

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 10, 2024 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

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

Minutes 1-2024 - DeCorby
That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held December 13, 2023 be approved as distributed.
Carried.

Discussion Arising out of Minutes

- ◆ Chief Administrative Officer 2024 Salary – table to February 2024 meeting
- ◆ Inside Employees 2024 Salaries - table to February 2024 meeting
- ◆ Bylaw, Pest, Weed Control Officer 2024 Salary - table to February 2024 meeting
- ◆ Foreman 2024 Salary - table to February 2024 meeting
- ◆ Outside Employee 2024 Salaries - table to February 2024 meeting
- ◆ Policy 2.5.1 – Benefits Amendment

Policy 2.5.1 Amendment 2-2024 - DeCorby
That Resolution #289-2023 passed December 13, 2023 be rescinded. And further; That do amend Policy 2.5.1 by changing “maximum period of 3 years” to “maximum period of 2 years from the date the employee left work due to the disability.”
Carried.

Monthly Statement 3-2024 - Appelt
That the statement of Assets, Liabilities, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of December, 2023 be approved as distributed and also acknowledge the submission of the December, 2023 bank reconciliation.
Carried.

Bills and Accounts for Payment 4-2024 - Boehm
That we approve for payment, the bills and accounts as attached to these minutes.
Carried.

In Camera 5-2024 - Appelt
That we do enter into an In Camera session at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to Section 120 (2) (b) of *The Municipalities Act*.
Carried.

Interviews

- ◆ Associated Engineering (Sask.) Ltd. – Bill Delainey
 - ◆ OCP & Zoning Bylaws
 - ◆ Supreme Steel – Highway Impact Study and road treatments

In Camera 6-2024 - Appelt
That we do return to the regular session of the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Carried.**Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

- ◆ Fees for Tax Certificates & Tax Statements – Bylaw 1-2024
- ◆ Amend Gravel Extraction Rates – Bylaw 2-2024
- ◆ Fire District November 28, 2023 meeting minutes
- ◆ Fire District Man Hours and Training Hours
- ◆ Fire District Fire Fees
- ◆ 2024 Office Hours
- ◆ 2024 Council Meeting Date Amendment
- ◆ Employee's Fidelity Bond
- ◆ Volunteer Insurance
- ◆ 2024 Haul Agreement Rates – Policy 3.12.1
- ◆ RMAA Curling
- ◆ Government of Saskatchewan – OH & S – Contraventions
- ◆ Heidelberg Materials – replacement of gravel
- ◆ SARM Rural Dart
- ◆ Water Rates for 2024
- ◆ Transfer Station Decommission and Recommission
- ◆ CN Horn Cessation
- ◆ Loader Quotes
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant - Operator report
 - ◆ carbon filter upgrade

Bylaw 1-2024 7-2024 - Appelt
Fees for Tax That Bylaw 1-2024 being a bylaw to provide for the setting of fees for tax
Certificates & statements, tax certificates and other information be read a first time.
Statements

Carried

8-2024 - DeCorby
That Bylaw 1-2024 be now read a second time.

Carried.

9-2024 - Boehm
That Bylaw 1-2024 be given three readings at this meeting.

Unanimously Carried

Bylaw 1-2024
Fees for Tax
Certificates &
Statements

10-2024 - Wilson
That Bylaw 1-2024 as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now read a third time;
and further, that Bylaw 1-2024 being a bylaw to provide for the setting of fees for tax statements, tax certificates and other information as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now adopted, sealed and signed by the Reeve and Administrator.

Carried.

Bylaw 2-2024
Gravel
Extraction
Rates

11-2024 - Boehm
That Bylaw 2-2024 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 3-88 a bylaw to license the excavating of gravel from gravel pits be read a first time.

Carried

12-2024 - Wilson
That Bylaw 2-2024 be now read a second time.

Carried.

13-2024 - Appelt
That Bylaw 2-2024 be given three readings at this meeting.

Unanimously Carried

Bylaw 2-2024
Gravel
Extraction
Rates

14-2024 - DeCorby
That Bylaw 2-2024 as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now read a third time;
and further, that Bylaw 2-2024, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 3-88 a bylaw to license the excavating of gravel from gravel pits as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now adopted, sealed and signed by the Reeve and Administrator.

Carried.

Office
Hours

15-2024 - Appelt
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, except for Stat Holidays, unless otherwise approved by the Reeve.

Carried.

November
2024
Meeting

16-2024 - Boehm
That we do amend the regular meeting date for November 2024 to be Monday, November 18, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., in the municipal office.

Carried.

17-2024 - Appelt
 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.

18-2024 - Boehm
 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	Kaelan Peters
	Zach Anderson	Kim Hanson
	Duane Hoppenreys	Regan Will
	Andy Cox	Cody Hartley

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

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

<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	Joan Steckhan
	Cam Jones	Quinton Andrude
	Jayden Propp	Jeremy O’Connor
	Izac Mactal	Hubert Georget
	Julian Slater	Taylor Smith

Carried.

First Responders 19-2024 – Appelt
 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:

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| <u>Bradwell</u> | Ken Hartz
Sharla Wruck
Mikayla Bracken | <u>RM of Blucher, No. 343 including Elstow</u>
Quintin Senger
Rena Pilon
Matthew Dukart |
| <u>Clavet</u> | Vern Bruneau
Shaun Parfitt
Dan Lalonde
Dylan Powell
Ayrton Falconer
Holly Powell
James Korvemaker
Karsten Nielsen | <u>Blucher/Aberdeen</u>
Jeremy O’Connor
Connor Zatorski
Julian Slater |
| | | <u>Allan</u>
Kim Hanson
Greg Jaques
Mike Dukart
Sarah Koshinsky |
- Carried.

Haul Agreement Rates 20-2024 - Boehm
 That we set the following rates under this municipality’s haul road maintenance agreement:

- ◆ .0560 per tonne per kilometer, as per the Government of Saskatchewan’s 2024 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 21-2024 - Wilson
 That for 2024, 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.

SSA Elstow Pumphouse Electrical 22-2024 - DeCorby
 That we do accept the quote from Assie Electrical to trench and install all wiring needed for the new SSA Elstow pumphouse for approximately \$4,000.00.

Carried.

- SSA Elstow
Lift Station
- 23-2024 - DeCorby
That we do purchase, and install, a carbon filter from Xylem on the SSA Elstow lift station for an approximate cost of \$4,000.00 plus taxes.
- Carried.
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- Gravel
Exploration
NE 24-36-3 W3
- 24-2024 - Wilson
That we request quotes for the exploration of gravel resources on NE 24-36-3 W3 south of the trans-gas line. And further;
That part of this exploration include recommendations for where to re-locate the shop and transfer station.
- Carried.
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- RM North
Shop
- 25-2024 - Cummins
That we do obtain quotes for spray insulating the RM north shop.
- Carried.
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- Sunset
Estates Hall
Repairs
- 26-2024 - Boehm
That we do re-imburse the Sunset Estates Recreation Board up to \$4,000.00 for repairs to the Sunset Estates Recreation Centre (Community Hall). And further;
That these funds be disbursed from the Municipality's Public Reserve.
- Carried.

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

The meeting reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Bylaw/Pest/Sign/Weed Control Officer Report

- ◆ Bylaw Enforcement
- ◆ Sign Maintenance – updating sign bylaw
- ◆ Weed Control
- ◆ Pest Control
 - ◆ began 2024 yard checks

- Correspondence
- 27-2024 - Boehm
That the following correspondence, having been read, now be filed:
- a) SARM
 - ◆ Membership for 2024
 - b) Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers – 2024 Membership
 - c) SUMA – Volunteer Firefighter Renewal
 - d) Sask Mun Hail – Summary of premium written and losses
 - e) Loraas Disposal – 2024 Rates & Contract
 - f) APAS – December Letter

- g) RM of Happyland No. 231 – SARM Resolutions
- h) RCMP
 - ◆ Meeting rescheduled to March 20, 2024
 - ◆ Photo Radar Enforcement
 - ◆ Occurrence Stats – October 1 – December 31, 2023
- i) Wheatland Regional Library – Strategic Plan
- j) Sunset Estates Community Association – repairs to community hall
Carried.

28-2024 - Wilson

Loraas
Disposal
Agreement

Further to Resolution 221-2000 passed September 11, 2000 and 45-2009 passed February 11, 2009, that Loraas Disposal Services Ltd. continue to be contracted to provide the following services, for the stated price at the municipal transfer station NE 24-36-3 W3, Blucher Aberdeen Fire Hall and the SSA Elstow:

- ◆ at the municipal transfer station NE 24-36-3 W3:
 - ◆ a 40 yard roll off transfer container at \$298.00 per haul plus landfill disposal charge and \$104.00 monthly rental fee
 - ◆ an additional 40 yard roll off transfer container at \$298.00 per haul plus landfill disposal charge and \$104.00 monthly rental fee
 - ◆ a 30 yard roll off transfer container at \$298.00 per haul plus landfill disposal charge and \$104.00 monthly rental fee
 - ◆ a 30-yard recycling container at \$298.00 per haul plus landfill disposal charge and \$104.00 monthly rental fee
- ◆ at the SSA Elstow:
 - ◆ one garbage bin per household, emptied on a bi-weekly basis for a monthly fee of \$14.30 per bin.
 - ◆ one recycle bin per household, emptied on a bi-weekly basis for a monthly fee of \$7.10 per bin
- ◆ at the Blucher Aberdeen (Sunset Estates) Fire Hall:
 - ◆ one garbage bin per household, emptied on a bi-weekly basis for a monthly fee of \$13.25 per bin.

and further, that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreements with Loraas Disposal Services Ltd.

Carried.

29-2024 - Cummins

In Camera

That we do enter into an In Camera session at 1:20 p.m. pursuant to Section 120 (2) (a) of *The Municipalities Act*.

Carried.

30-2024 - Cummins

In Camera

That we do return to the regular session of the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

Carried.

Foreman's Report

- ◆ Employees
- ◆ Municipal Road Maintenance
- ◆ Equipment Maintenance
- ◆ Road Construction
- ◆ Road Tour

RM Tractor
Repairs

31-2024 - Wilson
That we do perform all repairs on the municipal tractors that are necessary to have them in good operating condition.

Carried.

Councillor's Reports:

Reeve Cummins

- ◆ Cost sharing dust control applications
- ◆ Tony Shenher access
- ◆ Hail delegate

Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ Ridging on south boundary
- ◆ New pumphouse on site at SSA Elstow
- ◆ Allan joint meeting
- ◆ Sask Water canal re-furbishment

Councillor Senger

- ◆ Old fire truck by office
- ◆ Fire district considerations

Councillor Appelt

- ◆ CN whistle cessation

Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Not in attendance

Councillor Wilson

- ◆ Tree mulching

Councillor Boehm

- ◆ Snow fence at approach on Daisy Lane
- ◆ Snow plow agreements
- ◆ Daisy Lane signs
- ◆ Cameras at Blucher Aberdeen Fire hall
- ◆ Insulating north shop

In Camera

32-2024 - Boehm
That we do enter into an In Camera session at 2:35 p.m. pursuant to Section 120 (2) (a) of *The Municipalities Act*.

Carried.

In Camera

33-2024 - Boehm
That we do return to the regular session of the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Carried.

Adjourn

34-2024 - Appelt

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer