

**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, September 13, 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 216-2023 – Wilson  
That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held August 16, 2023 be approved as distributed.  
Carried.

**Discussion Arising out of Minutes & Emergent Requests**

- ◆ Traffic Count Report from Foreman on Range Road 3040 by Patrick Kazuska’s

Monthly Financial Statements 217-2023 - Boehm  
That the statement of Assets, Liability, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of August, 2023 be approved as distributed and that we also acknowledge the submission of the August, 2023 bank reconciliation.  
Carried.

Bills and Accounts for Payments 218-2023 - Senger  
That we approve for payment, the bills and accounts as attached to these minutes.  
Carried.

**Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

- ◆ Tax Enforcement
- ◆ Ceres Industries Gravel
- ◆ CN Rail Crossing Closure
- ◆ Ministry of Highways response to SARM resolution 18-23A
- ◆ “Seasonal” road signage policy

**NOTE:** Councillor DeCorby declared a pecuniary interest at 10:10 a.m. as she has a professional relationship with potential purchaser and left Council chambers prior to any discussions.

- ◆ Highway #5 surfacing

**NOTE:** Councillor DeCorby rejoined the meeting at 10:30 a.m. after discussions of Highway #5 surfacing.

- ◆ U of S Road Closure & Lease
- ◆ Blucher Aberdeen Fire Dept Paperwork
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant – August 2023 Operator report
  - ◆ new shed
- ◆ Pit tankfill update
- ◆ Christmas party

Tax List 219-2023 - Cummins  
That the Reeve accept the 2023 list of arrears of taxes presented in Form 1 as submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer.  
Carried.

In Camera 220-2023 - Appelt  
That we do enter into an In Camera session at 9:20 a.m. pursuant to Section 120 (1) (b) of *The Municipalities Act*.  
Carried.

In Camera 221-2023 - Senger  
That we do return to the regular session of the meeting at 9:25 a.m.  
Carried.

### **Planning & Development**

- ◆ Nutrien Allan power substation building agent appointment
- ◆ Ministry of Government Relations
  - ◆ Subdivision Approval – Parcel B1, C1, F1, D1, E1 SW 16-35-3 W3 - Bentley
  - ◆ Subdivision Approval – Parcel A NE 29-35-3 W3 – STL

Nutrien Allan Mine Agent Appointment 222-2023 - DeCorby  
That we do accept Scott Pearson, as an agent for Nutrien Allan Mine for their construction of a new power substation.  
Carried.

### **Interviews**

- ◆ University of Saskatchewan
  - ◆ Brian Klassen
  - ◆ Road Closure & Lease – E 18-34-3 W3
  - ◆ Gated
  - ◆ Close and lease letters per process
  - ◆ Council to consider road closure

### **Bylaw/Pest/Sign/Weed Control Officer Report**

- ◆ Bylaw Enforcement
- ◆ Sign Maintenance
- ◆ Pest Control
- ◆ Weed Control

Correspondence 223-2023 - Boehm  
That the following correspondence, having been read, now be filed:  
a) Help International – Fall 2023 Shelterbelt Launch  
b) Corman Park Subdivision – NE 13-35-4 W3  
Carried.

Range Road 3040 Subdivisions

224-2023 - Boehm

That we do direct the Administrator to refuse access for any new subdivisions to Range Road 3040 until such time as the RM of Corman Park No. 344 and RM of Dundurn No. 314 reach a maintenance and capital cost agreement with the RM of Blucher No. 343.

Carried.

**Foreman’s Report**

- ◆ Employees
- ◆ Municipal Road Maintenance
- ◆ Equipment Maintenance
- ◆ Road Repairs
- ◆ Road Construction
- ◆ 2023 Seasonal Layoffs

Lay Off

225-2023 - Chysyk

That we serve lay off notices to the following employees as stated, said layoff to be effective as indicated:

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Notice Date</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
Pete Fehr	September 22, 2023	November 17, 2023
Dean Dale	September 22, 2023	November 3, 2023
Jim Brown	September 22, 2023	November 3, 2023
Calvin Mann	September 22, 2023	November 3, 2023
Alex Button	September 22, 2023	October 27, 2023

and further, that the Reeve be granted authority to continue the employment past a layoff date, on a daily basis, of any employee providing the employee voluntarily agrees and waives any further lay off notice.

Carried.

Traffic Counter

226-2023 - Cummins

That we do purchase another traffic counter/speed meter at an approximate cost of \$4,000.00.

Carried.

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

The meeting reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

**Councillor’s Report**

Reeve Cummins

- ◆ Lafarge Road
- ◆ Blading techniques
- ◆ Premier’s Dinner – points of interest
- ◆ Highway #5 repairs

## Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ Corner of Bunyan & Royal in SSA Elstow – truck sticks out – write letter
- ◆ Curb stops complete – now meters to be installed
- ◆ 40 km signs
- ◆ Family gathering at subdivision on Hodge Road – write letter
- ◆ Allan Spray Park
- ◆ 4<sup>th</sup> Ave in SSA Elstow – widening
- ◆ Sunday's building fires in SSA Elstow
- ◆ Untidy and Unsightly properties in Elstow

## Councillor Senger

- ◆ RR 3040 and Corman Park
- ◆ OH & S Meeting – AED at North Shop
- ◆ Fire training – car accident
- ◆ Fire in Elstow

## Councillor Appelt

- ◆ Graveling
- ◆ Grass mowing around Clavet
- ◆ Dust control – Prairie Steel Lane
- ◆ Daisy Lane South – improve
- ◆ Old Highway Weigh Scale

## Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Top cut summer roads - some not done
- ◆ Dust control blading
- ◆ Illegal dumping of grain
- ◆ Hog Barn – routing trucks and signage
- ◆ Scraping gravel off road
- ◆ New type Spearhead mowers

## Councillor Wilson

- ◆ Pit tankfill
- ◆ Mowing – too low and too slow
- ◆ Power poles on Cement Plant grid
- ◆ Thompson Road Signs
- ◆ Identifying fire halls by number

## Councillor Boehm

- ◆ Wash board – hog troughs
- ◆ First Responders – majority of calls into Corman Park
- ◆ Magnets on graders
- ◆ Rutted and washboard roads
- ◆ Highway #5 twinning
- ◆ Settler's Ridge internal road not done yet – next couple of weeks
- ◆ Blucher Aberdeen First Responders training with Clavet
- ◆ CATPC - Convention

## 227-2023 - Chysyk

In Camera

That we do enter into an In Camera session at 2:25 p.m. pursuant to Section 120 (1) (b) of *The Municipalities Act*.

Carried.

In Camera                    228-2023 - Chysyk  
That we do return to the regular session of the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Carried.

Adjourn                    229-2023 - Appelt  
That this meeting of Council adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Carried.

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer