

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers

Members present:	Mayor:	Dennis Butt (virtually)
	Deputy Mayor:	Michelle Noseworthy
	Councillors:	Jazmin Eddy
		Jessica George
		Natasha Beaton
		Ann Marie Young

Also, present:	Town Clerk/ Manager;	Pansy Hurley
	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Fire Chief:	Gordon White (6:50pm)

Absent:	Councillor	Nicholas Blackwood
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Meeting was called to order and chaired by Mayor Butt at 6:30pm.

Discussion:

1. Mayor Butt welcomed Superintendent of Works, Mr Scott Luscombe to the meeting. Mr Luscombe gave his report.

Scott advised that they are still waiting on repairs to the motor for the lift station on Beothuck Street. It may be a few weeks before the parts are available.

Everything is working good with the water supply.

Mayor Butt said he was checking with our MHA, Chris Tibbs regarding replacing our dump truck.

Discussion on date for the Community Bonfire. It was agreed that it will be held on Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 at 6:30pm on land behind the Stadium.

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

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Butt asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular public meeting of council held September 12th, 2023 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Resolution #053-2023 M. Noseworthy/A. Young

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

Vote:

**In Favor 6: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George;
N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business arising:

1. No projects were brought forward for a capital works application.
2. Town Clerk/Manager will check with government purchasing regarding purchasing a new pick truck to replace our present unit.
3. General discussion on complaints received earlier regarding noise from a property on Third Avenue Extension. No further complaints have been received.

Correspondence:

1. Request received from Valerie Clarke to meet with Council to discuss forming a Lions Club in Badger. Ms Clarke spoke to the Town Clerk/Manager and advised that they need a letter from Council stating that Council is in favor of the formation of a Lions Club in town. Then they would come in and have a public meeting which would include Council to determine if there is sufficient interest in the community for the Club. A Club required twenty (20) members to remain active. Discussion held.

Correspondence continued:

1. Discussion continued.....

Resolution #054-2023 J. Eddy/A. Young

Resolved that Council approve the formation of a Lions Club in the Town of Badger.

Vote:

**In Favor 6: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George;
N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Email received from Mike Bennett regarding Radon test kits that towns can avail of and pass on to residents to check their homes for radon. Discussion held. Councillor J. George volunteered to research the issue.

Discussion:

Fire Chief Gordon White arrived at 6:55pm

Mayor Butt welcomed Fire Chief White to the meeting and Fire Chief presented his report.

-Discussion on transmission work on Pumper#2. He said Bert Hayden donated the transmission for the vehicle and Cliff Wall and Bert Hayden donated extra time to repair the unit. The Town did receive an invoice from Mr Hayden's company in the amount of \$1,491.33 and the cost of the clutch was \$1,552.14. There was work done on the drive shaft; however, no invoice has been received for this work. The unit is working good now.

-Fire Chief advised that the Firemen's Ball will be held on Saturday, October 28th, 2023 in the Community Centre. Council members and their spouses are invited to the event. The Town donates \$1,250.00 towards the meal if they are having the dinner catered. Fire Chief would like someone from Council to bring greetings.

-Fire Chief was advised that our annual community bonfire will be held on Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 in the area behind the Stadium. This is fire practice night for the Department.

Discussion continued:

2. Discussion with Fire Chief White continued:

- Councillor Young said that when the Pumper #2 was responding to a call this past Saturday there was a lot of black smoke coming from the unit. Fire Chief said that some of this comes from the driver operating the vehicle. Fire Chief said he would have discussion with those operating the vehicle regarding the proper use of the machine. General discussion.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief White left the meeting 6:50pm

Mayor Butt asked for a volunteer to represent Council at the Firemen's Ball. He is a member of the Fire Department and felt it would be better to have another Council member to bring greeting on behalf of the Town. Deputy Mayor is attending the MNL convention that weekend. Other councillor present had other commitments. Councillor Beaton said she is on call that weekend but if she is in Town she would do it. She will draft the greeting.

Accounts payable:

1. Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated October 10th, 2023 in the amount of \$59,852.91 for distribution as presented. Discussion held.

Resolution #055-2023 N. Beaton/M. Noseworthy

Be it resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated October 10th, 2023 in the amount of \$59,852.91 for distribution as presented.

Vote

**In Favor 6: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George;
N. Beaton; A. Young**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances continued

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Resolution #056-2023 A. Young/N. Beaton

Be it resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$95.22
(office supplies)

Vote

**In Favor 6: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George;
N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Discussion on the Community Bonfire which will be held on Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 at 6:30pm in the area at the back of the Stadium. Fire department will be present.

2. Discussion on the Remembrance Day Service to be held Saturday, November 11th, 2023 at 10:55am at the Cenotaph. Verley Robert will lead the Service.

3. Discussion on our annual Christmas events and the following dates were confirmed:

Lighting of Town Christmas Tree Tuesday, Nov 28th at 7:00pm

First Senior's Dinner Wednesday, Nov 29th at 6:00pm

Second Senior's Dinners Friday, Dec 1st at 6:00pm

Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec 2nd at 10:00am

Santa Claus Parade Saturday, Dec 2nd at 7:00pm

Judging of the Light Up for Christmas Contest will be Tuesday, Dec 19th between the hours of 5:30pm and 7:00pm

Council's Christmas Social will be held Friday, Dec. 8th.

4. Notice received from Municipal Assessment Agency advising of the 2024 Assessment Service Fee which will remain at \$26.00 per parcel and per tenant. Total cost for 2024 is \$11,414 which will be billed in quarterly invoices of \$2,853.50. Discussion held.

Other Business continued:

5. Public Health will be holding a Flu Shot Clinic in the Community Centre on Thursday, October 26th, 2023 from 11 am to 6pm. You have to make your appointment online.

Adjournment:

Resolution #057-2023 A. Young/J. Eddy

Be it resolved that there being no further business Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 14th, 2023 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

**In Favor 6: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George;
N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager

