

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers

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

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

Meeting called to order and chaired by Mayor Ed Card.

Discussion:

1. Fire Chief Loder was unable to attend tonight's meeting.
2. Mayor Card welcomed Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works to the meeting. Mr. Luscombe gave his report:
Scott advised that the water system is working good. Lift stations are operating with no issues at this time.
Scott said he has been working on the truck we purchased and most of the repairs required are completed. The box is almost ready to come off the truck. It will be used for storage at the Town Depot.
Scott advised Council of the condition of Earle Street and Third Avenue. They contacted the contractor regarding the matter and he told them he would take care of the issue.

Councillor Stephanie Greene arrived at 6:40pm

Scott said that he did some patching to the John Deere loader and he will paint the machine in the Spring.
Scott was asked to move the hot water tanks from the kitchen in the Stadium to the back room. Scott will take care of the request.

Discussion continued:

Scott advised that the zamboni room needs to be shingled because there is a leak in the roof.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:45pm

Mayor Card said all the Christmas events held this past weekend went well, all present agreed. He thanked staff (Pansy, Carol Ann, Scott, Harry & Jordan) for their help.

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Card asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held November 12, 2019 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #076-2019 A. Young/N. Blackwood

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held November 12, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising:

1. Mayor Card thanked Councillor Blackwood for representing Council at the VOCM Cares Happy Tree.

Correspondence:

1. Thank you card received from the Paul Family for the tribute given to their late brother Capt. Frank Paul during the Remembrance Day Service. The plaque is hung in Council Chambers.
2. Thank you card received from Maxine & Ross Hayden thank Council and staff for their work throughout the year and the extra time given to all the Christmas events.

Finances:

1. Mayor Card advised Council that the spreader has been ordered from Parts for Trucks at a cost of \$10, 250.47.
2. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal #1 dated December 10, 2019 totaling \$26,723.80 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

Motion #077-2019 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal #1 dated December 10, 2019 in the amount of \$26,723.80 for disbursement as presented.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Michelle Noseworthy was excused from the meeting at 7:10pm.

3. Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal #2 dated December 10, 2019 totaling \$165.40 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

Finances continued:

Motion #078-2019 S. Greene/A. Young

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal #2 dated December 10, 2019 in the amount of \$165.40 for disbursement as presented.

Michelle Noseworthy.....	\$	165.40
Total.....	\$	165.40

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Michelle Noseworthy returned to the meeting at 7:14PM

4. Reimbursement of Petty Cash.

Motion #079-2019 N. Blackwood/N. Beaton

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$75.25 (supplies for Christmas events and \$65.15 (supplies for Christmas events).

Vote:

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances continued:

5. Presentation of the 2020 Operating Budget by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee, Deputy Mayor Dennis Butt.

Deputy Mayor Butt explained the Municipal Tax Structure for 2020 as well as each section of expenditures and income of the proposed 2020 Operating Budget. The Committee is not proposing any tax increases for 2020. We have included a proposed loan for our share of the project for the rehabilitation of three lift stations. We could not use Gas Tax for this project. Our lift stations require upgrading and we have to be proactive in keeping our infrastructure updated. This project is not projected to begin until August 2020. The loan for the town pick-up truck will be paid off in February 2021. We had to purchase a truck and sander because our old truck was no longer operational. Upgrading equipment is necessary in order to provide services to the community. General discussion held on the proposed 2020 Budget presentation. Councillor Greene felt Council has to remain financially responsible moving forward.

5. Motion #080-2019 B. Butt/N. Blackwood

Resolved that Council adopt the Municipal Tax Structure for the Municipality of Badger for the Taxation Year 2020.

Type of Tax:

Rate:

Due date for the payment of all 2020 taxes is June 30, 2020.

Property Tax (minimum \$325.00)	8.5mills
Business Tax (minimum \$100)	
Class of Business:	
Restaurants/take-outs	6mills

Finances continued:

Stores (grocery & convenience)	6mills
Office space	7mills
Beauty salons	7mills
Garages, service stations	4mills
Lounges	4mills
Motels, hotels/bed & breakfast	6mills
Taxi/courier service	7mills
Utilities	20mills
Utilities with no fixed place of business	2.5%

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 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #081-2019 D. Butt/S. Greene

Resolved that the 2020 Operating Budget for the Town of Badger be adopted by Council, as presented, with Revenues and Expenditures totaling \$648,330.84.

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young, N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0.

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Councillor Blackwood wondered about having something for seniors on Friday night before Badger Day. The comedy show on the Friday night didn't work well this past year. General discussion held with ideas for a variety show, talent show include children, a newfie food night, and having a cold plate for seniors. Things to consider and discuss at the next regular meeting.
2. It was decided to put up the notice for people to work on the river watch just in case a river watch will be required.
3. General discussion on the preparations for Council Christmas Dinner on December 18, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Community Centre.

Adjournment:

Motion #082-2019 A. Young/S. Greene

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
 N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager