

The special meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blucher, #343 was held in the Municipal Office, Village of Bradwell, on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

Those in attendance were Reeve Dan Greschuk, Councillors Nicole DeCorby, Quintin Senger, Terry Fonstad, Dale Chysyk, Blair Cummins and Francis Boehm.

Raw
Water
Pipeline

1-2017 - Fonstad

That we do add a discussion regarding Sask Water's grant application for a proposed raw water pipeline to the items contained on this agenda.

Unanimously Carried.

A discussion was held by Council regarding management of the Public Works, staffing, and construction priorities for the 2017 season.

Council held a performance review for both the Operations Manager and the Working Foreman. As part of this review, the duties of both managers as outlined in Municipal Policy 3.7.1.5. the section titled "Joint Responsibilities" was removed and the responsibilities contained therein were distributed between the Operations Manager and the Working Foreman as per their recommendation. Some other responsibilities were moved between the managers and council made minor wording changes as well.

Policy
3.7.1.5
Revisions

2-2017 - Cummins

That we do make revisions to Policy 3.7.1.5 Outside Operations Roles and Responsibilities as recommended by the Operations Manager and the Working Foreman.

Carried.

Operation Manager and Working Forman

- ◆ Operations Manager 2017 Salary
- ◆ Working Foreman 2017 Salary
- ◆ Maintenance operations and plan for the 2017 maintenance/construction season
- ◆ Mower Quotes

NOTE: Councillor DeCorby declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the Operations Manager Salary and left the room while Council discussed the matter. The nature of the pecuniary interest is that Councillor DeCorby shares parental responsibilities with the Operations Manager.

Operations
Manager
Salary

3-2017 - Fonstad
That Jim Brown be employed as Operations Manager for 2017 at an annual salary of \$83,000 and SARM Health & Dental, short term disability and 50% of long term disability coverage and 50% of SARM group life insurance. And further;
That he be provided a suitable vehicle for these duties and that he be permitted to use this vehicle for personal use and that he be charged a fee of \$400.00 per month for the personal use of this vehicle. And further;
That he be given full authority to employ, discipline and/or dismiss any outside municipal employee in order to facilitate the operations of this municipality, said employment, discipline and/or dismissal subject to the approval of Council at their next meeting.

Carried.

Municipal
Foreman

4-2017 - Fonstad
That Scott McDonald be employed as municipal foreman for 2017 at an annual salary of \$ 83,000, SARM Health & Dental, short term disability and 50% of long term disability coverage and 50% of SARM group life insurance. And further;
That he be provided a suitable vehicle for these duties and that he be permitted to use this vehicle for personal use and that he be charged a fee of \$400.00 per month for the personal use of this vehicle. And further;
That he be given full authority to employ, discipline and/or dismiss any outside municipal employee in order to facilitate the operations of this municipality, said employment, discipline and/or dismissal subject to the approval of Council at their next meeting.

Following adoption of the above resolutions, Councillor DeCorby rejoined the meeting.

Performance
Review
Results

5-2017 - Cummins
That Council does hereby instruct the employee committee to meet with the Operations Manager and the Working Foreman to discuss the results of Council's 2016 performance review.

Carried.

Grader
Operator
Advertisement

6-2017 - Chysyk
That we do advertise in the Saskatoon Star Phoenix for three Equipment Operators, having 1A licenses, for two consecutive weeks and direct the Administrator to do so.

Carried.

- ◆ Sask Water intends to make application to the Provincial Territorial Infrastructure Component of the 2014 New Building Canada Fund.
- ◆ The application is intended to help fund a raw water pipeline from the Blackstrap reservoir
- ◆ The pipeline would potentially service raw water users along the route as well as existing and future developments within the 316 corridor area and may potentially service other municipalities in the area.
- ◆ Sask Water requires some information from the RM to complete the application.
- ◆ Council has directed the Administrator to provide this information.

PTIC
Grant

7-2017 - Greschuk

It is resolved that Council support the application for a PTIC grant for Sask Water Infrastructure. And further,

If funding is approved, the R. M. of Blucher No. 343 agrees to meet the terms and conditions of the PTIC program. The R. M. will work with SaskWater and other community members in the development of the project and will ensure that an open and best value tendering process is applied, the construction of the project is managed accordingly, to negotiate the funding of the construction cost and to ensure any mitigation measures as required by the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and *The Environmental Assessment Act (Saskatchewan)* in regards to this project are followed. Once the project is complete, the R. M will work with SaskWater and other community members to ensure legislated standards are met, and that there will be ongoing funding towards the operation and maintenance of the system once it is operational.

Carried.

Adjourn

8-2017 - Fonstad

That this meeting of Council adjourn.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator