



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF THE VILLAGE OF BAWLF
In the Province of Alberta held on
Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
In the Bawlf Village Office

PRESENT:

Mayor G. Blatz, Deputy Mayor Yuha and Councillors Blatz, Reinke & Robbins
Lynn Horbasenko, Village Manager
Myrna Schapansky, Office Administrator
Jule Ewashko, Michelle Beattie, Amber Wood – Bawlf Public Library Board
Residents Jan and Marliss White, Sharon Girard and Clarence Hastings

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor G. Blatz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE – Fern Reinke

2. DELEGATIONS

Julie Ewashko, Chair of the Bawlf Public Library Board, presented the Annual Report and the 2010 Financial Report for the Bawlf Public Library. 2010 was a great year. The Board received a grant from the Bawlf Recreation Association and a Municipal Sustainability Grant from Camrose County. They had programming for adults and for children. She thanked the Village for their co-operation with the Board.

The delegation left at 7:05 p.m.

3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

a) AGENDA

MOTION 46/11: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Yuha to accept the Agenda with the addition of Items: 7. i) Letter from Municipal Affairs and 7.j) Meet & Greet Invitation re: Ingrid Buyks, Camrose Area Regional Municipal Intern.

CARRIED.

b) MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MARCH 15, 2011

MOTION 47/11: MOVED BY Councillor Blatz that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 15, 2011 be accepted as corrected.

CARRIED.

Item: 3. b)

- c) *MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD APRIL 4, 2011*
MOTION 48/11: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Yuha that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held April 4, 2011 be accepted as corrected.
CARRIED.
- d) *ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR MARCH, 2011*
Accepted for audit purposes.
- e) *FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH, 2011*
Accepted for audit purposes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- a) *RECOGNITION OF PAST COUNCIL MEMBERS*
At the March 15, 2011 Council Meeting, Village Council asked the Administration to research existing council recognition policies designed to recognize the service of outgoing council members.
MOTION 49/11: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Yuha that Village Council pass a motion to approve Policy No. 22, Council Recognition Policy.
CARRIED.
- b) *VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS*
At the February 16, 2011 Council Meeting a motion was passed to send out a survey to all residents within the Village asking if there is a need for the Village Office to be open on Fridays as well as Monday through Thursday.
MOTION 50/11: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Yuha that the Village of Bawlf accept the survey as information and that based on the survey results the Village Office hours remain the same.
CARRIED.
- c) *CAN-PAK GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CONTRACT*
The proposed agreement between the Village of Bawlf and Can-Pak Environmental for the collection of garbage and recyclable materials within the Village limits was presented.
MOTION 51/11: MOVED BY Councillor Reinke that the agreement between the Village of Bawlf and Can-Pak Environmental for the collection of garbage and recyclable materials be tabled until the May Regular Meeting of Council.
CARRIED.
- d) *PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD 2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENT & ANNUAL REPORT*
As stated in the agreement between the Village Council and the Bawlf Public Library Board, the Board will submit an annual financial statement and report to Village Council by March 15th every year.
MOTION 52/11: MOVED BY Councillor Robbins that the Village Council accept the Bawlf Public Library Board 2010 Financial Statement and Annual Report as information.
CARRIED.
Councillor Reinke abstained.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) *SPECIAL TAX BYLAW #577/11*

A by-law of the Village of Bawlf to provide a special tax to raise revenue to pay for a specific service or purpose by imposing three special taxes.

MOTION 53/11: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Yuha that Village Council give first reading to Bylaw 577/11.

CARRIED.

MOTION 54/11: MOVED BY Councillor Blatz that Village Council give second reading to Bylaw 577/11.

CARRIED.

b) *APPROVAL OF FINAL 2011 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET*

The 2011 Operating and Capital Budget were reviewed by Council.

MOTION 55/11: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Yuha that Village Council approve the Operating Budget of \$569,068 and Projects Budget of \$78,000 with an operating deficit of \$141,709 and a projects deficit of \$58,000 for a total deficit of \$199,709.

CARRIED.

c) *MIL RATE BYLAW #578/11*

A by-law of the Village of Bawlf to authorize several rates of taxation for the 2011 taxation year.

MOTION 56/11: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Yuha that Village Council give first reading to By-Law 578/11.

CARRIED.

Jan and Marliss White, Sharon Girard and Clarence Hastings left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

d) *BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES*

Local boards and committees were left without a Village Council representative when former Councillor Reta Porter resigned.

MOTION 57/11: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Yuha that Village Council appoint Councillor Fern Reinke as Village Council representative on the Sanden Court Board, Regional Rural Children's Centre, Protective Services Committee, Recreation and Community Services Committee and the Personnel and Labour Relations Committee.

CARRIED.

e) *SHIRLEY MCCLELLAN REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMMISSION DEBENTURE SITUATION*

Bawlf belongs to the SMRWSC by means of a bylaw passed by the Commission in November, 2007. The key points in the bylaw are that all 16 members pay equally for the Administration of the SMRWSC regardless of whether or not the municipality is currently on the water line and that all 16 members are to pay equally for any debentures required. There has been discussion at the last two SMRWSC Meetings about members voting on the following two options:

1. Should the bylaw be amended to state that the members currently connected to the SMRWSC line are responsible for the existing debenture and that the members along the undeveloped portions of line would be responsible for future debentures as the remaining line is constructed?
2. Should the bylaw remain as is with all 16 members paying equally for all debentures?

Tim Fox, CAO for Stettler County and the Administrative support to the SMRWSC, indicated that Municipal Affairs advised him that two new bylaws would be required (one to deal with debentures and another describing the structure of the Board and the directorship). A Business Plan will also be required. Mr. Fox suggested that the Board delay the vote until the Business Plan is complete and all Councils have more information to base their decisions on.

MOTION 58/11: MOVED BY Councillor Blatz that the Village of Bawlf remain with the SMRWSC as one of the 16 communities.

CARRIED.

f) WEED INSPECTION

The Alberta Weed Control Act came into force on June 16, 2010 and aims to regulate noxious weeds, prohibited noxious weeds and weed seeds through inspection and enforcement. Each municipality is responsible for appointing an inspector to enforce and monitor compliance with the Act within their municipality.

MOTION 59/11: MOVED BY Councillor Reinke that the Village of Bawlf appoint Camrose County as their authority for weed inspection and enforcement as per the Weed Control Act Chapter W- 5.1, including any amendments, additions or deletions thereto; mandating that a local authority shall appoint an inspector to enforce and monitor compliance with the Act within their municipality.

CARRIED.

g) ALBERTA EMERGENCY SERVICES & FIRE SERVICE EXEMPLARY SERVICE NOMINATION FORMS

Administration brought forward the Alberta Emergency Services and the Fire Service Exemplary Service nomination forms. Fire Chief Rod Blatz is approaching 20 years of service with his official appointment to Fire Chief having occurred on September 10, 1991. He has his 20 year medal but qualifies for his 30 year bar as he has been a member of the Bawlf Volunteer Fire Department since 1978.

MOTION 60/11: MOVED BY Councillor Reinke that Administration submit an application for a 30 year bar for Rodney Blatz.

CARRIED.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) MAYOR'S REPORT

As attached to these Minutes.

b) ADMINISTRATION REPORT

As attached to these Minutes.

MOTION 61/11: MOVED BY Councillor Robbins that Administration purchase an air compressor and a floor jack for Public Works out of reserves.

CARRIED.

Councillor Blatz left the room at 9:20 p.m. and returned at 9:25 p.m.

h) RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

i. Dave Knipe Memorial Library – Councillor Robbins

Councillor Robbins reported on the April 13, 2011 meeting:

- An appreciation dinner for past board members will be held in May.
- The library will have a book sale during the Village garage sale.
- The library is looking for a story/craft person to help with the children's program this summer.
- The next VIP meat fundraiser is scheduled for the end of August.
- Members are requesting more genealogy workshops by Sherran Dermott.
- A survey will be sent out in May.
- The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2011.

ii. Providence Place – Mayor G. Blatz

- A meeting was held on March 30, 2011.
- Discussions were held regarding finances. The Board will be going to a different financial institution for a loan.
- The difficulties with the sunroom have been turned over to the lawyers.
- The new construction is ahead of schedule and on budget.
- The Board will tour the new construction at the next meeting.
- The next meeting will be held on May 4, 2011.

iii. Sanden Court

- A meeting was held on April 26 but Mayor Blatz was unable to attend due to the Council Meeting.

iv. Bawlf & District Recreation Association – Councillor Blatz

- No meetings were held.

v. BRAED – Mayor Blatz

- No meetings were held.

vi. Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission – Councillor Blatz

- The meeting was held on April 7th in Castor.
- No vote was taken because there was insufficient information supplied to three communities involved. The agreement and bylaw were not forwarded.
- Councillor Blatz recommends that the Village votes to remain part of the original group of 16 members.
- The next Commission meeting will be held on May 5, 2011.

- vii. *Regional Children's Centre*
No meetings were held.
- viii. *Protective Services – Deputy Mayor Yuha*
- ix. *Bawlf Parent Council Meeting – Deputy Mayor Yuha*
 - No meetings were held.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Day of Mourning – April 28, 2011.
- b) Parkland Regional Library Board Feb. 24/11 Meeting Minutes & February 2011 Report.
- c) Alberta Animal Services Letter re: Animal Protection Act.
- d) CDSS Board Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2011.
- e) CDSS Newsletter – Spring, 2011.
- f) Bawlf & District Recreation Association 2010/11 Financial Summary and 2011 List of Officers.

Councillor Blatz left the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

- g) Village of Bawlf Public Library Board Letter re: Renovation Expenses.
- h) Village of Bawlf Public Library Board Letter re: Snow Removal.
- i) Letter from Municipal Affairs.
- j) Meet & Greet – To Introduce Ingrid Buyks, Camrose Area Regional Municipal Intern.

8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

a) *PERSONNEL MATTERS*

MOTION 62/11: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Yuha that the meeting move “in camera” at 10:09 p.m.

CARRIED.

The meeting came “out of camera” at 10:21 p.m.

MOTION 63/11: MOVED BY Councillor Robbins that Rod Blatz, Water and Sewer Operator be granted his request for a leave of absence for medical reasons from his water and sewer duties effective May 1, 2011.

CARRIED.

Village Manager Horbasenko and Office Administrator Schapansky left the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of Council held May 18, 2011.

MAYOR

VILLAGE MANAGER

