

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 Monday, September 16, 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 238-2024 - DeCorby
That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held August 14, 2024 be approved as distributed. Carried.

Discussion Arising out of Minutes & Emergent Requests

- ◆ Whistle Cessation – reply back from Village of Clavet

Monthly Financial Statements 239-2024 - Boehm
That the statement of Assets, Liabilities, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of August, 2024 be approved as distributed and that we also acknowledge the submission of the August, 2024 bank reconciliations. Carried.

Bills and Accounts for Payments 240-2024 - Appelt
That we approve for payment, the bills and accounts as attached to these minutes. Carried.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

- ◆ New Canada Community Building Fund Agreement
- ◆ Website costing info
- ◆ Meridian Surveys – Road Survey and Straight Lining
- ◆ 2023 Audited Financial Statements
- ◆ Jason Bucko - tax abatement as was assessed incorrectly
- ◆ Stefan & Chantel Coburn – addition tax as was assessed incorrectly
- ◆ Don, Helen, Robert, Kathleen Crowther & Mary Glasrud - tax abatement as was assessed incorrectly
- ◆ Todd & Lynette Weiler- tax abatement as was assessed incorrectly
- ◆ Tax Enforcement
- ◆ Clifton Associates – aggregate assessment north of the trans gas line
- ◆ Sask Water – Highway 5 Pipeline Realignment
- ◆ Community Planning – driveway minimums on new subdivisions
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant – August 2024 Operator report
 - ◆ Meter Reader
- ◆ 2024 Christmas Function
- ◆ 2024 Municipal Elections – Calendar

- CCBF
Municipal
Funding
Agreement
- 241-2024 - Senger
That the Reeve and the Chief Administrative Officer sign the New CCBF Municipal Funding Agreement.
- Carried.
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- Road Survey
& Straight
Lining
- 242-2024 - Chysyk
That we do proceed to purchase expanded right-of-way along Cement Plant Road where the current right-of-way is only 66 feet wide.
- Carried.
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- Asbestos in
Municipal
Buildings
- 243-2024 - Cummins
That we do instruct the Administrator to obtain quotes for determining whether any municipal buildings contain asbestos and then quotes for the remediation if necessary.
- Carried.
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- Tax
Abatement
- 244-2024 - Appelt
That we do abate a portion of the taxes on Jason Bucko's land, PCL B PT NW 34-34-3 W3 Roll No. 510 000 due to Section 293 (2) (a) of *The Municipalities Act*, and further;
That the amount of the abatement shall be as follows:
- ◆ Municipal - \$55.27
 - ◆ School - \$78.16
- Carried.
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- Tax Addition
- 245-2024 - Chysyk
That we do add a portion of the taxes onto Stefan & Chantel Coburn's land, PCL C PT SW 15-35-3 W3 Roll No. 2465 000 due to Section 293 (2) (a) of *The Municipalities Act*, and further;
That the amount of the addition shall be as follows:
- ◆ Municipal - \$93.43
 - ◆ School - \$132.08
- Carried.
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- Tax
Abatement
- 246-2024 - Wilson
That we do abate a portion of the taxes on Don, Helen, Robert, Kathleen Crowther and Mary Glasrud's land, PCL B PT SE 6-36-2 W3 Roll No. 1474 000 due to Section 293 (2) (a) of *The Municipalities Act*, and further;
That the amount of the abatement shall be as follows:
- ◆ Municipal - \$58.99
 - ◆ School - \$93.41
- Carried.
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- Tax
Abatement
- 247-2024 - Appelt
That we do abate a portion of the taxes on Todd & Lynette Weiler's land, PCL H PT NE 34-34-3 W3 Roll No. 507 000 due to Section 293 (2) (a) of *The Municipalities Act*, and further;

That the amount of the abatement shall be as follows:

- ◆ Municipal - \$35.15
- ◆ School - \$49.70

Carried.

Tax List 248-2024 - Appelt
That the Reeve accept the 2024 list of arrears of taxes presented in Form 1 as submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Carried.

Aggregate Exploration at RM Shop 249-2024 - Appelt
That we do accept Clifton and Associates quote to complete the aggregate exploration project at the RM south shop for approximately \$80,000.00.

Carried.

RM Staff Party 250-2024 -
That we host the 2024 RM staff party for all Council, employees and guests at the Sandman Signature Hotel, 2815 Lorne Ave, Saskatoon, Sask., on Friday, November 8, 2024, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Carried.

In Camera 251-2024 - Appelt
That we do enter into an In Camera session at 9:20 a.m. pursuant to Section 120 (2) (b) of *The Municipalities Act*.

Carried.

In Camera 252-2024 - Senger
That we do return to the regular session of the meeting at 9:28 a.m..

Carried.

Planning & Development

- ◆ Rezoning & Subdivision Application – Bylaw 14-2024
 - ◆ M & J Zurevinsky – PCL A SE 11-36-3 W3
- ◆ LaFarge Pit Reclamation Project at Patience Lake Pit
- ◆ Windhaven Farms Inc. – Servicing Agreement – PCL M SW 18-36-3 W3

Zurevinsky Rezoning SE 11-36-3 W3 Bylaw 14-2024 253-2024 - Boehm
That Bylaw 14-2024, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw, be hereby read a first time.

Carried.

Zurevinsky
Rezoning
SE 11-36-3 W3
Bylaw 14-2024

254-2024 - 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, October 9, 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 14-2024.

Carried.

Service
Agreement PCL
M SW 18-36-3
W3

255-2024 - Boehm
That the Reeve and Chief Administrative officer be authorized to sign the following service agreement:

- ◆ Windhaven Farms Inc. Servicing Agreement
 - ◆ PCL M SW 18-36-3 W3 as per Resolution #218-2024

Carried.

Correspondence

256-2024 - Chysyk
That the following correspondence, having been read, now be filed:

- a) Roadata Information Package
- b) APAS Representative Nomination Forms
- c) Speed on Bentley Road
- d) School Donation Request
- e) Stars Donation
- f) Second Approach onto Range Road 3040 – Andy Fisher
- g) Farm and Food Care – 10 year Celebration

Carried.

Andy Fisher
Second
Approach

257-2024 - Boehm
That we do approve the installation of a second approach on SW 6-36-3 W3 (Andy Fisher) at his own cost.

Carried

Foreman's Report

- ◆ Employees
- ◆ Municipal Road Maintenance
- ◆ Lafarge Gravel
- ◆ Equipment Maintenance
- ◆ Road Repairs
- ◆ Road Construction
- ◆ Seeding right-of-way
- ◆ Will cut weeds
- ◆ 2024 Seasonal Layoffs

NOTE: Councillor DeCorby declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the outside employee layoff discussions 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.

Lay Off

258-2024 - Cummins

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 23, 2024	November 22, 2024
Jim Brown	September 23, 2024	November 8, 2024
Calvin Mann	September 23, 2024	November 8, 2024
Terry Balion	September 23, 2024	October 25, 2024
Gared Marcotte	September 23, 2024	October 25, 2024
Prescot Senger	September 23, 2024	October 25, 2024
Justin Timmerman	September 23, 2024	October 25, 2024

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.

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

Bylaw/Pest/Sign/Weed Control Officer Report

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

Councillor's Report

Reeve Cummins

- ◆ Gerry Uswack's place – grass
- ◆ Water line
- ◆ Development around Daisy Lane North

Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ Culvert in Elstow
- ◆ Hicks Yard – WSA – check out
- ◆ Lagoon Access
- ◆ Meters in Elstow
 - ◆ Betty and Kenny performance

Councillor Senger

- ◆ Elstow mower
- ◆ Sask Water canal work postponed to 2025
- ◆ Blading

Councillor Appelt

- ◆ Mowing Division one
- ◆ Grading back roads

Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Zoning infractions
- ◆ Mowing weeds and weeds in crops
- ◆ Wash boards
- ◆ Manlift not yet certified
- ◆ Sanding roads

Councillor Wilson

- ◆ Doerksen – Gray
 - ◆ fencing
 - ◆ expropriation
 - ◆ trees
 - ◆ have options available for October meeting
- ◆ Blucher Grid CP Crossing

Councillor Boehm

- ◆ STL Tires – can ratepayers take in?
- ◆ Lafarge – reclamation
- ◆ Blading roads

259-2024 - Appelt

Boiler

That we do install a new boiler at the South shop.

Carried.

260-2024 - Appelt

Adjourn

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer