

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Fire Dept Meeting Room.

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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Meeting called to order and chaired by Mayor Ed Card.

Discussion:

1. Mayor Card advised that 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.

The water system and the lift stations are working good.

They are checking chlorine levels and they are good.

Scott advised that they were waiting on parts to repair

backhoe and the snow blower. He will check with the

suppliers again tomorrow regarding the parts they require.

They used the twenty bags of asphalt patching in the larger potholes.

Discussion on the annual general clean-up of the

community. Scott had no issues with having the clean-up.

They will wear gloves and masks and keep the social

distancing requirements. The Depot will be locked during

the day to prevent persons from entering the site.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:40PM

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 via Zoom on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #024-2020 N. Blackwood/S. Greene

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held April 21, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

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 Young spoke about the condition of Earle Street. Scott did some work to fill in the potholes there. Mayor said he spoke to Rob Kearley. Mr Kearley will speak to the contractor. The maintenance of the road is the contractors responsibility.

Deputy Mayor Butt arrived at 6:44pm

2. No further information has been received from the other banks regarding online payment.

3. The student application for the Qalipu First Nations student employment project has been submitted.

4. Mayor Card said that he has had several calls with Wilf Maloney and Exploits Engineering regarding the matter with Coady Construction. The letter was also written to Coady Construction advising that we are working on resolving the matter. Once the lawyer has reviewed the information he will give a non-bias opinion. The Town will be responsible for the cost of the lawyer.

Correspondence:

1. Circular from the Dept of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding the Alert Level System for dealing with restrictions related to COVID-19. We are now at Alert Level 4.
2. Request from resident at #32 Main Street to develop a two bedroom apartment in an accessory building was discussed by Council. This is a permitted use under the Town of Badger Municipal Plan and it is at Council discretion. Discussion held.

Motion #025-2020 S. Greene/M. Noseworthy

Resolved that permission be granted for the development of at two bedroom apartment in the accessory building located at #32 Main Street providing all necessary government permits and approvals are obtained for this type of development.

Vote:

**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 dated May 12, 2020 totaling \$14,864.10 for disbursement as presented. General discussion held.

Motion #026-2020 S. Greene/A. Young.

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated May 12, 2020 in the amount of \$14,864.10 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. Reimburse Petty Cash. General discussion held.

Motion #027-2020 N. Blackwood/A. Young

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$67.95 (\$21.85 for garage; \$46.10 gift for Town Clerk/Manager for Administrative Professionals Day).

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Discussion on the operating cost for the Stadium this year, January to March 2020.

Income.....	\$	2,852.00
Expenses.....		8,303.69
Operating deficit.....	\$	- 5,451.69

General discussion held. Some expenditures made this year would not be required next year. Electrical cost for 2019 were \$5,331.11 and for 2020 it was \$5,027.27. Deputy Mayor Butt wondering if Council would be comfortable running an operating deficit for the Stadium of between \$2,000 and \$6,000 annually. It was felt that having the Stadium open is a good idea because there is very few opportunities for recreation in the community. Usage of the Stadium was down this year from last year. Last year we had 42 days where money was collected and this year there were 30 days. Question was asked about what Badger Sports and Recreation is doing with the funds it raises. It was felt these funds should be put into the operation of the Stadium which would lower the operating deficit. It was agreed that Nicole Eddy, President of Badger Sports & Recreation would be invited to our next meeting to discuss this issue. All present agreed that the volunteers did an awesome job operating the Stadium.

Other Business:

1. Town Clerk/Manager, Pansy Hurley thanked Council for the gift she received on Administrative Professionals Day. It was greatly appreciated.
2. Discussion on the Annual General Clean-up of the community. The Clean-Up will be held June 1st to June 12th, 2020. It was agreed that two (2) people will be hired to assist with the Clean-up. All the ditches in the community have to be cleaned, as well.
3. Deputy Mayor Butt was wondering about Badger Day celebrations. He didn't think we should cancel now maybe we could wait and see what will happen. Some events have already been cancelled including Town of Millertown Come Home Year and the Regatta. In Alert Level 3 the total gathering for wedding and funeral is 20 people with social distancing. General discussion and matter deferred to the next meeting.
4. Councillor Greene had a concern about the speed of traffic on Buchans Highway. General discussion. Councillor Greene will send an email to our MHA, Chris Tibbs regarding the issue.
5. Discussion on putting up a notice reminding residents to clean up after their pets when they have them in public areas.
6. There is nothing moving with the School Board so we will have to wait on the doors.
7. Harvey Day is requesting to put a temporary electrical service on the pole with the Town's Lift Station. Maintenance Crew had no objections to this request.
8. Mayor Card had a teleconference with Marathon Gold. The Company is looking at making a donation to the region maybe to the food bank for shelter for domestic violence. If councillors have any suggestions they can let Mayor know. Marathon Gold will be holding virtual meetings on May 26 and 27, 2020 this information has been shared on Town's Facebook page.
9. The quote received from Lawn and Weed Experts were discussed. This covers Spring, Summer, Fall fertilizer and Fall lime. Areas to be treated include Ted Patey Heritage Park, Playground/Multi Court, Town Office/War Memorial, Badger Monument and the Softball Field.

Adjournment:

Motion #028-2020 M. Noseworthy/A. Young

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Fire Department meeting room.

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 7:30pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager