIED 04/18/63**

Ms. Rosvold and Ms. Lojczyc left at 6:00

b) 6:00 - Hythe Athletic Association representatives Lane Flaten and Renay Morgan updated council on the status of the arena.

Multiple leaks in floor have been detected via pressure testing. A second test when weather warms will be performed as well. Approximately \$1500.00 worth of valves (not including labour) were installed.

Councillor Guise suggested the entire floor may need to be redone which would require significant fundraising. He will check into possible options and estimates for the required work involved.

A further suggestion was made to combine the two transformers at the arena into one as the cost for each is approximately \$1500.00 per month. The cost to combine the transformers would be approximately \$23,000.00. The association does not currently have the required funds available for this project.

The Association representatives also requested the Village take over bookkeeping for the association as well as the Agricultural Society plus staff supervision.

Council decided to discuss further in camera later on the agenda.
Ms. Morgan and Mr. Flaten left at 6:22.

c) 6:24 - FCSS Coordinator – Teresa Boudreault – Ms. Boudreault updated council on programs being operated by FCSS. Topics covered included:

- Home alone course went well with ten attendants.
- Approximately 130 tax returns have been done to date.
- Meeting with Finance Minister Ceci, April 25 to discuss senior benefits and financial cuts.
- Will be looking for a Play Castle Facilitator.
- Volunteer supper went well but low numbers.
- Partnering with Healthy Families and Babies Best Start – HF is here every Tuesday morning and BBS is here bi-weekly.
- The County is looking for support for a \$5000 grant regarding homelessness.
- Rural transportation meetings have gone well and should have a decision in June.

Ms.Boudreault left at 6:37.

d) 6:38 - Darcy Guise – Mr. Guise inquired as to the possibility of starting up a ball hockey league for young people in Hythe and area. Council had no issues and advised Mr. Guise to contact the Athletic Association and check into requirements needed to set up a ball hockey association.

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillor Hewitt attended a Community Futures meeting regarding loan guarantees as well as attended and assisted with the Community Volunteer Appreciation Supper.

Councillor Guise attended a Regional Landfill meeting where a budget review was discussed. He was also in contact with KSC Law regarding the CNRL road. The county was contacted regarding a culvert at the access to the CNRL road. Councillor Guise also attended and assisted with the Volunteer Supper.

CAO Gayton attended the following:

- Asset Management Workshop
- Budget meeting
- Regional Landfill meeting
- Volunteer supper
- GPREP meeting
- Tourism Association meeting
- Street Assessment meeting – streets will need to be swept before a proper assessment can be done.

6. Correspondence:

a) Mayor Bill Given – Invitation to Inter-faith breakfast

b) Inter-Municipal Development Plan – two representatives were requested.

MOVED by Councillor Smith to appoint Mayor Peterson and Councillor Hewitt to the Intermunicipal Development committee. **CARRIED 04/18/64**

c) Letter of Resignation – Council regrettfully accepted Councillor Sipe’s letter of resignation and requested a plaque be ordered to thank Councillor Sipe for his many years of service.

d)Gail Clish – request to have chickens in town. – reviewed and approved with stipulations of a maximum five hens and no roosters. Council discussed similar applications we have had in the past.

MOVED by Councillor Smith to approve the application as presented.

CARRIED

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7. Other Business & Information:

a) 2018 Municipal Budget – for approval.

MOVED by Councillor Hewitt to approve 2018 operating and capital budget as presented. **CARRIED 04/18/66**

b) Unsightly Premises Bylaw # 294 presented for information and review.

c) Asset Management Workshop agenda in Peace River presented for information and review.

d) Cheque listing – Cheques # 20180126 – 20180243 reviewed. There was clarification on certain cheques.

e) Mowing, sanding and other miscellaneous contracts discussed;

- Stan Hanson asked that the Village not perform any work at Hythe Regional School without consultation with himself.
- CAO Gayton was asked to find out why the Navratil bobcat was hired.
- Council reviewed staff information concerning invoices for mowing private lots. Discussion regarding mowing rates resulted in an adjustment to current rates.

MOVED by Councillor Smith to set mowing rates at \$100.00 per lot.

CARRIED 04/18/67

f) Discussion regarding the Meiers property resulted in a flat rate per clean-up charge.

MOVED by Councillor Guise - \$400.00 per clean- up. **CARRIED 04/18/68**

g) Water inspection response letter sent to Glenora Skoreyko presented for information. No response has been received to date.

CAO Report – CAO Gayton presented a verbal report. A draft letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs was reviewed.

8. Other matters (members' business): Council suggestions

- a. Recycle bins need to be more closely monitored
- b. Stop sign missing by arena
- c. Gravel required across from Grand Marshall Inn
- d. Garbage around town should be picked up daily
- e. A representative for a County Regional Grant committee meeting for May 5 at 10 a.m. is required. Councillors will advise in future if any are available.

Mayor Peterson arrived at 8:35. Rhonda Tofteland left at 8:39.

MOVED by Councillor Hewitt to go in camera. **CARRIED 04/18/69**

While in camera council discussed:

- a. Regional Landfill Arrangement
- b. Hythe Athletic Association and Hythe Agricultural Society request for assistance
- c. Public Works

11.**MOVED** by Councillor Guise to go out of camera **CARRIED 04/18/70**

12.**MOVED** by Mayor Peterson to adjourn meeting @ 10:15 p.m. **CARRIED 04/18/71**

