

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 9, 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 Honke and seconded by Malkoske

15/21 **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 Bachman

16/21 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the budget meeting held on February 2, 2021, and of the regular meeting on January 26, 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 Malkoske

17/21 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22635 to 22658, Electronic Payments EFT 3469 to 3497;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$70,405.47.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

18/21 **WHEREAS** the following items has been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Funds Transfer 3467 & 3468

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,340.25.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 18/21 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:

- Eastman Regional Municipal Committee re: minutes of December 21, 2020;
- Whitemouth Emergency Response Team re: Report for 2020;
- Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District re: minutes of November 23, 2020;
- Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management Facility re: minutes of December 10, 2020; and
- Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc. re: minutes of Annual General Meeting held on March 12, 2020.

Public Works: Update of February 8, 2021

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

19/21 **WHEREAS** a tender has been prepared, advertised and received for sewer works on Elevator Road;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the tender is hereby awarded to Penner Underground in an amount not to exceed \$41,995.89.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Utility Report: January 2021

Recreation Report: January 2021 – Rec Director to connect with Winnipeg River Community Futures regarding Volunteer Development.

Delegation:

6:30 p.m. Linda Alstadt (via teleconference), as Spokesperson for Brookfield Concerned Citizens, provided a presentation to Council opposing a Commercial Wedding/Campground Venue at 71057 Brookfield Road. Concerns included noise, impact on existing infrastructure, water and wastewater; and neighbours privacy and security. Reeve Amerongen advised that our municipality contracts both a Building Inspector and By-Law Officer whom will address issues that arise in regards to our municipal by-laws and policies. In addition the R.C.M.P. address other matters that are within their jurisdiction, which cannot be addressed by our representatives.

Communications:

1. Fillmore Riley re: Notice of Discontinuance on Insurance Claim from 2015. Noted.
2. Eastman Tourism – Save The Date notice for the Eastman Tourism Development Conference. Noted.
3. Losy Inc. – request to hook onto municipal water.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Amerongen

20/21 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water utility has been received from Sylvia Vaags of LOSY Inc;

AND WHEREAS this property is located at 31 2nd St W, described as Lots 1 - 4, Block 2, Plan 1413, in SE ¼ of Section 32, Township 10, Range 12 E, Roll 40900;

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

4. Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Relations re: response to Dauphin regarding Covid implications to Manitoba camps. Noted.

5. DD West re: By-Law No. 713/21 General Enforcement By-Law.

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Honke

21/21 **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 first reading.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

6. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: Whitemouth Clinic Update. To be placed on our municipal website.
7. Survivors Hope Crisis Centre re: Pink Shirt Day. Noted that this will be placed on our website.
8. MLA Ewasko re: Building Sustainable Communities Grant. Information for Council to share with their committees. Noted.
9. Manitoba Water Services Board – request for direction on Seven Sisters lagoon study. Administration was directed to advise the Manitoba Water Services Board that this project will be placed in abeyance for now. Administration to advise that we will not be proceeding with the Environment Act Proposal.
10. North Eastman Municipal Forum re: information and reports for zoom meeting to be held on February 8, 2021. Noted.
11. Whitemouth Fire Department – grant request update, and request for gathering for fitting/s. It was noted that we are in the final stages for approval of a \$138,000.00 grant which does not require a municipal contribution. Council agreed that they may meet to test the product in 3 groups keeping as safe as possible, and in accordance with Province of Manitoba Health Orders.
12. Seniors Happy Hours Club re: book lending library. Councillor Bachman advised that they had contacted her inquiring about the feasibility of initiating same. Council thought the project was a good idea. Deputy Reeve Sikkenga noted that our Library may be opening in a few Weeks.

Unfinished Business:

1. Two Rivers Drive – awaiting a response from Minister Guillemard. Tabled.

2. Council Members' Code of Conduct By-Law No. 709/20

Moved by Honke and seconded by Sikkenga

22/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 709/20 being a by-law to establish Council Code of Conduct, be hereby given second reading.

For: Amerongen, Bachman, Honke and Sikkenga Against: Malkoske **CARRIED**

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Honke

23/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 709/20 being a by-law to establish Council Code of Conduct, be hereby given third and final reading.

For: Amerongen, Bachman, Honke and Sikkenga Against: Malkoske **CARRIED**

3. Animal Control By-Law No. 714/21 – Administration was directed to have the by-law prepared to allow for 3 cats and 3 dogs (spayed or neutered) per property. This would be for the townsites in certain zoned areas not agricultural. Tabled.
4. Commissionaires re: By-Law enforcement & Emergency Management Services. Information received on By-Law Enforcement and circulated to Council. Awaiting Emergency Management Services – Tabled.
5. Manitoba Water Services Board re: five-year capital plan. Administration was directed to identify the Whitemouth Lagoon, Water Loop South of Elma, Seven Sisters Lagoon and Elma Sewer.

6. Remuneration for the Whitemouth Fire Department

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Malkoske

- 24/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the rate of pay for Fire Department Personnel be increased by \$1.00 per hour;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this increase in pay will be effective as of February 9, 2021.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

New Business:

1. Building Incentive By-Laws – Councillor Malkoske initiated discussion on the intent of these by-laws and if the goal was being achieved. Members to review. Tabled.

2. Councillor Malkoske re: 200 Acres in Seven Sisters

Moved by Sikkenga and seconded by Amerongen

- 25/21 **WHEREAS** it is deemed to be in the best interests of the ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth to pursue development of a 200 acre parcel of land in Seven Sisters, Manitoba;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Malkoske be hereby authorized to attend 3 meetings, in 2021, on this initiative in conjunction with MLA Ewasko;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT he be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Reserve Fund Allocations re: 2020 Surplus

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

- 26/21 **WHEREAS** there is a surplus in the general operating fund, and each of the utilities ending December 31, 2020;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following transfers be made in the utility fund; \$270,000.00 from Water Utility Operating Fund to the Water Utility Reserve; \$18,000.00 from the Whitemouth Sewer Utility Operating Fund to the Whitemouth Sewer Utility Reserve; and \$3,000.00 from Seven Sisters Sewer Utility Operating to Seven Sisters Sewer Utility Reserve;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following transfers be made in the general fund; \$160,000.00 to Machinery Replacement Reserve, \$50,000.00 to the Handi-Van Replacement Reserve, \$40,000 to the Fire Equipment Replacement Reserve, and the balance of the surplus (approximately \$70,000.00) into the Infrastructure Development Reserve Fund. (Estimate of \$70,000)

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

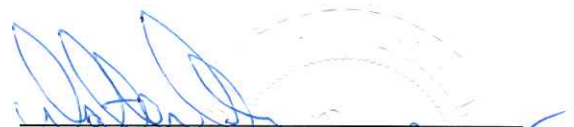
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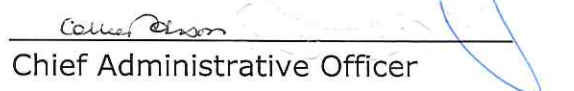
Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

- 27/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer