

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 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 Maire Young

Also, present: Fire Chief: Gord White
Superintendent of Works: Scott Luscombe
Town Clerk/ Manager: Pansy Hurley

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

Discussion:

1. Mayor Butt welcomed Fire Chief White to the meeting and congratulated him on being appointed Fire Chief for the Town of Badger. Fire Chief White gave his report. -Due to Covid restrictions meetings have been postponed. Fire Chief said that he instructed members to wear a mask when they come to the Fire Hall. Mayor said he would check on restrictions regarding meetings and practices. Members of the Fire Department were asked to have VaxPass verified at the Town Office. Fire Chief advised that he is verifying members VaxPass and keeping a record of those fully vaccinated. -Two new members have been added to the Fire Department. They were Andrew Mercer and Tyron Paul. -Fire Chief White advised they are still experiencing problems with Pumper #2. The unit is backfiring and there is a problem getting the speed up in the unit. Discussion held. It was agreed that Pumper #2 could be taken to Rock Solid Diesel to be checked; however, no work can commence until Council received a quote for the repairs required. Fire Chief will arrange to have Pump #2 taken to Grand Falls-Windsor.

Discussion continued:

-Fire Chief said that some members of the Fire Department want to take Pump #1 when responding to motor vehicle accident calls. Discussion held. It was explained that Pump #1 is for the protection of the residents of the Town and that is its first priority; therefore; the unit is not permitted to leave the community.

There being no further discussion, Council again congratulated Fire Chief White on his appointment and looked forward to working with him. Fire Chief left the meeting at 6:45pm

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

-Water system and the lift stations are working good.

-Scott advised that they put three floods on the ice surface at the Stadium today. He is hoping to be able to use the zamboni there tomorrow. Mayor said he appreciated their help in getting the ice surface ready at the Stadium.

-Scott said all of the equipment is working.

-There was a discussion on the pile of snow on the corner of Maple Street to Buchans Highway. It was agreed that Mayor Butt would have a discussion with the resident involved.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:55pm

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 Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #001-2022 A. Young/J. George

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held on Tuesday, December 14th, 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:

1. Discussion on keeping a record of members of the Fire Department VaxPasses at the Town Office. All members were required to be fully vaccinated by December 17, 2021. There is none on file to date.

Correspondence:

1. Information received from Service Canada regarding the Canadian Summer Jobs - deadline for applications is January 25, 2022. Discussion held. It was agreed that Council would apply for four (4) Summer student positions.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated January 11, 2022 in the amount of \$29,420.65 for disbursement as presented.

Motion #002-2022 J. Eddy/M. Noseworthy.

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated January 11, 2022 in the amount of \$29,420.65 for disbursement 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.

2. Reimbursement of Petty Cash.

Motion #003-2022 A. Young/N. Blackwood

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$91.65 (supplies for Christmas events).

Vote:

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

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Discussion on preparation of the 2022 Operating Budget. Our Budget must be submitted to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs by January 31, 2022. Mayor Butt gave an overview of the budget process. Mayor Butt suggest including a wage increase for employees when preparing the Budget. Discussion on a Finance Committee. Deputy Mayor Noseworthy and Councillor Young along with Pansy Hurley, Town Clerk/Manager will form the Finance Committee along with Mayor Butt who is part of all council committees. The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 6:30pm

Other Business:

1. Mayor Butt advised that they have been working to get the ice in the Stadium once that is completed then we will have to see what activities can be held. He said there was an interest in curling. General discussion held.
2. Councillor Young received a complaint regarding the use of fireworks on Main Street on New Year's Eve. Discussion held.
3. Discussion on snow clearing operations.

Adjournment:

Motion #004-2022 M. Noseworthy/J. Eddy

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, February 8th, 2022 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager