

VILLAGE OF MORRIN
COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, January 12 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Attendance MAYOR: CHRIS HALL
DEPUTY MAYOR: LORRAINE MACARTHUE
COUNCILLOR: M'LISS EDWARDS
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: ANNETTE PLACHNER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

C22-001 CAO Plachner added to the agenda item # 12.1 – letter from Starland County Moved by Deputy Mayor MacArthur to approve the January 12, 2022, Council meeting agenda as amended. Carried

3. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

- Install for the new emergency pump is ongoing
- Old electrical panel has been removed
- Cement blocking for motor and pump have been removed
- New hole has been drilled for the new pump
- New panel for the new pump has been installed
- New light shave been installed.
- Balzar is fabricating a new stainless steel "T" for the mainline feeding the Village, it will be changed out at the same time as the shutdown for the new pump install. They will need to bypass the pumps by tying into the hydrant on 1st Ave. South to maintain the water pressure to the Village.
- Items to be disposed of are: Electric Motor – resale \$ 50,000. Electrical panel – video - 40,000. Scrap iron.
- Calibration for colorimeter and turbidmeter needed.

C22-002 **Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that Public Works Benci remove the scrap iron and put it with his own scrap pile. Carried.

4. REGISTERED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 None

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Special Council Meeting December 15, 2021

C22-003 **Motion:** Moved by Deputy Mayor MacArthur to approve the December 15, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented. Carried

5.2 Regular Council Meeting December 15, 2021

C22-004 **Motion:** Moved by Councillor Edwards to approve the December 15, 2021 regular council meeting as presented. Carried.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 Financial Report as at December 31, 2021

CAO Plachner reported that there no issues with the report. The expense side of the report will have adjustments made. As there are still invoices from 2021 to be added.

7. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

CAO Plachner reported that the Office was busy closing off year end, doing the necessary reporting to Municipal Affairs Departments as required. The Village audit is scheduled for March 30 and 31 2022.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 None

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 INSTALLATION OF LIGHT ON HIGHWAY 27

Mayor Hall reported that he was in contact with Alberta Transportation Engineer to conduct a survey to indicate if there is a safety factor on Highway 27 and the Morrin turn-off in order to have a light installed there. It has not been determined if there will be a cost to the Village at this time. Mayor Hall will keep the Village informed regarding the progress of this issue

9.2 TAX BREAK – NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hall issued a advertisement from the County of Minburn regarding a non-residential Tax Incentive Program for new businesses. This program would provide new businesses an incentive to build in the Municipality. Council held a brief discussion regarding this item.

C22-005 Motion: Mayor Hall motioned that this discussion be tabled for the February 2022 regular meeting. Carried

10. COUNCIL REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor MacArthur reported on the Village of Morrin Library Board Meeting. The primary discussion was held regarding the school building progress and plans to include an area for the new community library. A discussion was also held with regard to the cost of moving the Super net from the library to the school. A separate telephone line for the library was also discussed.

Councillor Edwards reported on the Morrriin Community Hall Board meeting. The Hall Board are selling turkeys.

11. COUNCIL INQUIRIES OR COMMENTS

11.1 VILLAGE LOT FOR SALE - 112 – 1ST AVENUE NORTH

Council discussed the sale of the Village owned property at 112 – 1st Ave. North.

- C22-006** **Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that the Village sell the property for the sum of \$16,000. Public Works will install a for sale sign on the property. Carried.

12. CORRESPONDENCE TO MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

12.1 STARLAND COUNTY – LAND ACQUISITION – VILLAGE OF MORRIN

Correspondence was received from Starland County to purchase Lots 6,7,8 & 9 from Tom Welch the property owner. As the property is located in the Village, Starland would need the Village’s approval to proceed with this acquisition, as per the Municipal Government Act Section 72 (1) (a). Council held a discussion regarding this request. It was noted, that at the present time the Village are generating property taxes from these lots, if the County were to purchase this property then it would be assessed as exempt, as a municipality cannot tax other municipalities

- C22-007** **Motion:** Moved by Deputy Mayor MacArthur that the Village oppose the purchase by Starland County of Lots 6,7,8,& 9. Carried Unanimously.

13. CLOSED SESSION – HELTON

- C22-008** **Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that Council proceed into Closed Session at 7:55 P.M. Carried

- C22-009** **Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that Council return to the regular meeting at 8:20 P.M. Carried.

14. NEXT MEETING DATE – REGULAR COUNCIL FEBRUARY 16, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

15. ADJOURMENT

- C21-010** **Motion:** Mayor Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 P.M. Carried.

MAYOR


CAO
