

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers

Members present;	Mayor:	Ed Card
	Deputy Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Councillors:	Ann Marie Young Natasha Beaton Nicholas Blackwood Stephanie Greene
Also, present:	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Fire Chief:	Gus Loder
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
Absent;	Councillor;	Michelle Noseworthy

Meeting was 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.
 - Scott advised that they have been completing repairs on the equipment.
 - The water system is working good.
 - The main lift station on Main street is down to one pump again. The other pump was been sent to St. John's for an assessment on repairs. It will cost \$11,950 to repair and \$14,300 to replace the pump. These are 40 hp pumps that have been adjusted back to reduce their operation. It was felt that these pumps are too big and should be replaced with new 20 hp pumps. This would require modifications to the computer system operating the pumps. General discussion held. It was agreed to apply for Gas Tax funding to complete this project. Mr Chafe will be asked to inspect the chlorination system when he is in Town.

Discussion continued:

Motion #048-2020 N. Blackwood/D. Butt

Resolved that the Town purchase two (2) 20 hp pumps for the main lift station on Main Street from Northern Investment in the amount of \$32,664.00 plus HST @15% .

Vote:

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

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #049-2020 D. Butt/S. Greene

Resolved that the Town of Badger submit its Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities for Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$32,664.00 plus HST @15%to upgrade pumps in main lift station on Main Street.

Vote:

**In Favor 6: Ed Card, Mayor
Dennis Butt, Deputy Mayor
Ann Maire Young, Councillor
Natasha Beaton, Councillor
Stephanie Greene, Councillor**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

-Mr Luscombe said that he was working on the doors of the John Deere loader cleaning up rusty areas then he will doing the painting.

-Discussion on mapping valves on town water mains and shutoff to make them easy to locate. The new fire hydrants have to be added as well.

-Discussion on the leak in the roof at the Stadium. Scott said there was metal at the Stadium take could be used to do repairs.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:50pm.

2. Mayor Card welcomed Fire Chief Loder to the meeting. Fire Chief Loder gave his report.

-Fire Chief Loder said that since the COVID restrictions they have not been holding their regular meetings and practices; however, they will begin holding these again in September. He said that due to the size of the meeting room and social distancing there maybe time when they will have to hold their meetings in the Community Centre.

-Discussion on SCBA units and replacement requirements. Fire Chief said that you would replace in sets and the cost would be between \$5,000 to \$6,000 per set.

-The Town received an invoice for a bunker suit. Fire Chief explained that this suit is being paid for by Central Training Academy. He asked that we email him a copy of the invoice.

-Fire Chief said he was looking at mask they will need for their operation.

-Fire Chief said that the pickup truck we acquired from Hydro has not been put into service and he doesn't see it being needed because of the ambulance we acquired from Central Health the same time as the pickup. General discussion held. Council will discuss the issue later in the meeting.

There being no further discussion Fire Chief Loder left the meeting at 7:05pm.

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, August 11, 2020 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Adoption of Minutes continued:

Motion #050 S. Greene/N. Beaton

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held August 11, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising:

1. Mayor explained that there were no bids receiver for the salter during the tender call. However, the purchaser of the loader made an offer of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the unit and it was sold to Loder's Irving for that price.
2. The stop sign on Maple Street has been replaced. There was still an issue with street signs.
3. Mayor said there was a bid of one dollar (\$1) received for the old dump truck after the tender closed. However the unit has been scrapped.
4. Mayor advised that we are still waiting for P & B Trucking to install the hydrant on Badger Drive. There was also some extra asphalt involved in the project cost. Exploits Engineering advised that the Town would need an extra \$3,906.90 to complete the Project. General discussion on using Gas Tax funding to complete the project.

Business Arising continued:

Motion #051-2020 D. Butt/N. Blackwood.

Resolved that the Town of Badger submit its Capital Investment Plan to the department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities in the amount of \$3,906.90 to complete the installation of a fire hydrant on Badger Drive (TCH).

Vote:

In Favor 6: **Ed Card, Mayor**
 Dennis Butt, Deputy Mayor
 Ann Marie Young, Councillor
 Natasha Beaton, Councillor
 Nicholas Blackwood, Councillor
 Stephanie Greene, Councillor

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence:

1. A motion is required to engage Exploits Engineering to be our engineers on the Lift station Rehabilitation Project. General discussion held.

Motion #052-2020 S. Greene/N. Blackwood

Be it resolved that the Town of badger wishes to engage the "Exploits Engineering Consulting Ltd." to provide a Level of Effort price and breakdown for the scope of work required to complete the engineering design work associated with the project "Liftstation Rehabilitation - 3 Stations -17-GI-21-00011. Formal Engagement of "Exploits Engineering Consulting Ltd." through a Prime Consultant Agreement will only occur if the pricing obtained for this service is

Correspondence continued:

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considered fair and reasonable by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities. Council will provide documentation as required by PPA and have this available to PPA representatives if required in the future.

Vote:

**In Favor 6: Ed Card, Mayor
Dennis Butt, Deputy Mayor
Ann Marie Young, Councillor
Natasha Beaton, Councillor
Nicholas Blackwood, Councillor
Stephanie Greene, Councillor**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Email received from Gus Loder regarding the damage to his lawn when work was done on Project #DMAE 17-MCW-18-00014. Jamar Transportation was the contractor. Mayor spoke to Exploits Engineering and Jamar has not applied for the final payment to date. The damaged area is approximately 3' by the width of the lawn. The contractor is responsible for the damage. Mayor said he has a meeting with Exploits Engineering and he will discuss the issue at that time. Mayor said he would keep Mr Loder informed.

3. Notice received from the department of Municipal affairs & Environment regarding a Fire protection Financial Assistance grant, Project #FES-SA0032 to purchase hose for our Fire Department. Discussion held.

Correspondence continued:

Motion #053-2020 N. Blackwood/A. Young

Resolved that Council accept funding under Project #FES-SA0032 on a 80/20 cost sharing ratio total funding is \$3,412.24 (Provincial share \$2,729.79 and Municipal share \$682.45) to purchase 6 -1 ½” hoses and 8-2 ½ “ for the Fire Department.

Vote:

**In Favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood, S. Greene.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Letter from Fisheries and Lands Resources regarding the Crown Land application for Tony Huxter. There is an issue with the survey that was provided not being sufficient to determine if a valid title existed on December 16, 2008 for this boundary area. Copy of the correspondence has been sent to Mr Tony Huxter.

5. Notice from the Department of Environment, climate change and Municipalities call for applications for 2021-2022 Municipal Infrastructure Program. The deadline is November 13, 2020. General discussion held on work required including the sewerage treatment plant, paving and other infrastructure issues.

6. The MNL 2020 Virtual Conference will be held November 5 beginning at 1:00pm to November 7 ending at 5:00pm. Registration cost is \$325 per person.

7. There was a compliant from a resident at 5 Earle Street regarding damage to his driveway during the completion of Project # DMAE 17-MCW-18-00014, contractor Jarmar Transportation. Mayor will discuss this matter with Exploits Engineering.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated September 8, 2020 in the amount of \$33,200.67 for disbursement as presented. Discussion held.

Motion #054-2020 N. Beaton/A. Young

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dates September 8, 2020 in the amount of \$33,200.67 for disbursement as presented.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Reimburse Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion #055-2020 S. Greene/N. Blackwood

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$57.65 (notice to residents for Boil Order Removal) and \$97.40 (general office expenses).

Vote:

**In favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. The Boil Water Advisory issued on July 3, 2020 for the public water supply of Badger, Well field was lifted on August 31, 2020. Notices were mailed to all residents.
2. Discussion on what to do with the pickup truck acquired from Hydro. General discussion held.

Motion #056-2020 S. Greene/A. Young.

Resolved that Council will sell by tender the 2009 Ford Pickup Truck. This vehicle will be sold "as is where is". The Town of Badger does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Vote:

**In favor 6: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S Greene.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

Motion #057-2020 D. Butt/S. Greene

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager