

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 23, 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, Malkoske and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

28/21 **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 Honke and seconded by Amerongen

29/21 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the regular meeting on February 9, 2021, 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 Honke

30/21 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22659 to 22673, Electronic Payments EFT 3500 to 3522;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$41,530.81.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Malkoske

31/21 **WHEREAS** the following items has been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Funds Transfer 3523 & 3524

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,341.21.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 31/21 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.

2. Financial Statements for December, 2020.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

32/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the financial statements ending December 31, 2020, be hereby adopted as presented.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Reports of Committees:

- North Eastman CAO's minutes of January 22, 2021.

Public Works: Update of February 22, 2021. Noted.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

33/21 **WHEREAS** works are required on both the Silver Bridge and River Hills Bridge;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these works be placed for tender.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

34/21 **WHEREAS** a half ton is required for our Public Works Department; **AND WHEREAS** prices have been received from three Dealerships;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby purchase of a 2020 Ford XLT F-150 4 x 4 at a cost not to exceed \$36,172.75 plus applicable taxes be hereby authorized.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Verbal reports were provided by Councillor Honke for Public Works, Deputy Reeve Sikkenga on the Whitemouth Childcare Centre Committee; and Reeve Amerongen on the Eastern Regional Municipal Committee.

Communications:

1. RM of Riding Mountain West re: request for support of night hunting petition. Administration was directed to complete same to provide Council's support to their initiative. Any other interested party was encouraged to participate.
2. Manitoba Water Services Branch re: Whitemouth Lagoon study update. Notice that the Engineering Agreement with Stantec will be finalized shortly with a kick off meeting thereafter. This meeting will include Public Works Supervisor Tolpa, Senior Utility Operator Campbell, Public Works Committee Members, and the Chief Administrative Officer.
3. Duncan McDougald re: Council meeting audio. Discussed. This feedback was greatly appreciated to assist in enhancing this service.
4. Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District – request for half of the 2021 funding
Moved by Amerongen and seconded by Bachman
35/21 **WHEREAS** a request has been received from the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District for one half of the \$7,000.00, 2021 municipal contribution;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED payment of \$3,500.00 is hereby authorized.
For: All
Against: None
CARRIED
5. Manitoba Good Roads Association – February 2021 Newsletter. Noted.
6. Atomic Energy of Canada Limited – Fred Dermarkar, President and CEO. Reeve Amerongen, as time and regulations permit, will meet with Mr. Dermarkar to welcome him to his new position.
7. Association of Manitoba Municipalities – Eastern District is on June 7, 2021. All available members of Council and the Chief Administrative Officer will attend virtually.

Unfinished Business:

1. Two Rivers Drive – thank you for meeting from Minister Guillemard, advising her staff would be contacting us. Contact from Rob Nedotiafko, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister that he is addressing this priority request and he will get back to Council once reviewed. Tabled.

2. General Enforcement By-Law No. 713/21

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

- 36/21 **WHEREAS** it is deemed in the best interests of the ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to update our current General Enforcement By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 713/21 be hereby given second reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman

- 37/21 **WHEREAS** it is deemed in the best interests of the ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to update our current General Enforcement By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 713/21 be hereby given third and final reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Animal Control By-Law No. 714/21 – Conference call to be scheduled. Tabled.

4. Commissionaires re: By-law Enforcement & Emergency Management Services. Proposal received regarding Emergency Services. Discussed. No changes to provision of services at this time, information to be kept on file.

5. Building Incentive By-Laws (residential and commercial). Draft by-laws to be prepared for both incentive by-laws to remove the requirement of a resolution of Council being required. Tabled.

New Business:

1. Elma Non-Potable Water Pump. Discussed.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Bachman

- 38/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Elma Non Potable water station remain in Elma.

For: Amerongen, Bachman, Honke, Sikkenga Abstained: Malkoske **CARRIED**

2. Opening up under new Provincial Guidelines

- Administration Office;
- Attendance in person to committee meetings inside RM of Whitemouth;
- Attendance in person to committee meetings outside RM of Whitemouth;
- Allowing committee meetings in council chambers for non-council members (child care, library);
- Library;
- Fire department training – keeping up accreditations as well as training for the new fire truck/equipment;
- RMWERT training; and
- Recreational activities outside.

Reeve Amerongen advised he had requested input on how other municipalities are operating. He noted that there was no set protocol and each municipality had individual practices. Discussed.

It was the consensus of Council that until the next regular meeting of Council, only the Fire Department may meet/train. They will be training with 2 platoons. This shall be done with masks on, (where reasonably possible) and with social distancing in place. Tabled.

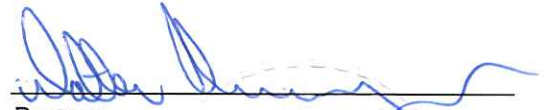
Adjournment:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

39/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED



Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer