

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Fire Dept Training Room.

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. Mayor Card welcomed Mr. Luscombe, Superintendent of Works to the meeting. Mr. Luscombe gave his report.
 - The water system is working good.
 - Scott advised that the asphalt patching has been completed except for an area on Third Avenue. They will do that later when contractor is finished in the area. They had the asphalt roller for a month.
 - Scott was asked to have students cut grass around stop signs and fire hydrants. General discussion on student workers.
 - The equipment is working good. Scott advised that he would be doing body work on the loader later this week.
 - Scott was asked to clean catch basin at the beginning of Earle Street.
 - Scott explained that the water was off in a section of Town because the contractor broke the main line and there was some confusion regarding another valve that was late being turned back on. Discussion on having a map showing where all the valves are located for future use.

Discussion continued:

- Deputy Mayor Butt asked Scott about adding a wing blade to the John Deere Loader. General discussion held. Scott felt that it would make the machine work harder. They have the snow blower for keeping the streets widened
- Scott was asked to have the tire swing put back in the playground.
- Scott advised that the brick work at the Ted Patey Heritage Park has been completed.
- Discussion on the fire hydrant that is located in the parking lot at the Stadium. There have been a number of concerns expressed that it is a safety hazzard in its present location. The contractor wouldn't change the location because moving it across the road meant removing a tree and they didn't have the permit. It was suggested moving it closer to the stadium; however, that would also be a safety hazzard if there was a fire at the stadium. Mayor Card said it has been suggested that we omit the hydrant on River Road. General discussion held. Mayor Card will speak to Wilf Maloney from the Dept of Municipal Affairs to see if there is any more funding to cover moving the hydrant.

Mr. Luscombe was called away from the meeting at 6:45 pm because of water running on Maple Street.

Fire Chief Loder unable to attend tonight's meeting.

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 Tuesday, June 9, 2020 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting .

Motion #036-2020 S. Greene/A. Young

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held June 9, 2020 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. Councillor Greene advised that she is still waiting on a reply regarding signage on Buchans Highway.
2. To date there has been no reply from property owners at 16 Beothuck Street. General discussion held included properties on Earle Street and Church Road. It was agreed that we would have to develop a policy regarding old structures on residential properties.
3. General discussion on student workers. Alexis Mercer was hired for the university student funding. She was the only applicant. Her hiring was approved by the Department of Advanced Education and Skills.

Correspondence:

1. Letter was received from the property owner at # 40 Main Street requesting that he not have to pay the water and sewer tax on the building while it is being renovated. Mayor Card was excused from the meeting at 7:29 pm because of conflict of interest. Meeting chaired by Deputy Mayor Butt in the Mayor's absence.

General discussion held. All present agreed that while they understood the request Council is unable to grant a favorable reply. Water and sewer tax is applied to properties under provisions of the Municipalities Act. Letter will be written explaining Council's decision.

Mayor Card returned to the meeting at 7:40 pm and resumed the chair.

2. Discussion held on the draft copy of the Community Cooperation Agreement with Marathon Gold. Mayor Card explained that we are doing individual agreements because other towns may have different priorities than our town.
3. Each councillor received a copy of MNL President's Report, Sheila Fitzgerald, President's Report.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated July 14, 2020 in the amount of \$45,378.15 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held

Motion #037-2020 S. Greene/N. Blackwood

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated July 14, 2020 in the amount of \$45,378.15 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.

2. Reimburse Petty Cash. General discussion held.

Motion #038-2020 S. Greene/N. Blackwood

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$63.60 (donation of cakes for grad students) and \$77.40 (garage \$58.80 and office supplies \$18.60)

Vote:

**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. The Town has received the \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) from Marathon Gold to purchase chrome books for the students at Avoca Collegiate.

2. Mayor Card and Deputy Mayor Butt received a complaint from a resident that motorists are not stopping at the intersection of Cooke Crescent to Memorial Drive. It was agreed that motorists are not stopping at a number of stop signs and driving too fast. There is also an issue with ATV and dirt bikes on town streets and the trailway. General discussion held. Mayor Card asked Councillor Greene if she would draft a public service notice regarding the issue which will be posted on the Town's Facebook page.

Other Business continued:

3. Discussion on the area of the RV park on Beothuck Street. It was agreed to cap off the dumping station because it does not meet government regulations. The area will be clean and left open for people to use.
4. Discussion held on cleaning up the walking trail area and straightening up the railing.
5. Discussion on complaint of speeding by those working on the contract installing the hydrants. They will be contacted tomorrow regarding the issue.
6. Councillor Young said she was contacted by resident on #64 Buchans Highway wondering if the waterline to #60 Buchans Highway would be completed this year. This request is not included in any active application; however, will be considered in future applications.
7. Mayor Card advised that there has been no further correspondence from Coady Construction.
8. Paving has started on Earle Street. There have been some complaints which are the responsibility of the contractor.
9. Discussion on how to utilize the \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) the Town will receive from Marathon Gold. Marathon Gold would like to know where Council plans to use this funding. Looking at cleaning up the entrance to the community. Scott suggested putting the red rock in the island. Mayor said we would need a couple lengths of culvert pipe. It was also suggested we could erect a sign and businesses could rent a portion of the sign to advertise their business. The rails on the walking trail need to be straightened and the area cleaned up. It was suggested maybe putting a gazebo at the Ted Patey Heritage Park. Councillor Greene said that the Walking Trail sign near Buchans Highway is faded badly. Also, check to see if all street signs are in place.

Other Business continued:

Motion #39-2020

S. Greene/N. Beaton

Resolved that Council utilize the \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) in funding from Marathon Gold to improve the appearance of the Walking Trail, erect new signage, construct gazebo and for the beautification of the entrance of the town from the TCH.

Vote:

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Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

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10. Notice received from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment that our application for capital works funding for the Water Supply Study and the Sanitary Sewer Treatment Study have not been selected for funding

Adjournment:

Motion #40-2020

D. Butt/A. Young

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm 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.

CARRIED MOTION.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager