

**The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blucher, #343 was held in the Bradwell Community Center, 221-2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Village of Bradwell, on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 commencing at 8:10 a.m.**

Those in attendance were Reeve Blair Cummins, Councillors Nicole DeCorby, Quintin Senger, Jim Appelt, Dale Chysyk, Robin Wilson and Francis Boehm.

Minutes 36-2021- Boehm  
That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held January 13, 2021 be adopted as distributed.  
Carried.

**Discussion Arising out of Minutes**

- ◆ Load Line Inc. – down payment for equipment
- ◆ 2020 Equipment repairs – breakdown of costs
- ◆ Spring Ratepayer Meeting
  - ◆ Municipal Community Service Award

Spring Ratepayer's Meeting 37-2021 - Wilson  
That, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we do postpone the 2021 Spring ratepayer's meeting until such time as it safe to do so or Council decides to conduct said meeting virtually.  
Carried.

Monthly Financial Statements 38-2021 - DeCorby  
That the statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the month of January, 2021 be approved as distributed and also acknowledge the submission of the January, 2021 bank reconciliation.  
Carried.

Bills and Accounts for Payment 39-2021 - Chysyk  
That we approve for payment, the bills and accounts as attached to these minutes  
Carried.

**Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

- ◆ Amendments to *The Municipalities Act*
- ◆ Tax Enforcement Proceedings
- ◆ SARM Convention - Virtual
- ◆ Sask Mun Hail – SARM Delegate Representative
- ◆ APAS – Rural Connectivity Task Force
- ◆ Highway 41 Water Utility – re purchase of Manhattan West Waterline Inc.

- ◆ L Reiman – SSA Elstow – issues with abandoned properties and properties that are full of vehicles in Elstow
- ◆ Destruction of RM of Blucher No. 343 records to date
- ◆ Destruction of SSA Elstow records to date
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant - Operator report
- ◆ QA/QC Policy for SSA Elstow
- ◆ SSA Elstow Emergency Response Plan
- ◆ Canada Post – new mailboxes being installed at SSA Elstow
- ◆ Location of Mail Boxes at Meadowlark Estates
- ◆ Journeyman Heavy Duty Mechanic Job Advertising

## 40-2021 - Boehm

Amendments  
to the  
*Municipalities  
Act*

That we do table discussion on amendments to the Municipalities Act until the next meeting.

Carried.

Tax  
Enforcement  
Proceedings

## 41-2021 - DeCorby

That pursuant to Section 22 (1) of *The Tax Enforcement Act*, this municipality authorize proceedings to request title to any parcel that has an interest based on a tax lien where the interest has not been discharged.

**Legal Description**

<b><u>Legal Description</u></b>	<b><u>Arrears</u></b>
Block 11 Plan 102015391 (PT SE 20-35-03 W3)	10,285.43
Lots 17-20, Block 2, Plan G5550 (SSA Elstow)	5,704.84
Lot 24, Block 2, Plan G5550 (SSA Elstow)	289.75
Lot 25, Block 2, Plan G5550 (SSA Elstow)	289.75
Lots 1-2, Block 6, Plan G5550 (SSA Elstow)	2,109.06
Lots 3-6, Block 6, Plan G5550 (SSA Elstow)	3,150.85

Carried.

2021 SARM  
Virtual  
Convention

## 42-2021 - Boehm

That we do appoint Blair Cummins and Francis Boehm as voting delegates for the 2021 SARM virtual convention. And Further;  
That the CAO be directed to register all councillors for this convention.

Carried.

Sask Hail  
Meeting  
Delegate

## 43-2021 - Boehm

That we appoint Blair Cummins as this municipality's Sask. Municipal Hail Delegate.

Carried.

## 44-2021 - Boehm

Highway 41  
Water Utility

That we do approve Highway 41 Water Utility's purchase of Manhattan West Water Line Inc. as follows:

**WHEREAS** Manhattan West Waterline Inc. ("**MWWI**") a non-profit entity incorporated pursuant to *The Non-Profit Corporations Act, 1995* (Saskatchewan)

**AND WHEREAS** Highway 41 Water Utility ("**H41WU**") is a public utility board established and continued by by-laws of The Rural Municipality of Aberdeen, No. 373, The Rural Municipality of Grant, No. 372, and The Rural Municipality of Blucher, No. 343 (the "**Rural Municipality**") under *The Municipalities Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** MWWI and H41WU contemplate entering into an agreement of purchase and sale (the "**Agreement**"), a draft of which was presented to the Council of the Rural Municipality, whereby H41WU shall purchase from MWWI and MWWI shall sell to H41WU the assets of MWWI (the "**Assets**") on the terms and conditions to be set out in the Agreement;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, H41WU will be required to execute and deliver certain ancillary agreements, documents, deeds and instruments in connection with the purchase and sale of the Assets (the "**Related Agreements**");

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The purchase by H41WU of the Assets pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and the performance by H41WU of its obligations under the Agreement are hereby approved;
2. The execution and delivery by H41WU of the Agreement, the Related Agreements and all other agreements, documents, deeds and instruments that are necessary to complete the purchase and sale transaction contemplated in the Agreement and the performance by H41WU of its obligations thereunder are hereby approved;
3. Any two officers of H41WU (the "**Officers**") are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of H41WU, to execute (whether under seal or otherwise) and deliver the Agreement substantially in the form of the draft presented to the Council of the Rural Municipality, subject to such amendments to or variations from such draft as may be approved by such Officers, whose execution in its final form shall be conclusive evidence of such approval;
4. The Officers of H41WU are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of H41WU, to execute and deliver (whether under seal or otherwise) the Related Documents;
5. All agreements, documents, deeds instruments, writings, acts or proceedings connected with or pertaining to the purchase and sale transaction contemplated by the Agreement which may heretofore have been executed, made, done or performed by H41WU are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed;
6. The Officers of H41WU are hereby authorized to do such further acts and things and to execute and deliver such other agreements, documents, deeds and instruments as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the purchase and sale transaction contemplated by the Agreement in order to give effect to the foregoing provisions of this resolution.

Carried.

RM of Blucher Records to be Destroyed	45-2021 - Appelt That Council acknowledge and approve of the list of records attached to these minutes for RM of Blucher No. 343 to be destroyed in accordance with Bylaw No. 8-2004.	<u>Carried.</u>
QA/QC Policy Update	46-2021 - DeCorby That we do approve the updated water quality assurance and quality contingency plan for SSA Elstow as presented by the Chief Administrative Officer.	<u>Carried.</u>
Emergency Response Plan Update	47-2021 - DeCorby That we do approve the updated water emergency response plan for SSA Elstow as presented by the Chief Administrative Officer.	<u>Carried.</u>
Meadowlark Estates Mailing Addresses	48-2021 - Wilson That it is the RM of Blucher's intention to have a civic address mailing recognition for the Meadowlark Estates subdivision and surrounding area.	<u>Carried.</u>
Bradwell South Tender	49-2021 - Senger That the RM of Blucher hereby award the tender for the reconstruction of the Bradwell South Grid to Rioch & Sons Construction for a tender price of \$479,040.00	<u>Carried.</u>

#### **Planning & Development**

- ◆ Right of Way Subdivision Application - LSD 4 4-35-3 W3
- ◆ Municipal Government – Update on road closure bylaw- NW 18-35-3 W3

#### **Bylaw Enforcement/Pest Control Officer Report**

- ◆ Bylaw Enforcement
- ◆ Pest Control Some – some issues around bales being stored
- ◆ Sign Maintenance – Dead End on old 16
- ◆ Planning for weed spraying around gravel pits

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

- a) SARM
  - a) Employee Benefits Coverage from SARM
  - b) Keystone XL Pipeline
- b) Judy Harwood – SARM Dir Div #5 – SARM Convention
- c) SREDA – 2021 Membership
- d) South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards - membership
- e) RDS – Road Dust Suppressant Information
- f) Xylem – new ownership
- g) Altwest Communications – information bulletin
- h) SAMA – 2021 Municipal Requisition
- i) Sask Energy – Natural Gas Mainline Replacement

Carried.

SREDA  
Membership

51-2021 - Cummins  
That we participate in SREDA for 2021 for a cost of \$5,792.33.

Carried.

SSRWS  
Membership

52-2021 - Appelt  
That we participate in South Saskatchewan Rural Watershed Stewards for 2021 for a cost of \$787.50.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

#### **Foreman's Report**

- ◆ Equipment Maintenance
- ◆ Road Maintenance and construction
- ◆ Employee recall
- ◆ Foreman 2021 Salary

**NOTE:** Councillor DeCorby declared a pecuniary interest at 1:10 p.m. with regards to the recall. The nature of the pecuniary interest is that she parents a child with Jim Brown.

Employee  
Recall

## 53-2021 - Chysyk

That the following employees be recalled back to work and hired full time, effective date as follows:

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Effective Date of Recall</i>
Tim Hill	May 3, 2021
Pete Fehr	May 3, 2021
Dean Dale	May 31, 2021
Calvin Mann	May 31, 2021
Trevor Yazelle	May 31, 2021
Lacey Braaten	When Needed
Greg Jaques	When Needed

Carried.

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

Employee  
Committee

## 54-2021 - Boehm

That we do amend resolution #256-2020, passed November 18, 2020 by adding Councillors Nicole DeCorby and Quintin Senger to the Employee Committee and removing Chief Administrative Officer R. Doran Scott.

Carried.

Municipal  
Foreman

## 55-2021 - DeCorby

That Scott McDonald be employed as municipal foreman for 2021 at an annual salary of \$ 95,990.00 and including 50% of SARM LT Dis Ben, 100% of SARM Short Term and 100% of Health and Dental coverage and 50% of the SARM group life insurance plan coverage with 3 (three) weeks annual vacation. 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 \$ 450.00 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. And further; That this wage shall be retroactive to January 1, 2021.

Carried.

**Councillor's Reports:**

## Reeve Cummins

- ◆ Meeting with KPCL to discuss outstanding development permit requirements
- ◆ Zoom meeting with Highway regarding HWY 5 upgrades
- ◆ Blucher/Aberdeen firefighters meeting
- ◆ Training, Standard Operating Procedures, and Liability
- ◆ Fuel Cards and Charge accounts
- ◆ Policy re: towing vehicles
- ◆ Meeting with Bronwyn Eyre MLA

Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ Snow removal concerns in Elstow
- ◆ School site signage
- ◆ Elstow street signs
- ◆ Library Meeting
- ◆ Elstow Untidy Unsightly Properties
- ◆ Mice complaints

#### Councillor Senger

- ◆ Rail crossings on CN line are a disaster
- ◆ Snow plow agreements in Elstow
- ◆ Potential Road alterations South of Cargill
- ◆ Councillor Senger is now the Deputy Fire Chief at Bradwell

#### Councillor Appelt

- ◆ Bentley Road survey
- ◆ Lots of deer in area, conservation officers will not do anything
- ◆ Snow drifts adjacent to RM roads
- ◆ Move TransGas line though RM gravel pit - costs
- ◆ Old highway 16 ROW safety and closure

#### Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Blucher/Aberdeen Firefighter meeting
- ◆ SCBA information – usable as long a DOT or Transport Canada approved
- ◆ Call Atlas about replacing low pressure alarm
- ◆ Snow removal and drifts adjacent to road
- ◆ Snowbank at Elstow Tankfill
- ◆ New dust control product available
- ◆ Komatsu Grader – have hydraulic pressure checked
- ◆ Truck and Trailer Safeties

#### Councillor Wilson

- ◆ Rocks in Mine road – plan for removal
- ◆ Snow banks adjacent to roads

#### Councillor Boehm

- ◆ Blucher/Aberdeen Firefighter Meeting
- ◆ Repairs to furnaces needed
- ◆ Fire Building needs low temp alarm
- ◆ Gravel sale policy – tabled to March's meeting
- ◆ Firetrucks at BAES repaired
- ◆ Fire department would like fuel cards
- ◆ Letter to Capriet re fire hydrant suitability
- ◆ Landscaping bonds for developers
- ◆ Highway No. 5 Zoom meeting
- ◆ Discussion with KPCL re: outstanding development requirements

Furnace Repairs

56-2021 - Boehm

That we do approve repairs to the Boiler and install a secondary heat source at the Blucher/Aberdeen Emergency Services Building for an estimated cost of \$5,000.

Carried.

ROW Purchase      57-2021 - Appelt  
That we do pay \$2,000.00 per acre for additional right-of-way on Bentley Road.  
Carried.

In Camera          58-2021 - Cummins  
That we do move this meeting to an In Camera session to discuss strategic planning  
at 3:27 p.m.  
Carried.

In Camera          59-2021 - Cummins  
That we return this meeting to a regular session at 3:47 p.m.  
Carried.

Adjourn            60-2021 - Appelt  
That this meeting of Council adjourned at 3:50 p.m.  
Carried.

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer