RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

This meeting was available by Conference Call.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga, Councillors Honke

(in Chambers) McDougald and Malkoske (conference call), and Chief

Administrative Officer Johnson

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

50/22 **WHEREAS** the agenda for this regular meeting has been reviewed by Council:

 ${\bf NOW}$ THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda shall be

adopted as amended.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

Reading and Confirming of Minutes

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

51/22 WHEREAS the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on February 8, 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 Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

52/22 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval

of payment: Cheque No. 23309 to 23319

Electronic Payments EFT 6085 to 6106

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$91,837.30.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Malkoske

53/22 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval

of payment: Electronic Fund Transfers 6107 & 6108

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,488.53.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 53/22, Reeve Amerongen and Councillor Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. They left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

2. Financial Statements

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Honke

54/22 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the financial statements ending December 31, 2021, are hereby adopted as circulated.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

Public Works: Update of February 15, 2022, and verbal information added by Councillors Honke and Malkoske.

Reports of Committees:

Verbal reports were provided by Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on Fire Management, Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Committee, and Two Rivers Service to Seniors; Councillor Malkoske on Fire Management; and Reeve Amerongen on two Interlake Eastern Regional Health Association update meetings on diagnostic and physician services.

Communications:

- 1. Manitoba Environment, Climate and Parks re: 2021 Compliance Audit complete. Noted.
- 2. Hungry 9's Park & Seven Sisters Community Centre Inc. re: River Hills Community Grounds. Administration was directed to communicate back to advise that they will be under the Seven Sisters Falls Community Club umbrella and that an Agreement is not required.
- 3. Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization re: 2022 Emergency Plan has been approved as submitted. Council members to bring their Emergency Plan thumb drive in to be updated with the 2022 Emergency Plan.
- 4. Brenda Adamik request to hook onto municipal water.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

55/22 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water utility has been received from Brenda Adamik;

AND WHEREAS Adamik's property is located at 3 River Drive, in Elma and being Roll No. 47700;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request be hereby approved;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate fees be paid in full, to the municipality for the connection, prior to the installation by the contractor.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

5. Jeffrey Giesbrecht – request to hook onto municipal water. Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

56/22 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water utility has been received from Jeffrey Giesbrecht;

AND WHEREAS Giesbrecht' property is located at 64231 PTH No. 44, and being Roll No. 111700;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request be hereby approved;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate fees be paid in full, to the municipality for the connection, prior to the installation by the contractor.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

6. Manitoba Hydro re: Lot for drainage in Seven Sisters.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

57/22 **WHEREAS** Manitoba Hydro has offered the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth sale of Lot 27, Block 1, of Plan No. 46229 WLTO for the amount of \$2,500.00;

AND WHEREAS this lot is required for a drainage project; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this request be hereby approved:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be hereby directed to execute the required works to complete this transaction.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

- 7. Western Financial Group re: Program report received and verbal update from Reeve Amerongen noting that the Budgeted amount will remain the same.
- 8. Penner Underground fire hydrant installation information. Noted.
- 9. Canada Post Elma update.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by McDougald

58/22 **WHEREAS** Canada Post has requested permission to locate Rural Community Post Office Boxes adjacent to the South side of Elma Country Store which is located at 59040 PTH #11;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality are of the opinion that this would be a convenient location;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canada Post contact the property owner to acquire permission to locate same.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

- 10. Manitoba Department of Families re: new regulations take effect on May 1, 2022, and supports available. Noted.
- 11. Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries re: outlet in Whitemouth.

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Honke

59/22 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration be hereby directed to pursue assisting a local entrepreneur in acquiring a Manitoba Liquor outlet in Whitemouth, Manitoba.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

- 12. Whitemouth Recreation Association confirmation to allow storage of Whitemouth Emergency Response Team supplies and equipment. Verification that the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth will utilize their facility as a Reception Centre in the event of an emergency.
- 13. By-Law No. 668/17 re: Waste Management Agreement. Deputy Reeve Sikkenga advised that the by-law will be coming up for renewal. She requested any input Council may have to be shared with her regarding this renewal. Noted.
- 14. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Training Program courses available. Noted.
- 15. Sunrise School Division draft budget meeting. Noted.
- 16. Association of Manitoba Municipalities convention.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

60/22 **WHEREAS** an invitation has been received to attend the Association of Manitoba Municipalities convention in Brandon, from April 19 to April 21, 2022:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Council and Chief Administrative officer be hereby approved to attend same;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal policies.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

17. Manitoba Accessibility Fund – grant program opens March 1, 2022. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. NorthStar Communications Inc. By-Law No. 725/22 to enter into agreement. Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske
- 61/22 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 725/22, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to authorize the entering into and execution of an Agreement with NorthStar Communications Inc. to utilize our municipal tower, located at our Fire Hall;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby provide third and final reading for By-Law No. 725/22.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

- 2. Manitoba Water Services Board re: Land for Lagoon Test holes have been ordered. Tabled.
- 3. Municipal Fire Inspector Reeve Amerongen will take to the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee to inquire about sharing this service with other municipalities. Tabled.
- 4. Christina Putschker Council information provided to both affected ratepayers.
- 5. Way To Go Consulting re: Elected Official Candidate's Orientation Agreement By-Law No. 727/22.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

62/22 **WHEREAS** By-Law No. 727/22, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to authorize the entering into and execution of an Agreement with Way To Go Consulting to provide a pre-election seminar to potential candidates;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby provide third and final reading for By-Law No. 727/22.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

- 6. By-Law No. 724/22 amendment to zoning by-law. Hearing will be held on March 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
- 7. Recreation Director Position Ongoing

New Business:

- 1. Pandemic Protocol Update Discussion was held on opening up to the public for Council Meetings. Tabled.
- 2. Mock Disaster will not be held in 2022, being an election year, Council feels this would be more beneficial with the new Council. Whitemouth Emergency Response Team to be advised accordingly.
- 3. Website content Council will review other municipal websites. Tabled.
- 4. Census Information population increase to 1630 (about 5%). Noted.
- 5. 2021 Surplus Fund Allocation

Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Honke

63/22 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** surplus funds ending December 31, 2021, be hereby distributed as follows into municipal reserve fund accounts;

Infrastructure Development Reserve \$ 90,000.00 Fire Department Reserve \$ 10,000.00 Equipment Reserve \$ 75,000.00.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

6. Budget 2022 - Hearing Date conflict - Date will be April 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

- 7. By-Law No. 726/22 Fee Schedule for Zoning Purposes
 Discussion was held on the information received from both Planning Act and
 Municipal Act representatives. Council agreed that since this is a housekeeping
 item with no fees being changed that a public hearing was not necessary.
 Moved by Malkoske and seconded by Sikkenga
- 64/22 WHEREAS By-Law No. 726/22, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to establish a fee schedule for Zoning purposes;
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby provide first reading for By-Law No. 726/22.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

Moved by Honke and seconded by McDougald

WHEREAS By-Law No. 726/22, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to establish a fee schedule for Zoning purposes;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby provide second reading for By-Law No. 726/22.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

8. Next Meeting Date – will be on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

66/22 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

Original signed in office	
Reeve	-
Original signed in office	
Chief Administrative Officer	