

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, October 13, 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
		Michelle Noseworthy
Also, present:	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Fire Chief:	Gus Loder
	President, Badger Sports & Recreation:	Nicole Eddy

Meeting called to order and chaired by Mayor Card.

Discussion:

1. Mayor Card welcomed Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works, to the meeting. Mr Luscombe gave his report.
 - The water system is working good.
 - The new fuel pump is installed on the salt truck. The top half of the John Deere loader has body work completed and painted.
 - Discussion on the operation and maintenance of the main lift station on Main Street. The new pumps have been ordered and we are waiting on delivery.
 - Scott advised that they have started work on straighten the rails on the Walking Trail. They may have to change some posts but they have those at the garage.
 - Scott advised that there was nothing in the surplus equipment list received from the Dept of Transportation & Work that they required.
 - Discussion on flushing sewer main lines. We would have to apply for funding for this project. We need a map showing all sewer main lines in town.

Discussion continued:

-Discussion on damage to the Town Sign at the west entrance to the community. Stagg Signs have been contacted and they will be repairing the damage.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:42pm

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

-Fire Chief said that he got three quotes for the new hose to be purchased under the funding received from the provincial government.

-Fire Chief suggested that in the next lot of funding we should apply for SCBA units. The estimated cost is \$12,000 for two sets.

-Fire Chief said that they have had a couple of practices but they are not back on their meeting schedule. They are considering virtual meetings. They can use the Community Centre if needed for social distancing. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions they had two members of the Fire Department do a presentation with the equipment at Avoca Collegiate during Fire Prevention Week.

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

3. Mayor Card welcomed Ms Nicole Eddy, President of Badger Sports & Recreation Committee to the meeting. Ms Eddy said that she had several issues she wanted to discuss with Council.

-Discussion on the leak in the roof of the Stadium. We have reapplied for funding to repair the roof but it will be early in the new year before we know if our request will be approved.

-Mayor advised that the door in the back of the Stadium has been closed up and the area has been insulated.

-Ms Eddy said that they have ordered four new toilets and two vanities for the washrooms.

Discussion continued:

- 3. Continued.....
- Ms Eddy said that she is dealing with the correctional group to provide the labor to have work completed at the Stadium
- Ms Eddy asked if the Town would replace waterline from the kitchen to the washrooms. It was agreed this work could be done when they do the washrooms.
- The Committee is running a couple of fund raisers including a block sale which will raise \$1,250 and the winner will receive \$1,250. They will also be having a turkey bingo. She estimated they should raise about \$3,000 which they want to be used to construct two dressing rooms upstairs at the Stadium. She presented Council with a drawing showing the proposed dressing rooms, washrooms, and hospitality room. Discussion on material for the walls and it was felt that 3/4 plywood would have to be used for the front area and 7/16 aspenite is good for the other walls.
- She was thinking they maybe able to attract outside teams because other stadiums in the area are not operating at full capacity due to COVID-19. We are also required to follow the COVID-19 restrictions.
- Discussion on the rates. Recreation hockey pays minimum of \$50 and \$5.00 per player after that. Other groups pay \$75.00 per hour.
- Ms Eddy said that Bill Mayne and Jill Mayne did the drawing for the proposed renovations to the Stadium. Council asked Ms Eddy to thank them on its behalf for the great job.

There being no further discussion Ms Eddy left the meeting at 7:10pm.

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, September 8, 2020 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Adoption of Minutes continued:

Motion #058-2020 D. Butt/ S. Greene

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held September 8, 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:

There was no business arising.

Correspondence:

1. Notice received from the Department of Transportation and Works Municipal Infrastructure and Waste Management advising that the outcome of the limited call for bids exercise has resulted in a proposed fee in the amount of \$49,628.26 (HST included) from Exploits Engineering Consultants Ltds as the compliant low bidder. If this is acceptable to the Town we can instruct the consultant to prepare a draft Prime Consultant Agreement for submission to the Department's Central Regional Office for review and recommendation on signature before any work is commenced on the project. Discussion held.

Motion #059-2020 D. Butt/S. Greene

Resolved that Council accept the proposed fee of \$49,628.26 (HST included) from Exploits Engineering Consultants for engineering services for the Liftstation Rehabilitation- 3 Stations MAE Project#17-G1-21-00011.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence continued:

2. The Gas Tax Committee has approved the Town's Capital Investment Plan #7-2020-7176 Life Station Upgrades. MAE Project #17-G1-21-00011.

3. There were six (6) bids received from the tender for the sale of the 2009 Ford pick-truck. Mayor Card opened the bids as follows:

Tonya White.....	\$ 1,505.00
Robert White.....	1,201.00
Morris Whalen.....	1,400.00
Tony Huxter.....	500.00
Steve Lush.....	850.00
Tyron Paul.....	1,600.00

Discussion held.

Motion #060-2020 M. Noseworthy/A. Young.

Resolved that Council will sell the 2009 Ford pick-up truck to Tyron Paul for the sum of one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600). Sold "as is where is".

Vote:

**In Favor 7: E. Card; D. Butt; A. Young; N. Beaton;
N. Blackwood; S. Greene; M. Noseworthy.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated October 13, 2020 in the amount of \$547,023.63.

Motion #061-2020 N. Beaton/N. Blackwood

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated October 13, 2020 in the amount of \$547,023.63 for disbursement as presented.

Votes:

**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. Discussion held.

Motion #062-2020 S. Greene/M. Noseworthy.

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$86.55 (office expenses \$63.50; Garage \$23.05)

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. Discussion on operations of the playground. There has been an issue of youth gathering in the playground after dark and causing a noise issue and minor damage. It was decided that the maintenance person on call will lock the gate to the playground when it gets dark. It was decided that post a notice advising of the hours of operations for the playground for safety reasons.

Other Business continued:

2. Councillor Noseworthy said that Kevin Loder of Loder's Irving spoke to her regarding the five hundred dollar (\$500) donation he gave the Town. Mr Loder gave the Town the donation because he used water from the fire hydrant near his property when he was changing fuel tanks at his business. He wanted to know how Council planned to spend the funds. Discussion held. The funds will go towards to operation of recreation issues in the community.

Councillor Stephanie Greene was excused from the meeting at 7:35pm

General discussion on recreation issues.

3. Discussion on capital works applications for next year. Mayor Card had a discussion with Wilf Maloney of the Dept of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities regarding engineering companies involved in sewer treatment studies, which is one of the projects we are considering. The other project is cleaning the sewer mains in the community. One of the companies to consider was Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions. This company would submit our capital works application at a cost \$800 to \$1,000 per application. There would be no expectation for the Company that they would get the work if our applications are approved. Discussion held.

Motion #063-2020 N. Blackwood/M. Noseworthy.

Resolved that the Town hire Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions to submit our capital works applications wastewater feasibility study and sewer main cleaning.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business continued:

Motion #064-2020 M. Noseworthy/N. Beaton

Resolved that the Town of Badger apply to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities under the MCW Program for funding to carry out a Wastewater Feasibility Study. Total estimated cost of the project is \$71,418 HST included with \$7,141 being the Municipal Contribution.

Vote:

In Favor 6: Ed Card, Mayor

Dennis Butt, Deputy Mayor

Ann Marie Young, Councillor

Natasha Beaton, Councillor

Nicholas Blackwood, Councillor

Michelle Noseworthy, Councillor,

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion #065-2020 N. Blackwood/A. Young

Resolved that the Town of Badger apply to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities for funding to carry out a Sanitary Sewer Camera Inspection. Total estimated cost of this project is \$249,375 HST included with \$24,937 being the Municipal Contribution.

Vote:

In Favor 6: Ed Card, Mayor

Dennis Butt, Deputy mayor

Ann Marie Young, Councillor

Natasha Beaton, Councillor

Nicholas Blackwood, Councillor

Michelle Noseworthy, Councillor

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other business continued:

4. Discussion held on our annual Remembrance Day Service. Due to the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic our Remembrance Day Service will be cancelled for this year. Federal, Provincial, Town and Legion wreaths will be placed at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day.
5. Our annual community Bonfire will also be cancelled.

Adjournment:

Motion #066-2020 A. Young/N. Beaton

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

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

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Mayor