

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

This meeting was available by Conference Call due to COVID-19.

Present: Reeve Amerongen, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga, Councillors Bachman, Honke, and Malkoske and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman

1/21 **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**

Reading and Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

2/21 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 15, 2020, 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 Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

3/21 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22528 to 22566, Electronic Payments EFT 3350 to 3385;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$146,363.58.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

4/21 **WHEREAS** the following items has been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Funds Transfer 3438 & 3441

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$4,681.78.

For: All Against: None **CARRIED**

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 4/21 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.

Reports of Committees:

Verbal reports were provided by Councillors Honke and Malkoske on Public Works; and Reeve Amerongen on the Eastern Regional Municipal Committee.

Public Works: Update of January 11, 2021. Noted.

Utility Report: December, 2020. Noted.

Recreation Report: December, 2020. Noted.

Communications:

1. STARS – request for funds for a new helicopter. Noted.

2. Manitoba Good Roads Association – list of 2020 winners. Noted.
3. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – Eastern Directors Update. Noted.
4. Premier Pallister – thank you to Reeve Amerongen. Noted.
5. Community Planning Branch re: Conditional Approval for Subdivision File No. 4203-20-7538 (Barkman). Noted.
6. Manitoba Hydro re: Seven Sisters Spillway Deck Closure. Noted that this information was circulated and placed on our website.
7. Community Planning Branch re: temporary suspension of local government provisions. Administration was directed to share this information with the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District.
8. Commissionaires re: By-law Enforcement & Emergency Management Services. Administration was directed to request fees for this service. Tabled.
9. Office of Drinking Water re: Sprinkler system at Health Centre added into our file. Noted.
10. MuniSoft re: community draw. It was noted that generally all funding opportunities no matter of amount of funding are applied for through our Administration or Recreation Director.

Unfinished Business:

1. Two Rivers Drive – Minister Guillemard teleconference update. Council agreed that a letter of inquiry be sent to Minister Guillemard as to a timeframe for a response from our November 26, 2020, meeting. In addition to inquire if any additional information is required. Tabled.
2. Council Members’ Code of Conduct By-Law No. 709/20. Discussion was held on Clause 7.6.f. Council received input from their Municipal Solicitor. Council will review this particular clause for our next regular meeting. Tabled.
3. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – webinar on January 28, 2021, has been filled. Noted.
4. Animal Control – draft by-law. Input from By-Law Enforcement Officer Alexander. Discussed. Tabled.
5. Community Trail @ Whitemouth Rec – materials to be utilized. Discussed. Once discussions concluded Council agreed that our Recreation Director is to assist with grant applications that the Recreation Clubs take the lead on.

New Business:

1. Canada Post re: closure of Elma Post Office. Reeve Amerongen provided an overview of the meeting held on January 7, 2021, with Canada Post Rep Phil Gregoire. He acknowledged that it was extremely short notice and advised the public must be advised. The current provider at the Elma Store has provided their resignation. Information, complete with criteria has been posted in case anyone is interested in providing this service. Awaiting additional information from Canada Post regarding a resolution they require. Tabled.
2. Fire Department – new pumper pictures circulated to Council. Noted.
3. Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Relations re: covid & camps. Noted.

4. Reeve Amerongen re: Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority update regarding the Chief Executive Officer position. It was noted that an announcement was made today and will be included on our next agenda.

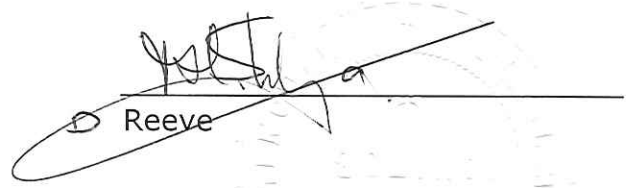
Adjournment:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

5/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer