

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, April 10, 2024 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 102-2024 - Boehm
That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held March 20, 2024 be approved as distributed.
Carried.

Discussion Arising out of Minutes

- ◆ Budget Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Annual Ratepayer Meeting Minutes
 - ◆ Door Prizes – send thank you letters
- ◆ Spring Fire Meeting Minutes

Special Budget Meeting Minutes 103-2024 - Appelt
That the minutes of the special budget meeting held April 2, 2024 be approved as distributed.
Carried.

Spring Ratepayer's Meeting 104-2024 - Chysyk
That the 2024 spring ratepayer's meeting minutes be approved as distributed and be filed.
Carried.

Municipal Facebook Page 105-2024 - Chysyk
That we do direct the Chief Administrative Officer to establish a facebook page.
Carried.

Monthly Financial Statements 106-2023 - Boehm
That the statement of Assets, Liabilities, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of March, 2024 be approved as distributed and also acknowledge the submission of the March, 2024 bank reconciliation.
Carried.

Bills and Accounts for Payment 107-2024 - Appelt
That we approve for payment, the bills and accounts as attached to these minutes
Carried.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

- ◆ Municipal Potash Tax Sharing Board – 2024 potash tax sharing estimates
- ◆ Government of Saskatchewan
 - ◆ Canada Community Building Fund Municipal Summary
- ◆ Ministry of Government Relations – Education Property Tax Mill Rates
- ◆ Fees for Tax Certificates & Tax Statements – Bylaw 7-2024
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant – March 2024 Operator report
- ◆ 2024 R.M.A.A. Convention – May 13-16, 2024 - Regina
- ◆ Clothing Allowance for Employees
- ◆ Lafarge Road Subdivision
- ◆ Meeting with RM of Corman Park
- ◆ Administrator's Holidays – April 12 to May 6, 2024

108-2024 - DeCorby

Prairie
Spirit
School
Levy

That for 2024, the Municipality recognizes the Education Mill Rates as dictated by the Government of Saskatchewan:

Prairie Spirit School Division

Agricultural – 1.42 Mills

Residential – 4.54 Mills

Commercial/Industrial – 6.86 Mills

Resource (oil and gas, mines and pipelines) – 9.88 Mills

Carried.

109-2024 - Senger

Catholic
School
Levy

That for 2024, the Municipality recognizes the Education Mill Rates as dictated by the Government of Saskatchewan and the Greater Catholic School Division:

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Separate School Division #20

Agricultural – 1.42 Mills

Residential – 4.54 Mills

Commercial/Industrial – 6.86 Mills

Resource (oil and gas, mines and pipelines) – 9.88 Mills

Carried.

Bylaw 7-2024
Fees for Tax
Certificates &
Statements

110-2024 - Boehm

That Bylaw 7-2024 being a bylaw to provide for the setting of fees for tax statements, tax certificates and other information be read a first time.

Carried

111-2024 - Chysyk

That Bylaw 7-2024 be now read a second time.

Carried.

112-2024 - Wilson

That Bylaw 7-2024 be given three readings at this meeting.

Unanimously Carried

Bylaw 7-2024
Fees for Tax
Certificates &
Statements

113-2024 - Appelt
That Bylaw 7-2024 as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now read a third time;
and further, that Bylaw 7-2024 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.

RMAA
Convention

114-2024 - DeCorby
That the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Administrative Services be instructed to attend the 2024 RMAA convention to be held May 13 – 16, 2024 in Regina.

Carried.

Clothing
Allowance

115-2024 - Senger
That we do pay each outside operator \$250.00 for the purchase of steel toed boots or shoes and high visibility clothing.

Carried.

3040 Road &
Floral Road

116-2024 - Senger
That we direct the Administrator to write a letter to RM of Corman Park detailing our concerns with Range Road 3040 and Floral Road/Cement Plant Road.

Carried.

Planning and Development

- ◆ Rezoning & Subdivision Application – Bylaw 6-2024
 - ◆ Melvin & Rene Digneau – SE 30-36-2 W3
- ◆ Draft Newsletter for Zoning and OCP Bylaws
- ◆ Consent to Close – Billy Bentley road closure amendment
- ◆ Ministry of Government Relations
 - ◆ Subdivision Approval – Acadia Investments Ltd.
 - ◆ PCL F, G, H & J – Industrial

Digneau
Rezoning
SE 30-36-2 W3
Bylaw 6-2024

117-2024 - Wilson
That Bylaw 6-2024, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw, be hereby read a first time.

Carried.

Digneau
Rezoning
SE 30-36-2 W3
Bylaw 6-2024

118-2024 - 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, May 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Municipal Office, Village of Bradwell, to hear any submissions with respect to Bylaw 6-2024.

Carried.

Interviews – 10:00 a.m.

- ◆ Gary Erixon – road construction
- ◆ Access to property
 - ◆ correction line

Correspondence

119-2024 - Chysyk

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

- a) CN Rail – Annual Vegetation Management Program
- b) RCMP
 - ◆ 2024-2025 Detachment Action Plan
 - ◆ January 1 – March 31, 2024 Occurrence Stats
 - ◆ March 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- c) Sask Municipal Hail – 2023 Annual Report
- d) CATPC
 - ◆ Nov 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes & Jan 24, 2024 Meeting Reports
- e) Meadowlark Estates – Petition to the RM of Blucher
- f) Allan Museum – thank you letter

Carried.

Chickens at
Meadowlark
Estates

120-2024 - Appelt

That residents of Meadowlark Estates be permitted to keep chickens as a hobby on their properties per the following conditions:

- ◆ Maximum of 12 chickens
- ◆ Full enclosed pen/coop
- ◆ No roosters
- ◆ The subdivision shall be solely required to police itself in this matter
- ◆ The RM accepts absolutely no responsibility for enforcement of restrictions excepting within the RM bylaws and the conditions of this resolution.

Nicole DeCorby requested a recorded vote.

Cummins – Yes
DeCorby – Nay
Senger – Yes
Appelt – Yes
Chysyk – Yes
Wilson – Nay
Boehm – Yes

Carried.

Bylaw/Pest/Sign/Weed Control Officer Report

- ◆ Bylaw Enforcement
- ◆ Sign Maintenance
 - ◆ Lots of signs being stolen
- ◆ Pest Control
 - ◆ Pest Control Gopher bounty
 - ◆ Trailer backed up to the zoo in Elstow
- ◆ Weed Control
- ◆ Truck – 6’4” box crew cab

Foreman’s Report

- ◆ 2024 Gravel
 - ◆ Maps for Jason from Councillors for gravel
 - ◆ Custom gravel rates
 - ◆ gravel delivery
 - ◆ office to take order and pass onto Foreman. Foreman or appropriate operator will then contact to arrange delivery date
- ◆ Employee additional holidays
- ◆ Supervisor/Councillor Tour
- ◆ Road Maintenance
- ◆ Spring run-off control
- ◆ 2024 municipal road construction schedule
- ◆ Equipment maintenance

2024
Gravel
Sale Rates

121-2024 - DeCorby

That for 2024, we charge the following rate for Municipal aggregate commercially sold:

	Price	Hauling
	Price per yard	per mile
Pit Run		
- Ratepayer	9.25	.70
- Non-Ratepayer	11.50	.90
Road Gravel/Base - 3/4" - 1"		
- Ratepayer	20.50	.70
- Non-Ratepayer	31.00	.90
Crushed Rock - 1" Clean		
- Ratepayer	32.00	.70
- Non-Ratepayer	56.75	.90
Fine Crush/Screenings		
- Ratepayer	9.25	.70
- Non-Ratepayer	16.50	.90
Stripping’s/Fill		
- Ratepayer	6.25	.70
- Non-Ratepayer	8.25	.90
Chip Seal		
- Ratepayer	17.50	.70
- Non-Ratepayer	26.75	.90

Carried.

Additional
Holidays

122-2024 - Appelt

That we approve the following outside employee holidays:

- ◆ paid holiday – Friday, June 28, 2024
- ◆ paid holiday – Friday, August 30, 2024

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Councillor's Report

Reeve Cummins

- ◆ Community groups within RM – Reeve Report
- ◆ Haul Agreements
- ◆ Dust Control
- ◆ Used Oil Recycling

Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ Ratepayer meeting – resolution process
- ◆ Animal update – Elstow – pursue enforcement
- ◆ Road Tour
- ◆ Dilapidated houses in Elstow
- ◆ Dust Control

Councillor Senger

- ◆ Signs
- ◆ Littering Fines – increase minimum penalty
- ◆ Lobby SARM – require tarps and closed gates on provincial highways
- ◆ Ratepayer meeting
- ◆ Fire on Tuesday, April 9 – large fire
 - ◆ Mutual Aid
- ◆ Bradwell Reservoir – all done – good cleanup

Councillor Appelt

- ◆ U of S feed lot potential road maintenance
- ◆ Gopher Bounty
- ◆ April 19th – road tour with Foreman
- ◆ CN Whistle Cessation – tabled until May
- ◆ Website
 - ◆ update consistently
 - ◆ keep hit counts
- ◆ Fire on Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Coyote Bounty?
- ◆ Trucks and repairs
- ◆ What is on the books for projects so far?
- ◆ Gravel stockpile at south shop
- ◆ Ratepayer meeting

Councillor Wilson

- ◆ Approach SW 6-35-2 W3
- ◆ Road Bans – opt out?
- ◆ Terex Scaper – reserve bid – table to May

Councillor Boehm

- ◆ RCMP Advisory Meeting – grain dumping
 - ◆ Visibility
 - ◆ June, July for RCMP to attend meeting
- ◆ Barricades at Pit Well
- ◆ Meeting with Aberdeen – Budget
 - ◆ Blucher/Aberdeen fire good
 - ◆ Bars on fire department windows
 - ◆ South survey pins – Sunset residents encroaching
 - ◆ Evaluating Air Packs
- ◆ Road maintenance
- ◆ RM Sunset tank fill pump replacement
- ◆ Website
- ◆ Policy Manual Update

Gopher
Bounty

123-2024 - Appelt

That we do institute a gopher bounty within the RM of Blucher and that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to develop a policy for such for the May meeting.

Carried.

Voluntary
Fire Ban

124-2024 - Boehm

That we do implement a total fire ban within the municipality effective immediately. And further;
That the Reeve be authorized to remove and reinstate a fire ban at any time with consultation with Council.

Carried.

Adjourn

125-2024 - Appelt

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer