

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

Also, Present:	Fire Chief	Gus Loder
	Superintendent of	
	Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Relief Clerk:	Carol Ann Roberts

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

## **Discussion:**

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

- Mr. Luscombe said that the equipment at the pump house and lift stations are working good. He informed Council that there is some shifting in manholes around town.
- The town maintenance department had a call to a residence on Fourth Avenue concerning a waterline leak on their property. Mr. Luscombe checked for the water leak and it was determined that the issue was from the curb stop into the owner's property and therefore it is the responsibility of the homeowner to have repaired.
- Mr. Luscombe informed Council that they have started the ice process at the Stadium.

There being no further discussion Mr. Luscombe left the meeting at 6:45 pm

## **Discussion continued:**

2. Mayor Butt welcomed Fire Chief Loder to the meeting.

- Fire Chief Loder informed Council that two new members were elected in on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The two new members are Tyrone Paul and Andrew Mercer. There was also an election of new officers.

-Fire Chief Loder informed Council that as of today he has resigned as Fire Chief. He went on to state that due to work commitments and being away from the community during the week he felt it was in the town's best interest that a new chief be appointed. He is not leaving the department and has taken on the role as Assistant Chief.

Fire Chief Loder stated that the members have voted Mr. Gordon White as the new chief and is hoping and recommending that Council will also agree and accept Mr. Gordon White as the town's new Fire Chief. Discussion to follow.

-Fire Chief Loder informed Council that Pumper #2 is not working properly. Pumper #2 is used for MVA calls and recently during a call the truck was not working well. Fire Chief Loder was wondering if it was possible to have Pumper #2 bought into Grand Falls to determine what the issue is with the truck. Mayor Butt stated that he agrees that Pumper #2 needs to be in good working order to be able to respond to such calls. Fire Chief Loder will make arrangements to have Pumper #2 bought to Grand Falls-Windsor to attempt and get a detailed estimate of what the cost of repairs will be to ensure Pumper #2 is in good working condition. Assistant Fire Chief and newly elected Fire Chief Gordon White will communicate back to Council what the cost for these repairs will be within the coming weeks.

-Fire Chief Loder stated that he was approached by

## **Discussion continued:**

members that suggested that the Fire Department could maybe use Pumper #1 (red) to respond to MVA road calls and leave Pumper #2 to respond to community emergencies. Discussion regarding this suggestion took place. When the new pumper #1 arrived in our community it has always been the Town's and Fire Department mandate to provide the best possible fire fighting services to our residents. Therefore, it was agreed that Pumper #1 would remain within the community and Pumper #2 would continue to respond to MVA Emergencies.

-Fire Chief Loder said that they will be resubmitting an application for financial assistance from the Fire Protection Financial Assistance Program to purchase four new SCBA's for the department. The application will be completed and sent off tomorrow. Deadline to apply is December 31, 2021 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Fire Chief Loder asked if the Town had received any monies for MVA Reports he submitted.

-Fire Chief Loder stated that all equipment is in good working order.

- Fire Chief Loder informed Council that as of December 17, 2021 all members of the Badger Fire Department must show proof of their Covid Vaccinations in order to be involved in any emergency calls or activities within the Fire Department. He asked if it was possible that members of the Fire Department could visit the Town Office and present their vaccination QR Code to either Town Clerk/Manager Pansy Hurley or Relief Clerk Carol Ann Roberts for verification. The office would then keep a record of what members have been verified. Fire Chief Loder said that he would verify the members who are attending practice on a weekly basis and pass that

## **Discussion continued:**

information along to the office.

- Fire Chief Loder expressed his gratitude to the Badger Town Council for the great relationship his department has had with them over the last four years and is confident that this relationship will continue to be positive in the future. Both Mayor Butt and Deputy Mayor Noseworthy thanked Chief Loder for his service over the years and stated that we as a Council and a Town were very lucky to have him serve as Fire Chief in our community. We wish you all the best.

-Fire Chief Loder thanked Council for the invitations to the Town's Christmas events over the last few weeks and stated that the Firemen's Christmas Social was a great success and enjoyed by all those who attended.

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

## **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 on November 9, 2021 and minutes of Special meeting held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**Motion #066-2021**

**A. Young/N. Beaton**

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting held on November 9, 2021 and the minutes of a special meeting held on November 23, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

**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:**

Deputy Mayor Noseworthy stated that she spoke with a number of Tractor Trailer operators who park on the TCH adjacent to Loder's Irving and Robins and during her discussion with them they mentioned that this is where they stop temporarily and are only stopped at most times for ten to fifteen minutes. They stated that they will continue to do this.

## **Correspondence:**

1. The application for fire protection financial assistance for the 2022-2023 fiscal year will be completed on December 15, 2021 and sent off to meet the December 31, 2021 deadline.
2. The town will not take part in the StingRay Christmas Greeting Radio Program.

## **Finances:**

1. Relief Clerk presented the accounts payable journal dated December 14, 2021 in the amount of \$40,238.63 for distribution as presented

**Motion #067-2021**

**A. Young/N. Beaton**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated December 14, 2021 in the amount of **\$40,238.63** for distribution as presented.

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Other Business:**

1. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy mentioned that the tractor trailer that was parking on Church Street is no longer parking there.
2. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy said that she was approached by the cleaning person for the Town's building enquiring if she would be entitled to a yearly bonus. It was discussed and it was determined to be considered a service that is contracted out for cleaning services.
3. Councillor Young said that she would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication during the Christmas events for the Town.
4. Mayor Butt stated that it was great that everyone came together to make all the events such a great success. He stated that holding events during this time in the midst of Covid is always difficult but through hard work and togetherness we managed to make it a success.
5. Councilor Blackwood stated that the signs for Buchans Highway are being looked into by Blair Bradbury from the Transportation/Works Department.
6. Mayor Butt discussed with Council the Asset Management Program which is offered by Tract Consulting. Three participants from Council will be selected with an additional participant as the alternate in the event a participant not be able to take part.

**Motion #068-2021            M. Noseworthy/A. Young**

Resolved that Council will take part in the Asset Management Program offered by Tract Consulting. A letter of commitment will be sent to Tract Consulting. The following three participants will take place in the program Mayor Dennis Butt, Councilor Natasha Beaton, Councillor Nick Blackwood. Deputy Mayor Michelle Noseworthy will be the alternate participant.

**Vote:**

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **Other Business continued:**

7. The Fire Department held elections on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, to appoint a new Fire Chief. Present Fire Chief Gus Loder presented Council with a recommendation that Council accept Mr. Gordon White as the town's new Fire Chief effective December 14, 2021. Discussion was held.

**Motion # 069-2021**

**D. Butt/J. Eddy**

Resolved that Council accept Mr. Gordon White as the new Fire Chief for the Town of Badger effective December 14, 2021

**Vote:**

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion #070-2021**

**N. Beaton/A. Young**

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on January 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers

**Vote:**

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

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager