

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Ed Card
	Deputy Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Councillors:	Ann Marie Young Nicholas Blackwood Stephanie Greene Michelle Noseworthy

Also, present:	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley

Absent:	Councillor:	Natasha Beaton
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Discussion:

Mayor Card advised that Fire Chief Gus Loder was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

1. Mayor Card welcomed Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works, to the meeting. Mr Luscombe gave his report.
 - Scott advised that the water system and the chlorination system are working well.
 - The lift station motors have not been received to date.
 - Discussion on a problem with a residential sewer line on Sunset Drive. Mayor said it appeared that water from the main line was going back into the residential line. Mayor contacted the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor and they sent equipment to assist with determining the problem; however, due to the water in the line they were unable to see its condition.
 - The salt truck is at Goodie's Highway Service in Grand Falls-Windsor to determine the problem.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:35pm

Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Card asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held November 10, 2020 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #073-2020 A. Young/S. Greene

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held November 10, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Blackwood;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business arising:

1. Councillor Greene advised that it has been difficult researching information regarding Jody Jones which was requested by Kathy Crawley.

Correspondence:

1. Discussion on an email received from Barry Porter of Service NL regarding proposed construction of two dressing room, washrooms and a hospitality room at the Stadium. Town Clerk/Manager spoke to Mr Porter and asked that he forward the requirements by email. Which include National Building Code Long Form and a Building Accessibility Registration Form. Deputy Mayor Butt said that he called Mr Porter as well and in the discussion Deputy Mayor explained that we were replacing an area that had been removed and there maybe less requirements to getting the permit. He felt that his conversation with Mr Porter gave him more information than what was included in the email. Town Clerk/Manager said that she also told Mr Porter that the proposed renovations had existed and were removed. Discussion held.

Correspondence continued:

2. Letter received from Lionel Kelland Hospice seeking a financial donation: Discussion held.

Motion # 074-2020 D. Butt/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that a one hundred dollars (\$100) donation be given to the Lionel Kelland Hospice.

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Blackwood;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal #1 dated December 8, 2020 in the amount of \$29,508.41 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held.

Motion #075-2020 N. Blackwood/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal #1 dated December 8, 2020 in the amount of \$29,508.41 for disbursement as presented.

Vote:

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Blackwood;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

Motion Carried.

Finances continued:

2. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal #2 dated December 8, 2020 in the amount of \$9,021.41

Mayor Ed Card was excused from the meeting at 7:35pm due to conflict of interest. Meeting chaired by Deputy Mayor Butt.

Mayor Card ordered the chrome books from The Source for Avoca Collegiate with the \$10,000 donation received from Marathon Gold. The Source would not accept a certified cheque from the Town and there is a \$5,000 limit on the Town's credit card so Mayor Card put the purchase on his credit card and he was reimbursed by the Town. Mayor Card did indicate that he received air miles because of the purchase. There is a balance of \$978.59 which Avoca Collegiate will use for accessories for the chrome books. This is the total donation of \$10,000 from Marathon Gold.

Motion #076-2020 D. Butt/S. Greene

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal #2 dated December 8, 2020 in the amount of \$9,021.41 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held.

Ed Card.....	\$ 9,021.41
Total.....	\$ 9,021.41

Vote:

**In Favor 5: D. Butt; A. Young; N. Blackwood;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Ed Card returned to the meeting at 7:40pm and resumed chairing the meeting.

Finances continued:

3. Reimburse Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion #077-2020 N. Blackwood/ A. Young

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$94.95 (general office expense).

Vote:

**In favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Blackwood;
S. Greene, M. Noseworthy**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Presentation of the proposed 2021 Operating Budget. Mayor Card presented the proposed 2021 Operating Budget prepared by Mayor Card and Town Clerk/Manager. Mayor Card said that we had one employee asking for a raise. Also, the employee sponsored by the Exploits Community Employment Corporation is requesting an extra week of vacation time next year. Mayor said that in the Budget he is proposing a 4% wage increase for employees. He also wanted to note that the Town Clerk/Manager had no input into the wage increase. Mayor said that he was the one proposing the raise. General discussion. Deputy Mayor said the last wage increase was done with the idea to advance the middle but not the top. That increase was in 2019. It was suggested that maybe increases should be set over several years rather than looking at it every couple of years. Discussion held on the extra week holidays for the ECEC employee and there was no opposition to the request.

Mayor Card said that we have included for the project to rehabilitate three lift stations and the camera inspection and repairs to sewer mains. These payments would not begin until later in the year. Also, the loan on the town's pick-up

Finances continued:

truck will be paid off in February 2021. The Town received \$41,370 from government under the COVID-19 Safe Restart which is included in Section 7.2.5.2 on the Budget Form. 2021 is a general Election year for Council. We are also looking at replacing a set of SCBA's for our Fire Department.
 General discussion continued on all sections of the Budget.

Motion #078-2020 N. Blackwood/A. Young

Resolved that town employees receive a 4% wage increase beginning January 1, 2021.

Vote:

In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0:

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #079-2020 D. Butt/M. Noseworthy.

Resolved that Council adopt the Municipal Tax Structure for the Municipality of Badger for the Taxation Year 2021.

Type of Tax:	Rate:
Due date for the payment of all 2021 taxes is June 30, 2021	
Property Tax (minimum tax \$325.00)	8.5 mills
Business Tax (minimum tax \$100.00)	
Classes of Business:	
Restaurants/Take-Outs	6 mills
Stores (Grocery & Convenience)	6 mills
Office space	7 mills
Beauty Salons	7 mills
Garages, Service Stations	4 mills
Lounges	4 mills
Motels, Hotel/Bed & Breakfast	6 mills
Taxi/Courier Service	7 mills
Utilities	20 mills
Utilities with no fixed place of business	2.5%

Finances continued:

Water and Sewer Tax:	
Residential (\$30 per month)	\$360.00 (annual)
Commercial (#33 per month)	\$396.00 (annual)
Tax Certificate	\$25.00
Compliance Letter	\$25.00
Dog License:	
Male & Spayed Female	\$ 5.00
Female not spayed	\$25.00
Building Permits:	
Commercial	\$50.00
Residential	\$30.00
Extension to existing building	\$20.00
General Repairs	\$10.00

Vote:

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Blackwood;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #080-2020 S. Greene/A. Young

Resolved that the 2021 Operating Budget for the Town of Badger be adopted by Council, as presented, with Revenue and Expenditures totaling \$688,268.20

Vote:

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Blackwood;
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Deputy Mayor Butt presented quotes to have two dressing rooms, washrooms and a hospitality room constructed at the Stadium. Deputy Mayor said that there are qualified volunteers willing to help complete the renovations. The quotes for material and supplies are as follows:

Kent.....	\$ 21,507.52
Home Hardware.....	23,942.00
Stan Dawe Ltd.....	23,638.79
Notre Dame Agency.....	29,918.92

Deputy Mayor Butt felt that with the sale of town equipment, savings from not having community events this year due to COVID-19 restrictions and other savings Council would have the funds to complete these renovations at the Stadium. Badger Sports and Recreation has \$3,000 to go towards the project and the Town would be responsible for the balance of the cost.

Mayor Card said that Lorna Stuckless was working on the drawing for the renovations. The applications require certified drawings. Discussion on the leak in the roof which must be repaired to protect the work being completed. Mayor said there was very little mold when they removed the old structure at the Stadium. It was agreed that the Stadium is good for the community and many residents enjoy using the facility. It was felt that the downstairs dressing rooms are too small. The idea of the improvements is to attract a different demographic to the Stadium. General discussion continued.

Motion #081-2020 D. Butt/ M. Noseworthy

Resolved that Council approve motion to construct rooms up stairs in the stadium to be used for recreational purposes based on revenue generated from the sale of town equipment, monies saved due to Covid 19 restrictions, donation received from Badger Recreation Committee and monies saved from the donation of time, skills and labor by volunteers to construct this space.

Vote:

In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0:

MOTION CARRIED.

Other business continued:

3. Councillor A. Young said that she has been approached by residents regarding the terrible internet service in the community. Mayor Card said he would make a call.. It was suggested she advise the residents to call the provider and make complaints.

4. Discussion on Council's Christmas Social scheduled for tomorrow night. Councillor Greene was not comfortable with Council having something when we couldn't do anything for the residents of the community. There are restrictions on the number of people attending events due to COVID-19. After some discussion it was agreed to postpone the event to a later date.

5. Mayor Card said that he had received complaints from residents of Park Lane regarding the condition of the road so he went ahead and had Jamar grade the road.

Adjournment:

Motion #082-2020 D. Butt/S. Greene

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Blackwood
S. Greene; M. Noseworthy**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0:

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager