

The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blucher, #343 was held in the Municipal Office, 34 Struan Street, Village of Bradwell, on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

Those in attendance were Reeve Cummins, Councillors Nicole DeCorby, Quintin Senger, Jim Appelt, Dale Chysyk, Robin Wilson, Francis Boehm and Chief Administrative Officer R. Doran Scott.

Minutes 1-2023 - Appelt
That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held December 14, 2022 be approved as distributed.
Carried.

Special Meeting Minutes 2-2023 - Senger
That the minutes of the special meeting held January 4, 2023 be approved as distributed.
Carried.

Discussion Arising out of Minutes

- ◆ 2023 Grader Purchase – tabled from Nov & Dec 2022 meetings
- ◆ Blucher Aberdeen Fire Dept – Civic Addresses – update - table
- ◆ Letter sent to Inland Aggregates re: Meridian Surveys – property line survey – N ½ 24-3-3 W3 – before next meeting

Monthly Statement 3-2023 - Wilson
That the statement of Assets, Liability, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of December, 2022 be approved as distributed and also acknowledge the submission of the December, 2022 bank reconciliation.
Carried.

Bills and Accounts for Payment 4-2023 - Boehm
That we approve for payment, the bills and accounts as attached to these minutes.
Carried.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

- ◆ 2023 Appointments
- ◆ 2023 Bradwell Administration Services Rate
- ◆ 2023 Council Meeting Date Amendment
- ◆ 2023 Office Hours
- ◆ Employee's Fidelity Bond
- ◆ Volunteer Insurance
- ◆ 2023 Haul Agreement Rates – Policy 3.12.1
- ◆ RMAA Curling
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant - Operator report
- ◆ Town of Allan – letter of support for letter of support for Regional Recreation Practitioner Pilot Program Director
- ◆ Settler's Ridge Tender Update
- ◆ Gravel Crush

Waste Transfer Station Salary 5-2023 - Wilson
 That we do authorize the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to extend the agreement for waste supervisor services with Bernice Obrigavitch and further, that thru 2023 she provide supervision services at the RM waste transfer station during the following hours;

Tuesday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Thursday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

and further, that in 2023 she be paid \$654.00 per week for this service;

and further, that the waste transfer station be closed on any of the following public holidays:

New Year's Day - January
 Family Day - February
 Canada Day - July
 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - September
 Thanksgiving Day - October
 Remembrance Day - November
 Christmas Day - December
 Boxing Day - December

Carried.

Office Maint 6-2023 - Senger
 That we employ Vivian Manz as municipal office & RM shop caretaker for \$640.00 per month for 2023.

Carried.

SSA Elstow Maintenance Worker 7-2023 - DeCorby
 That we do hire Betty Stanford as a casual maintenance worker for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 for the SSA Elstow at a rate of \$21.30/hour.

Carried.

SSA Elstow Maintenance Worker 8-2023 - DeCorby
 That we do hire Kenneth Dawe as a part-time casual maintenance worker for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 for the SSA Elstow at a rate of \$21.30/hour.

Carried.

Elstow Water Treatment Plant Operator 9-2023 - DeCorby
 That Ken Hartz be contracted to be the Elstow Water Treatment Plant Certified Operator at a rate of \$21.30/hour plus mileage at a rate of \$0.50/km for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Carried.

Chief Administrative Officer Salary 10-2023 – Appelt
 That R. Doran Scott be appointed as the municipality’s Chief Administrative Officer, assessor, right of way purchasing agent, Freedom of Information Head, and EMO Co-ordinator for 2023;
 and further, that due to his certificate held, and his years of experience that his annual salary be set at \$161,975.00 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 6 (six) weeks annual vacation.
Carried.

Director of Administrative Services Salary 11-2023 - Chysyk
 That Pamela Lindberg be appointed as this municipality’s Director of Administrative Services and assistant EMO Co-ordinator for 2023;
 and further that due to her experience, that her annual salary be set at \$81,542.00 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 with 4 (four) weeks annual holidays.
Carried.

Executive Assistant Salary 12-2023 - Appelt
 That Christina Jensen be appointed as this municipality’s Executive Assistant and assistant EMO Co-ordinator for 2023;
 and further that due to her experience, that her annual salary be set at \$64,114.00 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 with 6 weeks annual vacation and 17 (seventeen) days E.D.O.
Carried.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Pest Control Officer & Weed Inspector Salary 13-2023 – Appelt
 Pursuant to Bylaw 7-2005 and 2-2008, that for 2023 we employ Lamont Knittig, on a 5 day per week basis, as follows,
 ♦ April 1 – September 30 50 hours per week including meal time.
 ♦ October 1 – March 31 30 hours per week including meal time
 this time shall include duties as this Municipality’s Bylaw Enforcement Officer to assist in enforcing all bylaws of the Municipality and to also perform the following duties:
 ♦ replace and erect municipal traffic signs as required.
 ♦ serving notices and letters or other duties when requested by the Chief Administrative Officer;
 ♦ reporting to the Municipal office any new development in the Municipality;
 ♦ reporting to the Municipal office any municipal road or sign damage;
 ♦ pick up and removal of any garbage, refuse or litter on municipal right of way;
 ♦ monthly submit to Council a daily log book detailing, on a daily basis, location and duties performed;
 and further, employment hours shall also include acting as this Municipality’s Pest Control Officer performing the following duties for the Municipality:
 ♦ minimum of 2 visits per year to all occupied farmyards in the Municipality, with additional visits when necessary and when approved by Council;
 ♦ minimum of 1 visit per year to all vacant farmyards or granary sites in the Municipality with additional visits when necessary and when approved by Council;
 ♦ one visit per month to the Municipal waste disposal sites with additional visits when necessary and when approved by Council.;
 and further, employment hours shall also include acting as this Municipality’s Weed Inspector to perform the duties as directed under the Noxious Weed Act and Sign Maintenance Officer;

and consequently, that Lamont Knittig be paid an annual salary of \$73,325.00 plus SARM Health & Dental, short term disability and 50% of long-term disability coverage;
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.

Unanimously Carried.

Municipal
Foreman

14-2023 - Boehm

That Jason Robson be employed as municipal foreman for 2023 at an annual salary of \$94,050.00 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.

Carried.

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

Policy
3.7.05
Amendment

15-2023 - Chysyk

That we do amend Policy No. 3.7.05 by increasing all pay levels by 4.5 %. And further;
That this increase applies to all current fulltime and seasonal employees. And further;
That we also accept the specific wage recommendations of the foreman.

Carried.

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

Bradwell
Admin
Services

16-2023 - Chysyk

That we do charge the Village of Bradwell for administration services for the year 2023 at a rate of \$34,000.00. And further;
That these fees be paid in equal monthly installments.

Carried.

November
2023
Meeting

17-2023 - Senger

That we do amend the regular meeting date for November 2023 to be Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 8:00 a.m., in the municipal office.

Carried.

Office Hours 18-2023 - DeCorby
 That the municipal office be open between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. during the months of January to December, Monday through Friday inclusive, unless otherwise approved by the Reeve. Carried.

Bonds 19-2023 - Chysyk
 Pursuant to Section 113 of *The Municipalities Act*, that we acknowledge the fidelity bonds as presented by the Chief Administrative Officer, said coverage to be as follows:

Administrative Staff Bond	\$50,000.00
All Other Employees Bond	\$50,000.00

Carried.

Volunteer Fire Fighters 20-2023 - Senger
 That the following volunteer fire fighters of the Blucher-Lost River Fire Department, the Clavet Fire Department, the Blucher/Aberdeen Fire Department and the Bradwell Volunteer Fire Department be appointed as volunteer fire fighters for the Rural Municipality of Blucher, #343, and as such be afforded coverage as named insured under this municipality's liability insurance and disability benefits plan and Volunteer fire fighter's coverage.

<u>Blucher Lost River Fire Department</u>	Darrell Kraft	Robin Santo
	Martin Kary	Kelly Boon
	Greg Jaques	Steve Peters
	Zach Anderson	Kaelan Peters
	Duane Hoppenreys	Kim Hanson
	Andy Cox	Doodly Hanson
	Cody Hartley	Regan Will

<u>Bradwell Fire Department</u>	Matthew Dukart	Jason Sittler
	Tim Yanke	Mason Bracken
	Jason Yanke	Mikayla Bracken
	Justin Timmerman	Delilah Bracken
	Devin Neill	Quintin Senger
	Kris Bracken	Peter MacDonald
	Dustee Wiklun	Cliff Erhardt
	Mitch Folk	Brad Yanke
	Rena Pilon	Ken Hartz
	Layton Senger	Andrea Kroeker
	Mike Cole	

<u>Clavet Fire Department</u>	Mike Beamish	Fred Anderson
	Tim Frain	Dean Dittmer
	Tyler Bueckert	Shaun Parfitt
	Vern Bruneau	Dan Lalonde
	Karsten Nielsen	Catlin McFall
	Aryton Falconer	James Korvemaker
	Dylan Powell	Alex Zurevinsky
	Joshua Dornn	Mitch Rudolph
	Holly Powell	Kelly Driedger
	Chris Jackson	

<u>Blucher Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department</u>	Ryan Bobert	Gordon Hangs
	Pat Sereda	Micheal Lulchuck
	Keith Newnham	Jase Jeanneau
	Conner Zatorski	Mike Steckhan

Dylan McAvoy
Cam Jones
Jayden Propp
Justice Horner

Joan Steckhan
Mandy Svendsen
Jeremy O'Connor

Carried.

First Responders

21-2023 - Wilson

That we recognize the following qualified first responders as volunteers providing service to this municipality and as such be afforded coverage as named insured under this municipality's liability insurance and disability benefits plan and volunteer fire-fighters coverage:

Bradwell

Ken Hartz
Matthew Dukart
Sharla Wruck
Mikayla Bracken

RM of Blucher, No. 343 including Elstow

Quintin Senger
Rena Pilon

Blucher/Aberdeen

Gail McLeod
Jeremy O'Connor
Connor Zatorski

Clavet

Vern Bruneau
Shaun Parfitt
Dan Lalonde
Dylan Powell
Ayrtan Falconer
Holly Powell
James Korvemaker
Karsten Nielsen

Allan

Kim Hanson
Lisa Vogelgesang
Greg Jaques
Mike Dukart
Amy Nordby
Sarah Koshinsky

Carried.

Haul Agreement Rates

22-2023 - DeCorby

That we set the following rates under this municipality's haul road maintenance agreement:

- ◆ .0536 per tonne per kilometer, as per the Government of Saskatchewan's 2022 Rate Map

And further;

That the Haul Committee reserves the right to require a haul agreement from those defined in The Act. And further;

That the Haul Committee may decide whichever requirements are to be contained within the haul agreement depending on the proponent's haul route. And further;

That these requirements may include but are not limited to performance bonds, haul routes and dust control.

Carried.

Overweight Permits

23-2023 - Appelt

That for 2023, the Chief Administrative Officer and office staff be given the authority to issue overweight permits for and on behalf of the municipality pursuant to any and all regulations established by Council.

Carried.

Letter of
Support

24-2023 - DeCorby

That the Rural Municipality of Blucher No. 343 does support the Town of Allan's application to apply for a grant under the Regional Recreation Practitioner Pilot Program as we do take advantage of Recreation Programming in Allan.

Carried.

Gravel
Crushing in
2023

25-2023 - Chysyk

That we do tender for the crushing of 70,000 yards of road base gravel to a specification to be provided by an engineer. And further;
That we do instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to issue a tender for said crushing.

Carried.

Planning & Development

- ◆ Ministry of Government Relations
 - ◆ Subdivision Approval – Caroline Daniels
 - ◆ SE 17-35-3 W3 – Parcel Tie Removal - Agricultural
 - ◆ Subdivision Approval – William Richardt
 - ◆ NE 31-34-2 W3
 - ◆ Parcel A – Agricultural
 - ◆ Parcel Tie Exchange - Agricultural
 - ◆ Subdivision Approval – Antoine & Joan Lalonde
 - ◆ NE 3-35-3 W3
 - ◆ PCL E NE 3-35-3 W3 - Agricultural
 - ◆ PCL C NE 3-35-3 W3 – Residential
 - ◆ Subdivision Approval – Carl & Sharon Dornn
 - ◆ NE 18-35-3 W3
 - ◆ Parcel E & F – Residential
 - ◆ Rest of NE 18-35-3 W3 - Residential
 - ◆ Rezoning & Subdivision Application – Bylaw 1-2023
 - ◆ Gary Koop – NE & SE & SW 7-34-3 W3

Gary Koop
Rezoning
NE, SE & SW
7-34-3 W3
Bylaw 1-2023

26-2023 - Appelt

That Bylaw 1-2023, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw, be hereby read a first time.

Carried.

Gary Koop
Rezoning
NE, SE & SW
7-34-3 W3
Bylaw 1-2023

27-2023 - DeCorby

That pursuant to *The Planning & Development Act, 2007* that public notice of Council's consideration to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw, be mailed to surrounding ratepayers and be advertised once a week for two successive weeks in the Clark's Crossing Gazette.

and further, that a public meeting be held Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the R.M. of Blucher, #343 Office at Bradwell, Sask., to hear any submissions with respect to Bylaw 1-2023.

Carried.

Bylaw/Pest/Sign/Weed Control Officer Report

- ◆ Regular Report – see report included
- ◆ Sign Maintenance
- ◆ Pest Control
 - ◆ began 2023 yard checks
- ◆ Septic dumping on RM roads
- ◆ More wild boar sightings

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Correspondence	<p>28-2023 - Appelt That the following correspondence, having been read, now be filed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SARM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 2023 Annual Convention Information & Registration ◆ Nomination & Acceptance Forms ◆ Ray Orb – re-election as President ◆ Bill Huber – re-election as Vice President b) Sask Mun Hail – Summary of premium written and losses c) Jim Pattison – Newsletter d) FCM – 2023 Membership e) SAMA – 2023 Annual General Meeting – Wed April 5, 2023, Regina, Sask. f) RCMP – Oct 1, 2022 to Dec 31, 2022 Quarterly Stats g) Canadian Agricultural Partnership – PHO Newsletter – Winter 2023 	<u>Carried.</u>
2023 SARM Convention	<p>29-2023 - Boehm That we do appoint Jim Appelt and Francis Boehm as voting delegates for the 2023 SARM convention.</p>	<u>Carried.</u>
Sask Hail Meeting Delegate	<p>30-2023 - Boehm That we appoint Robin Wilson as this municipality's Sask. Municipal Hail Delegate for the 2023 Sask Municipal Hail annual meeting.</p>	<u>Carried.</u>
Ag Hall of Fame	<p>31-2023 - Cummins That we do purchase a table for the Sask Ag Hall of Fame to be held on April 15, 2023.</p>	<u>Carried.</u>
Fed of Can Municipalities	<p>32-2023 - Boehm That we participate in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for 2023 for a cost of \$670.97.</p>	<u>Carried.</u>

SARM
Resolution

33-2023 - Wilson

That we do submit the following resolution to SARM for consideration at the 2023 annual convention:

Whereas The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure continues to improve major provincial highways which sometimes includes twinning. And;

Whereas in the process of these upgrades and changes sometimes highways right-of-ways and lands are no longer necessary for The Ministry. And;

Whereas the current policies in place for the disposal of these lands include public tender in some instances and/or selling the land to the adjacent land owners for market value regardless of the state or usability of the lands. And;

Whereas these policies can and have resulted in huge delays due to justifying lower sale prices for the lands and sometimes parcels of lands that are completely useless after their sale. And;

Whereas the Municipality, be it rural or urban, is not offered first right of refusal on these lands even though they would be used for municipal purposes;

Therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure amend their policies to give municipalities the first right of refusal when reasonable and also negotiate with those municipalities in good faith and with reason.

Carried.

Foreman's Report

- ◆ Equipment Maintenance
- ◆ Equipment repair costs
- ◆ Employee Wages
- ◆ Gravel stockpiling
- ◆ RM Service Truck
- ◆ Snow Removal – roads and rail crossings
- ◆ V – Plow
- ◆ Spring 2023 – 2 more people – another truck driver and equipment operator

Councillor's Reports:

Reeve Cummins

- ◆ Snow plow routes
- ◆ Greg Tyler invoice for putting up fence – see email
- ◆ Ag Hall of Fame
- ◆ Judy Harwood – up to CAO to arrange meeting between Council's

Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ Div 1 snow routes
- ◆ Ridging on 397
- ◆ Ridging snow pack at highways and highways intersections
- ◆ Div 1 well
- ◆ Graders out on holidays
- ◆ Water meters and curb stops – tender
- ◆ Poster for snow removal
- ◆ Aaron Garman access road upgrade

Councillor Senger

- ◆ Bradwell Fire Truck
- ◆ Radios on fire equipment and graders
- ◆ Snow clearing

Councillor Appelt

- ◆ Snow plow rates
- ◆ Meeting with U of S Centre of Beef Excellence
- ◆ Soil stabilization experimentation
- ◆ Civic addressing

Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ V Plow
- ◆ Snow removal – utilize blower to widen roads
- ◆ Snow ridging
- ◆ Spring road construction

Councillor Wilson

- ◆ Bus routes
- ◆ Dead animals on roads
- ◆ Dust control – rust inhibitor – ask for quotes

Councillor Boehm

- ◆ Sunset Estates pumphouse
- ◆ Dust control – March 1 deadline – rust inhibitor
- ◆ Icy intersections
- ◆ School bus route updates
- ◆ Special meeting
- ◆ Ridging

Ridging

34-2023 - Boehm

That the RM will perform ridging adjacent to RM roads at their discretion upon receiving permission from land owners. And further; That we will also ridge as custom work.

Carried.

Adjourn

35-2023 - Appelt

That this meeting of Council adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer