

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:

Mayor:	Dennis Butt
Deputy Mayor:	Michelle Noseworthy
Councillors:	Jazmin Eddy
	Jessica George
	Nicholas Blackwood
	Natasha Beaton
	Ann Marie Young

Also, present:

Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
General Public:	Randy Hayden

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

Discussion:

1. Mayor Butt welcomed Mr Randy Hayden to the meeting and asked Mr Hayden to present his concerns.

Mr Hayden explained that he is trying to fix up his old house at the back of his property because he feels it would be easier to operate when they get older. He wanted the waterline hooked up so he could test to make sure there were no leaks. There was a new curb stop installed for the house when contractor completed work in the area. However, because the building was being used for a shed the curb stop was not connected. All curb stops were moved to the boundaries of the properties when this work was done. The old curb stop for this building is located further in on the property. It was explained that all work from the curb stop to the main line is the Town's responsibility and from the curb stop to the building is the property owner's responsibility. It was explained that once the new curb stop is turned on there would be a fee for water and sewer. General discussion continued. Mr Hayden was advised that a letter would be written to him with Council's decision on his request.

Mr. Hayden left the meeting at 6:49pm

Discussion continued:

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

-The water system is working good.

-Scott reported that our Maintenance employee, Harry Noel squat the back fender on the town pick up. Scott said he has some of the damage repaired. General discussion on the pick up truck. Scott said body work is required but the truck is still good. It was agreed to get information on the purchase of 1500 and 2500 series pick up trucks under the government purchasing agency.

-Discussion on Mr Randy Hayden's request. It was agreed that the new curb stop can be hooked up and turned on then Mr Hayden will be responsible to pay the water and sewer tax regardless if the line is turned on or off.

-Discussion on painting the garden boxes in the Community Garden. All present were in agreement.

-Discussion on asphalt work this Summer. Scott said they have to contact United Rentals regarding renting an asphalt roller. Discussion on asphalt issues on the section of School Road down past the Parish Centre.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 7:05pm

Fire Chief Gordon White arrived at the meeting at 7:05pm

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

- Fire Chief said they have an issue with the water cannon on pumper #2 which they are working on.

-Fire Chief advised that five members of the Fire Department have retired. They were Cory Howell, Rodney Howell, Ronald Roberts, Gary Roberts, and David Jacobs Jr. They also had two members resign. They were Jason Hurley and Patrick Kennedy. They have seven new members including Mark George, Bailey White, Frank Foley, Dillon Foley, Braeden Loder, Harry Noel, and Chris Maher.

-Fire Chief advised that attendance at practices is picking up. They will be closing for the Summer on June 6, 2023.

-Fire Chief said they may have to purchase a couple of bunkers suits in the near future.

-There will be two members from the Fire Department attending Fire School this year.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief White left the meeting at 7:15pm

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Butt asked if there were any errors or omission to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting. Spelling error was corrected on page 1.

Resolution #025-2023 A. Young/N/ Beaton

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held Tuesday, April 11th, 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. Check will be made with our insurance company regarding coverage for our Fire Department if providing traffic control for funeral services.

Correspondence:

1. Notice received that FMC approved the Town's application for funding for the Municipal Asset Management Plan. Town will work with Tract consulting firm on this project.
2. We have received approval from Qalipu First Nation to employ one student of 35 hours per week for 6 weeks.
3. Letter received from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, Minister the Hon Krista Lynn Howell regarding Governments approach to Collaboration and Service Sharing.

Correspondence continued:

4. Mr. John Thompson is requesting a \$350 sponsorship for the 2023 Queen Street Dinner Theater. Discussion held our policy regarding donations.

Resolution #026-2023 A. Young/N. Blackwood

Be it resolved that a donation a of one hundred dollars (\$100) be given to the 2023 Queen Street Dinner Theater.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated May 9th, 2023 in the amount of \$46,087.74. Discussion held - there was discussion on the problem of people from cabin areas outside our community having their garbage collected with friends and family members in town.

Resolution #027-2023 N. Beaton/M. Noseworthy

Be it resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated May 9th, 2023 in the amount of \$46,087.74 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.

Finances continued:

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Resolution #028-2023 N. Blackwood/J. Eddy

Be it resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$96.80 (general office expense).

Vote:

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

Opposed 0;

Abstained.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Discussion on the annual general clean-up of our Community. The Clean-up will run the same as last year with one week cleaning up public areas in the community and two weeks taking the debris from residents. Two (2) workers will be hired and a notice will be posted regarding these positions. The clean-up will begin the last week of May.
2. Trina Eveleigh request permission to use pictures of the Town water storage tank and logo on mugs she wants to sell during Come Home Year celebrations this year. Discussion held. It was agreed to approve Ms Eveleigh's request.
3. Mayor Butt presented an invitation for Council members to attend Meet & Greet opening events for the Come Home Year celebrations being held July 28 to August 6, 2023.
4. One hundred dollar (\$100) gift cards will be given to members of the Fire Department that are retiring, they were discussed earlier in the meeting.
5. The shingling project for the roof of the Town Centre Building will begin tomorrow. Labor is being provided by workers contracted with Marathon Gold that are unable to access their work site at this time so they are helping communities in our region with any work projects they may have. It was agreed that lunch would be provided once per week for the workers. This is a big project and Council is very appreciative for the support from Marathon Gold and the Contractor, Brooks Construction.

Other Business continued:

6. Discussion on Community Enhancement Funding. Councillors were asked to think of project that could be applied for under this program. Work normally doesn't start until late Fall.
7. General discussion on location for the gazebo and if it could be ready for Come Home Year celebrations.
8. General discussion on Council members who would be available to volunteer for Badger Day or other Come Home Year events. Discussion on the Town sponsoring the Community Breakfast. Mayor said they need volunteers committed to run the event. If you volunteer at an event you would not be charged admission to that event. Volunteers are need to assist with the Games of Chance at the Stadium and other events the Come Year Committee has planned.
9. Discussion on the walkway at the Badger Monument. The weeds are growing up through the white stone that is there and product has been sprayed but it is not working. It was agreed that we could remove the existing stone and replace it with the trail-mix stone used in areas.
10. Mayor Butt said he would contact local contractors regarding beatification project back of the Stadium and the river bank area.

Adjournment:

Resolution #029-2023 A. Young/M. Noseworthy

Be it resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, June 13th, 2023 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.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager