

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers

Members present;

Mayor:	Dennis Butt
Deputy Mayor:	Michelle Noseworthy
Councillors:	Jazmin Eddy Jessica George Nicholas Blackwood Ann Marie Young
Councillor:	Natasha Beaton (Attended virtually)

Also. Present:

Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
Fire Chief:	Gordon White

Meeting called to order and chaired by Mayor Butt at 6:30pm

Discussion:

1. Mayor Butt welcomed Fire Chief White to the meeting. Fire Chief White presented his report. The Fire Department responded to 3 medical calls, 2 false alarms; 1 motor vehicle accident and 1 oxygen home inspection. Fire Chief White wondered if Council would assist the Fire Department with the purchase of dress uniforms. They require eight (8) uniforms at the present time. Fire Chief advised that the Department needs flashlights for each member of the Department. These flashlights are designed to clip onto their bunker suits. Fire Chief said the lights cost \$53.00 each and Mike Patey of Artlin Safety and Industrial will sell them to the Fire Department for half the quoted price. Fire Chief said they have six members trained in First Aid. Fire Chief said they are having darts and poker on Friday nights and members are permitted to bring a guest. General discussion.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief White left the meeting at 6:37pm

Discussion continued:

2. Mayor Butt welcomed Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works, to the meeting. Mr Luscombe gave his report. The water system is working good. The one motor from the lift station on the TCH is still in St. John's . Those repairs are covered under warranty. The lift station on Beothuck Street has been repaired and back in operation. The new salt truck which we received from Grand Falls-Windsor is working good.

Councillor Jessica George arrived at 6:42pm

Scott said that the CEEP project is working good. The project will be finished around the middle of February. Councillor Young said she had a complaint that the snow was not cleared on Park Lane after the last snow fall. Scott said that sometimes snow clearing in that area is difficult depending on snow conditions because that is a gravel road.

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

Adoption of Minutes:

Mayor Butt asked if there were any errors or omission to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held December 12th, 2023 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting. Discussion held and correction was noted for page 4.

Resolution #001-2024 A. Young/M. Noseworthy

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held December 12th, 2023 be adopted as circulated and corrected.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business arising:

1. Discussion on the damaged fire hydrant on School Road. It was agreed to have a contractor install the new fire hydrant. Town will supply the material. All invoices will be submitted to the person that did the damage for reimbursement.
2. The room that was used by the firettes has already been cleaned out and returned to the Town.
3. Discussion on the CEEP project. Mayor said it may cost a little more because they want to install lights and heaters in the two rooms. There will be no plumbing installed in the area at this time.

Correspondence:

1. An email received from Mike Bennett regarding changing the name of the section of Buchans Highway where he lives. Mayor noted the date on the email was October 14, 2023. Mr Bennett is concerned because emergency response vehicles have bypassed their street address on several occasions. They are also having issues with delivery trucks and other vehicles not finding their address. He would like the name change to reflect veterans that may have lived in that area. Discussion held. Council did erect a larger than normal street sign indicating the location of properties #58 to #64 Buchans Highway. The properties at #60 and #62 were there when property assessments were completed in the mid 1980's. Houses on #58 and #64 were constructed after that time and consideration must have been given to the location on the lot when building permits were issued. The front of a house normally faces the street it is located on. We do have a house on Buchans Highway but its driveway is on another street and houses on the corners or intersections of streets are located on the street they face. Discussion continued. Council decided that by changing the name for the two properties that are not actually facing Buchans Highway may cause more confusion; therefore; it was agreed not to change the name of the street as per Mr Bennett's request. A letter will be written to Mr Bennett explaining Council's decision.
2. Information received on the Communities in Bloom Canada Program. The cost to participate is \$425. Discussion held. It was agreed that the Town would not participate in the Program.

Finances:

1. Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated January 9th, 2024 in the amount of \$32,159.29 For distribution as presented. Discussion held.

Resolution #002-2024 N. Blackwood/A. Young

Be it resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated January 9th, 2024 in the amount of \$32,159.29 for distribution as presented.

Vote:

**In Favor 7; D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Resolution #003-2024 N. Blackwood/M. Noseworthy

Be it resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$91.70 (office expense \$82.55; garage \$9.15)

Vote:

**In Favor: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Mayor Butt said that he was in contact with Mary Hatherly of Marathon Gold regarding their Community Allotment Grant General discussion. Councillors were asked to think of projects that could be done in the community and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Other Business continued:

2. Discussion on the area that was cleared down by the river. Given the condition of the soil in the area it was felt that we may have to grass the area.

3. Councillor Eddy wondered about taking down the Christmas Banner to prevent it from being damaged so it can be used in the future. Town Clerk/Manager will have Maintenance Department do it tomorrow.

4. Application for the Federal Student Employment Program submitted yesterday, January 8th, 2024. The application is the same as last year's.

5. With regards to Fire Chief's request for assistance in paying for dress uniforms and the purchase of flashlights that will assist firemen when responding to emergency calls. Discussion held.

Resolution #004-2024 A. Young/J. George

Be it resolved that Council purchase 40 flashlights from Artlin Safety & Industrial as per the quote given by Fire Chief White earlier in the meeting \$26.50 each.

Vote:

**In favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Town Clerk/Manager reminded Council about the Zoom meeting next Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:30pm with Tract Consulting to review our Asset Management Plan. The Plan has to be completed by January 31, 2024. Information regarding the Zoom connection will be emailed to all councillors.

Adjournment:

Resolution #005-2024 J. Eddy/J. George

Be it resolved that there being no further discussion
Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday,
February 13th, 2024 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager