

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, February 14, 2024 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

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

Minutes 35-2024 - Appelt
That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held January 10, 2024 be approved as distributed.
Carried.

Discussion Arising out of Minutes

- ◆ Chief Administrative Officer 2024 Salary
- ◆ Inside Employees 2024 Salaries
- ◆ Bylaw, Pest, Weed Control Officer 2024 Salary
- ◆ Foreman 2024 Salary
- ◆ Outside Employee 2024 Salaries

In Camera 36-2024 - Boehm
That we do enter into an In Camera session at 8:07 a.m. pursuant to Section 120 (2) (a) of *The Municipalities Act* to discuss employee matters.
Carried.

In Camera 37-2024 - Cummins
That we do return to the regular session of the meeting at 8:50 a.m.
Carried.

Chief Administrative Officer Salary 38-2024 - Wilson
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 2024;
and further, that due to his certificate held, and his years of experience that his annual salary be set at \$166,025.00 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 39-2024 – Appelt
That Pamela Lindberg be appointed as this municipality's Director of Administrative Services and assistant EMO Co-ordinator for 2024;
and further that due to her experience, that her annual salary be set at \$92,000.00 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 5 (five) weeks annual vacation.
Carried.

Executive Assistant Salary

40-2024 - Senger
That Christina Jensen be appointed as this municipality's Executive Assistant and assistant EMO Co-ordinator for 2024;
and further that due to her experience, that her annual salary be set at \$80,000.00 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 (six) weeks annual vacation and 17 (seventeen) days E.D.O.

Carried.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Pest Control Officer & Weed Inspector Salary

41-2024 - Senger
Pursuant to Bylaw 7-2005 and 2-2008, that for 2024 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 \$76,500.00 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.

Unanimously Carried.

Municipal Foreman

42-2024 - Chysyk
That Jason Robson be employed as municipal foreman for 2024 at an annual salary of \$102,000.00 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 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.

43-2024 - Cummins
 Policy 3.7.05 Amendment
 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.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

- ◆ 2024 Council Meeting Date Amendment
- ◆ Tax Enforcement SSA Elstow
- ◆ Spring Ratepayer Meeting
 - ◆ Guest Speaker
 - ◆ Municipal Community Service Award
- ◆ SARM Convention – March 13-15, 2024 – Regina, Sask.
- ◆ Sask Mun Hail – Annual Meeting March 13, 2024
- ◆ RM Tankfills – summary report
- ◆ Haul Agreements – Heidelberg Materials Canada
- ◆ District 22 ADD Board – Annual Meeting Feb 27, 2024
- ◆ BMDT Consulting Ltd. – Aggregate Gradation Report – Inland Pit Run
- ◆ Heidelberg Encroachment – who is paying for hauling of material
- ◆ Government of Saskatchewan – Canada Building Fund Payment
- ◆ Employers Guide to develop a Violence Prevention Guide
- ◆ Avenue Living – purchase of old road allowance E ½ 22-35-1 W3
- ◆ Lafarge Aggregates – Road Survey
- ◆ Primary Engineering – BH Telecom underground fiber optic cable
- ◆ Truck Route Custom Sign
- ◆ AED & CPR Training in Bradwell
- ◆ North Shop spray foam quotes
- ◆ Destruction of RM of Blucher No. 343 records per Bylaw 6-2022
- ◆ Destruction of SSA Elstow records per Bylaw 6-2022
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant - Operator report

March 2024 Meeting
 44-2024 - Wilson
 That we do amend the regular meeting date for March 2024 to be Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., in the municipal office.
Carried.

SSA Elstow Tax Enforcement
 45-2024 - Boehm
 Per Subsection 22 (1.1) of *The Tax Enforcement Act*, that the Provincial Mediation Board be requested to reduce the 6 month waiting period before the issuance of Form C on the following properties:

Lot	Block	Plan	Extension
22	1	101488473	9
15	1	G5550	0
13	3	G5550	0
7	8	G5550	0
8	8	G5550	0

Carried.

Service Award	<p>46-2024 - Appelt</p> <p>That we do present the 2024 R. M. of Blucher No. 343 Community Service Award to Bruce Meilicke at our annual Ratepayer's Meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>
2024 SARM Convention	<p>47-2024 - Chysyk</p> <p>That the CAO be directed to register the following for this convention:</p> <p>Blair Cummins, Jason Robson, Francis Boehm, Robin Wilson, Jim Appelt, Pam Lindberg and R. Doran Scott.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>
Sask Hail Meeting Delegate	<p>48-2024 - Appelt</p> <p>That we appoint Robin Wilson as this municipality's Sask. Municipal Hail Delegate for the 2024 Sask Municipal Hail annual meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>
Haul Agreements	<p>49-2024 - Senger</p> <p>That the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the haul agreement with the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">◆ Heidelberg Materials Canada</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>
Road Allowance E ½ 22-35-1 W3	<p>50-2024 - Chysyk</p> <p>That the RM of Blucher No. 343 consider selling two parcels of road allowance to Avenue Living.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>
BH Telecom Internet Route	<p>51-2024 - Boehm</p> <p>That BH Telecom Corp. be granted permission to install fiber optic internet cable within municipal right-of-ways, under the jurisdiction of the RM of Blucher No. 343, and associated with project TR – 03109 V 1.0 Books 1, 2 & 3 subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ In such cases where it is necessary to bury the said line in a municipal road allowance that the fiber optic line be trenched at a minimum depth of 45 centimeters below ditch bottom. ◆ BH Telecom Corp. invest the entire cost of any future alteration to the said fiber optic line in order to facilitate rural municipal road improvement or reconstruction. ◆ All approach and road crossings be bored thru the road or approach and must be bored a minimum of 45 centimeters below ditch bottom. ◆ BH Telecom Corp. shall restore any roadway, approaches and ditch bottoms to their original states, as they were prior to the power line installation, or shall provide for the work to be done at their cost. <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>

North Shop
Spray Foam
Quotes

52-2024 - Boehm
That the R. M. of Blucher No. 343 accept Magnus Insulation's spray foam quote for doing the North Shop at an approximate cost of \$28,870.00 plus taxes.

Carried.

RM of
Blucher
Records to be
Destroyed

53-2024 - Senger
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. 6-2022.

Carried.

SSA Elstow
Records to be
Destroyed

54-2024 - Chysyk
That Council acknowledge and approve of the list of records attached to these minutes for SSA Elstow to be destroyed in accordance with Bylaw No. 6-2022.

Carried.

◆ **Interviews**

- ◆ CN Rail – Zelma Grid Project
 - ◆ Alternate access

Monthly
Financial
Statements

55-2024 - Boehm
That the statement of Assets, Liabilities, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of January, 2024 be approved as distributed and also acknowledge the submission of the January, 2024 bank reconciliations.

Carried.

Bills and
Accounts for
Payment

56-2024 - Boehm
That we approve for payment, the bills and accounts as attached to these minutes

Carried.

Public Hearings

- ◆ Rezoning & Subdivision Application – Bylaw 11-2023
 - ◆ 101079003 Sask. Ltd., 101112859 Sask. Ltd. & 101110317 Sask. Ltd. (Appelt) – SE & SW 33-34-3 W3

NOTE: Councillor Appelt declared a pecuniary interest with regards to the rezoning and subdivision application - Bylaw 11-2023 as he has a direct interest in the subdivision and exited the Council Chambers prior to any discussion.

Appelt Rezoning
SE & SW 33-34-
3 W3
Bylaw 11-2023

57-2024 - Boehm
That Bylaw 11-2023 be now read a second time.

Carried

Appelt Rezoning
SE & SW 33-34-
3 W3
Bylaw 11-2023

58-2024 - Chysyk

That pursuant to *The Planning & Development Act, 2007*, public notice of Council's consideration 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, February 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the RM Office, Village of Bradwell, to hear any submissions with respect to Bylaw 11-2023, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw; and further, that no objections were received for Bylaw 11-2023; therefore, be it resolved that Bylaw 11-2023 as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now read a third time; and further, that Bylaw 11-2023, 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 Administrator.

Carried.

Appelt
Rezoning
SE & SW 33-
34-3 W3

59-2024 - Senger

Pursuant to Part 6, 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 101079003 Sask. Ltd., 101112859 Sask. Ltd. & 101110317 Sask. Ltd. (Appelt's) single parcel residential discretionary use application and application to subdivide proposed Parcel A from the SE & SW 33-34-3 W3 be approved.

And Further;

- ◆ That Council approves the remainder of the Agricultural parcels being less than 160 acres pursuant to Part 6, Schedule A Section 3 (3) of Zoning Bylaw No. 7-2017. And further;
- ◆ That the RM does not require a servicing agreement.

Carried.

Following adoption of the above resolutions, Councillor Jim Appelt rejoined the meeting.

Interviews

- ◆ Associated Engineering (Sask.) Ltd. – Bill Delainey & Darrell Rinas
 - ◆ Supreme Steel – CDR
 - ◆ STL – Roadway Amendments – Blaine Dubreuil
 - ◆ Blucher Zoning Bylaw review proposal

STL Roadway
Amendments

60-2024 - Boehm

That we do accept the road structure changes proposed for Phase 2 of the STL development as presented by Associated Engineering and supported by P. Machibroda Engineering Ltd. subject to a servicing agreement amendment being agreed to and registered on the applicable title.

Carried.

Supreme Steel
CDR

61-2024 - Boehm

That we do approve the Comprehensive Development Review submitted by Associated Engineering on behalf of Supreme Steel Ltd. subject to the finalized subdivision plan containing provisions for a paved surface on Epp Road and an amendment to the CDR to reflect such.

Carried.

RM Zoning
Bylaw &
Official
Community
Plan Review

62-2024 - Wilson
That we do approve Associated Engineering's proposal to conduct a Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan update and review.

Carried.

Planning & Development

- ◆ Rezoning & Subdivision Application – Bylaw 3-2024
 - ◆ Clifford & Sandra Wilson
 - ◆ NW 12-36-3 W3
- ◆ Rezoning & Subdivision Application – Bylaw 4-2024
 - ◆ Peter Butt
 - ◆ SE 32-36-1 W3
- ◆ Rezoning & Subdivision Application – Bylaw 5-2024
 - ◆ Diane Zablocki
 - ◆ SE 16-35-3 W3

NOTE: Councillor Wilson declared a pecuniary interest with regards to the rezoning and subdivision application - Bylaw 3-2024 as he is the brother to the applicant of the subdivision and exited the Council Chambers prior to any discussion.

C & S Wilson
Rezoning
NW 12-36-3 W3
Bylaw 3-2024

63-2024 - Boehm
That Bylaw 3-2024, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw, be hereby read a first time.

Carried.

C & S Wilson
Rezoning
NW 12-36-3 W3
Bylaw 3-2024

64-2024 - Chysyk
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, March 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the R.M. of Blucher, #343 Office at Bradwell, Sask., to hear any submissions with respect to Bylaw 3-2024.

Carried.

Following adoption of the above resolutions, Councillor Robin Wilson rejoined the meeting.

P. Butt
Rezoning
SE 32-36-1 W3
Bylaw 4-2024

65-2024 - Chysyk
That Bylaw 4-2024, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw, be hereby read a first time.

Carried.

- P. Butt
Rezoning
SE 32-36-1 W3
Bylaw 4-2024
- 66-2024 - Wilson
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, March 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the R.M. of Blucher, #343 Office at Bradwell, Sask., to hear any submissions with respect to Bylaw 4-2024.
- Carried.
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- D. Zablocki
Rezoning
SE 16-35-3 W3
Bylaw 5-2024
- 67-2024 - Appelt
That Bylaw 5-2024, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw, be hereby read a first time.
- Carried.
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- D. Zablocki
Rezoning
SE 16-35-3 W3
Bylaw 5-2024
- 68-2024 - Appelt
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, March 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the R.M. of Blucher, #343 Office at Bradwell, Sask., to hear any submissions with respect to Bylaw 4-2024.
- Carried.
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- Correspondence
- 69-2024 - Chysyk
That the following correspondence, having been read, now be filed:
- a) SARM
 - ◆ RM of Emerald No. 277 - Resolution
 - ◆ RM of Invergordon No.430 - Resolution
 - b) Blair Cummins – running for Director Division 5
 - c) Village of Bradwell
 - ◆ letter re: Administration service fees
 - ◆ letter re: Fire Truck repayment
 - d) RM of Colonsay No. 342 – cleaning out of trailers on land in RM No. 342
 - e) CATPC – Oct 25 & Nov 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - f) Highline Mower Information
 - g) Resterra Land & Road Reclamation – Mulching Prices for 2024
 - h) Green Earth Road Spraying – dust control, etc information
 - i) Prairie Steel Products – SARM Convention
 - j) Hudson Bay Route – Membership Request
 - k) Sask Water – Canal Upgrade
 - l) Allan Community Heritage Society and Museum
- Carried.

Hudson Bay Route 70-2024 - Appelt
 That we do join the Hudson’s Bay Route for the cost of \$300 per year. Carried.

Allan Community Heritage Society & Museum 71-2024 - Appelt
 That we do donate \$20,000.00 to the Allan Community Heritage Society and Museum to go towards the new building they are constructing in 2024. And further;
 That this be paid from the Municipal Reserve Account. Carried.

Bylaw/Pest/Sign/Weed Control Officer Report

- ◆ Bylaw Enforcement
- ◆ Sign Maintenance
 - ◆ sign at end of Cargill West of Hwy #16 – contact highways for permission
- ◆ Weed Control
- ◆ Pest Control
- ◆ Sask Ag – hog barn issues

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

The meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Foreman’s Report

- ◆ Municipal Road Maintenance
- ◆ Equipment Maintenance
- ◆ Road Construction
- ◆ Employee recall
- ◆ Sunset water issue

Employee Recall 72-2024 - Appelt
 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>
Jim Brown	May 6, 2024
Peter Fehr	May 6, 2024
Calvin Mann	June 3, 2024

Carried.

Interviews: Grader Quotes

- ◆ 1:00 p.m. - Brandt Tractor – Kelly Deobald
 - ◆ Grader Quote
- ◆ 1:30 p.m. - Finning (Canada) – Curtis Fossenier
 - ◆ Grader Quote

Grader
Purchase

73-2024 - Wilson

That we purchase a new Cat 150 AWD motor grader, with a 6 year 6,000 hour full machine warranty to commence upon delivery of machine, from Finning Canada for a net price of \$570,916.00 plus incidentals with delivery in the fall of 2024.

Unanimously Carried.

Councillor's Reports:

Reeve Cummins

- ◆ Aberdeen Ratepayer Supper
- ◆ Stars Donation

Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ Absent – Blair Cummins reported
- ◆ Water shed installed at Elstow
- ◆ Ministry of Highways – 397 resurfacing
- ◆ Sask Water Canal renewal

Councillor Senger

- ◆ Sask Water Canal being upgraded – widening
- ◆ Increase fine for littering / tarping
- ◆ Daisy Lane - road quote?

Councillor Appelt

- ◆ Sanding – need a bigger sander?
- ◆ Signs at Cargill
- ◆ Jason – SARM
- ◆ CN Whistle Cessation

Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Increase fine for littering / tarping
- ◆ Washboard at highway intersections
- ◆ Hog Barn – manager at next meeting
- ◆ Grading roads
- ◆ Elstow Ag Society building
- ◆ Dust Control

Councillor Wilson

- ◆ Gravel exploration

Councillor Boehm

- ◆ Snow Club – clarification of when and what to remove
- ◆ Sunset Estates Water
- ◆ Quotes - spray foam at North shop
- ◆ TransGas expansion
- ◆ Panteluk Construction - readjusted lights – may need a bit more

Adjourn

74-2024 - Appelt

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer