

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 10, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

**Present:** Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Honke, Councillors McDougald, Staerk, Stead and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson

Reeve Amerongen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### Reading and Confirming of Agenda and Minutes:

Moved by Stead and seconded by Honke

1/23 **WHEREAS** the agenda for this regular meeting has been reviewed by Council;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda shall be adopted as amended.

For: All                      Against: None                      **CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

2/23 **WHEREAS** the minutes of their regular meeting held on December 22, 2022, have been submitted to Council for their review;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** these minutes be adopted as presented.

For: All                      Against: None                      **CARRIED**

## Financial:

1. Payment of accounts

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Staerk

3/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 23906 to 23940

Electronic Payments EFT 6777 to 6789

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$228,884.23, of which \$133,327.09 is school taxes.

For: All                      Against:    None                      **CARRIED**

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

4/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 6790 & 6791

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,514.96.

For: All                      Against:    None                      **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 4/23, Reeve Amerongen and Deputy Reeve Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. They left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

5/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Electronic Payments EFT 6792 to 6806

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$12,504.83.

For: All                      Against:    None                      **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 5/23, Councillor Stead requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

### Reports of Committees:

- Two Rivers Service for Seniors re: November, 2022 Statistics

### Verbal Reports of Committees:

Deputy Reeve Honke reported on Public Works.

**Delegation:**

1:30 p.m. Prairie By-Law Enforcement – cancelled due to illness.

**Communications:**

1. Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization re: workshops available.  
Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

6/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** two members of Council be authorized to attend Emergency Measures Organization workshops;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** they are reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

2. Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization re: 2022 Spring Flood, all sites requested for reimbursement has been approved. Noted.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Lagoon update – land required for road widening, referred to Administration. Tabled.

2. Whitemouth Municipal Childcare Committee re: equipment and materials arriving the week of January 23, 2023. Tabled.

3. Janitorial Services – referred to In Camera

4. Public Works Employee re: Water Treatment Plant Operator - referred to In Camera.

5. By-Law Officer Position – referred to In Camera

6. Snow Policy – draft for Council review to include institutional works. Tabled.

**New Business:**

1. Pandemic Discussion – Tabled.

2. Handivan re: update provided by Councillor McDougald noting the handivan is operational and has already been utilized.

3. Budget 2023 re: Items addressed in 2022 as possible expenditures. Discussed. Budget meeting to be set. Tabled.

4. Financial Statement re: review of provincial document. Council agreed to review same.

5. Utility Rate Review – initiated. Noted.

6. Manitoba Hydro re: Pointe du Bois Renewable Project initiating. Council had a road inquiry. Tabled.

7. Snow Plow Truck

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

7/23 **WHEREAS** a snow plow truck is required by our Public Works Department;  
**AND WHEREAS** these vehicles are difficult to source out and purchase  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a member of Council and the Public Works Supervisor be hereby authorized to travel to review a prospective purchase;  
**AND BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT** they be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**



8. Manitoba Ag Days re: Fire Department grant application was selected as a successful applicant.

9. Chief Administrative Officer position. Referred to In Camera

**In Camera:**

Moved by Honke and seconded by Stead

8/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recess the Regular meeting and go "In Camera" as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss the following item: Personnel

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** all matters discussed are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

9/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does hereby now re-open the meeting to the public.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

10/23 **WHEREAS** advertisements have been placed and received to provide janitorial services for our Administration Building;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the tender submitted by Kristopher Calverly is hereby accepted in the amount of \$450.00 per month, commencing January 16, 2023, to December 31, 2024.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

11/23 **WHEREAS** a Water Treatment Plant Operator is required by our Public Works Department;

**AND WHEREAS** applications have been requested, received and reviewed;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Matthew Pommer be hereby accepted as the successful applicant commencing on January 11, 2023;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** he be paid as per our Collective Agreement.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

12/23 **WHEREAS** Council believes it is in the Municipality's best interest to employ the Chief Administrative Officer;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs that the Reeve enter into a contract with Colleen Johnson.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment:**

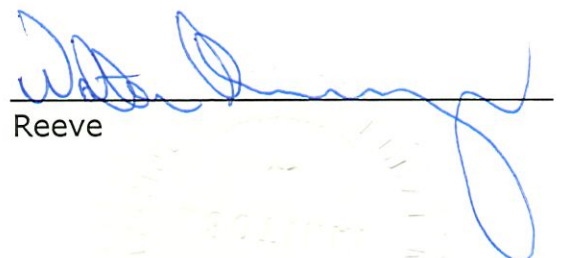
Moved by Honke and seconded by Staerk

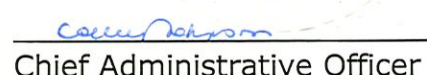
13/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 3:22 p.m.

For: All

Against: None

**CARRIED**

  
Reeve

  
Chief Administrative Officer