

The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blucher, #343 was held via internet, on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

Due to the COVID-19 Virus the meeting was done via internet and in person. Those in personal attendance were Reeve Dan Greschuk, Councillors Jim Appelt, Dale Chysyk, Blair Cummins and Francis Boehm. Attending via internet were Chief Administrative Officer R. Doran Scott, Councillor Nicole Decorby and Councillor Quintin Senger.

Minutes 156-2020 - Cummins
That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held June 10, 2020 be adopted as distributed.

Carried.

Discussion Arising out of Minutes

- ◆ Discussion regarding the CAO's timely provision of information was discussed. CAO R. Doran Scott advised that information was provided to council as soon as possible given the early meeting date. In addition, the 2019 draft financial statement as provided by Grant Thornton LLP were forwarded to council within 12 hours of the municipal office receiving them.
- ◆ As a remedy, Council decided to adhere to the existing policy that the agenda be completed on the Friday prior to a meeting and change meeting dates when they are within the first eight (8) days of the month on a case by case basis.

Monthly Statement 157-2020 - Boehm
That the statement of Assets, Liability, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of June, 2020 be approved as distributed.

Carried.

Bills 158-2020 - Cummins
That we approve for payment, the bills and accounts as attached to these minutes.

Carried.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

- ◆ 2019 Financial Statements – Bylaw 9-2020
- ◆ 2019 Draft Financial Statements
- ◆ Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure – road allowance - borrow material
- ◆ SARM – Midterm Convention format options
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant - Operator report
- ◆ MEEP Grant – gravel crushing not eligible
- ◆ Gas Tax – need road project
- ◆ Highway #5 Updates
- ◆ Highway #16 meeting – July 10 – 9 a.m. RM Office
- ◆ Fire Department side x side costs
- ◆ Redbird Internet Route

- Bylaw
9-2020
- 159-2020 - Boehm
That a Bylaw be introduced to extend the time required for the completion of the financial statement.
- Carried
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- Bylaw
9-2020
- 160-2020 - Cummins
That Bylaw 9-2020 being a bylaw to extend the time required for the completion of the financial statement be read a first time.
- Carried
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- 161-2020 - Appelt
That Bylaw 9-2020 be now read a second time.
- Carried.
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- 162-2020 - Chysyk
That Bylaw 9-2020 - be given three readings at this meeting.
- Unanimously Carried
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- Bylaw
9-2020
- 163-2020 - DeCorby
That Bylaw 9-2020 as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now read a third time;
and further, that Bylaw 9-2020, being a bylaw extend the time required for the completion of the financial statement as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now adopted, sealed and signed by the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer.
- Carried.
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- Draft
Audited
Financial
Statement
- 164-2020 - Cummins
That we do not approve the 2019 Draft Audited Financial Statement as prepared by Grant Thornton LLP. And further;
- That we do not agree with the inclusion of 33% ownership of the Highway 41 Water Utility in our financial statements. And further;
- That we do explore other potential audit providers. And further;
- That we do include a regional component in our request for audit services.
- Carried.
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- Ministry
of
Highways
Borrow
Pit
- 165-2020 - Boehm
That we do deny the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure's request to operate a borrow pit on the land described as PT NE 34-36-3 W3 (Nelson). And further;
That this request is denied because aggregate extraction is not permitted in or near residential areas.
- Carried.

Public Hearings

- ◆ Rezoning & Subdivision Application – Bylaw 8-2020
 - ◆ Edward Assie – PT SW 14-35-3 W3
 - ◆ No attendance, one letter in favour

Assie Rezoning
SW 14-35-3
W3 Bylaw 8-
2020

166-2020 - Appelt
That Bylaw 8-2020 be now read a second time

Carried

Assie Rezoning
SW 14-35-3 W3
Bylaw 8-2020

167-2020 - Boehm
That pursuant to *The Planning & Development Act, 2007*, public notice of Council's intention to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw was advertised once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Clark's Crossing Gazette and was mailed to all landowners within 1/2 mile of the proposed rezoned area; and further, that a public meeting was held Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the RM Office, Village of Bradwell, to hear any submissions with respect to Bylaw 8-2020, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw; and further, that no objections were received for Bylaw 8-2020; therefore, be it resolved that Bylaw 8-2020 as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now read a third time; and further, that Bylaw 8-2020, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now adopted, sealed and signed by the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer.

Carried.

Assie Rezoning
SW 14-35-3 W3

168-2020 - DeCorby
Pursuant to Schedule B, Section 1 (e) of Zoning Bylaw 7-2017 and Section 5.3 of the Municipality's Official Community Plan Bylaw 6-2017, that since public notice was given and no objections received, that Edward Assie's single parcel residential discretionary use application and application to subdivide proposed Parcel A from SW 14-35-3 W3 be approved providing as follows:

- ◆ register the said subdivision with ISC
- ◆ and further, since this is the first subdivision from this quarter section, that the public reserve requirement be waived

Carried.

Planning & Development:

- ◆ None

Grant
Apps

169-2020 - Cummins
That we do apply to the Gas Tax Fund and The MEEP Grant to reconstruct and clay cap the municipal roads described as such:

E of 5, 8, 17, 20 & 29 34-2-W3 and E 4 & 9 36-2-W3

And further; that resolutions No. 134-2020 and 135-2020 be hereby repealed.

Carried.

Redbird
Internet
Route

170-2020 - Cummins

That we do approve Redbird Communications Inc. application to install internet infrastructure in municipal right of ways along Range Road 3040, Tower Hill Road, Priddy Road and Meadowlark Estates subject to the following conditions:

- ◆ In such cases where it is necessary to bury the said internet line in a municipal road allowance or cross a municipal road allowance, that Redbird Communications invest the entire cost of any future alteration to the said internet line in order to facilitate rural municipal road widening or reconstruction
- ◆ When a road must be crossed that it is bored through.

Carried.

Correspondence

171-2020 - Cummins

That the following correspondence, having been read, now be filed:

- a) Government of Sask. – MRS Grant
- b) APAS – Newsletter
- c) Town of Dundurn
 - ◆ Revision of the 2014 DRWU Corporate Bylaw & Agreement
- d) Village of Clavet – Fire Hall Utility & Maintenance Fee
- e) Anavets – support request
- f) Wheatland Library
 - ◆ Communication Strategy
 - ◆ Library Update Newsletter
- g) Sask Power – Helping You Plant Smart

Carried.

Cargill
Seed
Cleanout

172-2020 – Boehm

That we do send a letter to Cargill regarding the amount of canola seed having to be cleaned up on roads around their facility. And further;
That we do issue them an invoice in the amount of \$500.00 for the work that the RM performed.

Carried.

Clavet Fire hall
Utilities

173-2020 - Cummins

That we accept the Village of Clavet's request for an increase to \$250/month for the Village of Clavet fire hall expenses.

Carried

Anavets

174-2020 - Boehm

That we do sponsor a ¼ page advertisement in The Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans yearbook for 2020 at a cost of \$649.00 plus tax.

Carried.

Bylaw Enforcement/Pest Control Officer Report

- ◆ Bylaw Enforcement
 - ◆ Garbage on municipal right-of-ways
- ◆ Sign Maintenance – Many of the RR and TWP signs have issues
 - ◆ Contractor will report back to office
 - ◆ Some concerns with signs adjacent to Highway No. 5
- ◆ Pest Control – First site visits completed
- ◆ Weed Control – Highways parcel North of Clavet east access
- ◆ Colin Waynert - Thistles

Foreman's Report

- ◆ Employees
- ◆ Municipal Road Maintenance
- ◆ Equipment Maintenance
- ◆ Road repairs
- ◆ Road Construction
- ◆ Gravel Crusher – hoping to start mid-July
- ◆ Truck Quotes – CAO suggested that a committee consisting of four members of council be appointed to purchase equipment.
 - ◆ The foreman was directed to obtain additional quotes.

Gravel
Testing

175-2020 – Cummins

That we do hire BMDT Consulting Ltd. to test our 2020 gravel crush. And further; That we do contract them to test for 12 hours a day at variable intervals at a cost of \$725.00 per day.

Carried.

Councillor's Report

Reeve Greschuk

- ◆ Roads are in fair shape
- ◆ Soft spot on Hodge Road through slough
- ◆ Grass cutting is proceeding well

Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ Hodge Road soft spot
- ◆ Library meeting and newsletter
- ◆ Approach needs installation at NW 17-34-1 W3

Councillor Senger

- ◆ Road built south of Bradwell hill
- ◆ Too much sand on some back roads
- ◆ Water line cleanup

Councillor Appelt

- ◆ RR and TWP signs at correction line
- ◆ Highways stockpile site on hwy 16 all weeds
- ◆ Bill Bentley property purchase
- ◆ Low level light at tankfills.

Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Bumpy roads caused by grader bounce
- ◆ Garbage Blowing out of Hog Barn
- ◆ Bob Greschuk grades to be pulled up
- ◆ Don Hartz dust control
- ◆ Oil based dust control product
- ◆ Hog Barn smell – follow up with another letter

Councillor Cummins

- ◆ Noxious Weeds around the RM
- ◆ Cargill Building Internal Road
- ◆ Highway No. 5 changes

Councillor Boehm

- ◆ RR 3040 and Highway No. 5 – Everyone pleased with dust control
- ◆ Lakeshore drive needs gravel
- ◆ Division 6 grass growing in on sides of road
- ◆ Mine and Cement Plant Road washboard and rocks.
- ◆ Thistles around RM gravel pit and in area
- ◆ “McArthur Park” sign adjacent to highway No. 5.

RR & TWP
Signs

176-2020 - Appelt

That we do install Range Road and Township Road signs at all the intersections on the correction line within the RM of Blucher subject to the previous installation directions.

Carried.

Adjourn

177-2020 - Appelt

That this meeting of Council adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer