

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Wednesday, February 10th, 2016 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers

Members present:

Mayor: Michael Patey
Deputy Mayor: Paula Bridger
Councillors: Rodney Howell
Colleen Paul
Darren Bennett

Also, present:

Councillor Elect: Stephanie Greene

Superintendent of
Works: Scott Luscombe
Town Clerk/
Manager: Pansy Hurley

Absent:

Councillor: B. Mercer (working)

Oath of Office:

1. Mayor Patey welcomed Councillor Elect Stephanie Greene to Council. Ms Greene was elected during a By-Election held February 1, 2016.

Stephanie Greene took the Oath of Office becoming a Councillor for the Town of Badger. Congratulations exchanged.

Discussion:

1. Discussion with Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works.
-Scott advised that the pump house went down yesterday for a short time because the power went out for a few seconds.
-lift stations are working good.
-equipment is working good, they had the snow blower out yesterday.
-they are not aware of any water line leaks.
-Councillor Paul asked Scott how he felt about the new truck policy. Scott said he didn't like it. He said he is on call 24/7 and if he gets a call he has to go to the shop to get the town vehicle. There were a couple of residents who felt it was unfair as well.

Discussion continued:

-Scott was thanked for the good job on the snow clearing.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 7:40pm

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 12th, 2016 and the special meeting held January 25th, 2016 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Councillor Paul said that the statement concerning the Fire Chief approaching the Fire Dept to organize the ski-doo run was incorrect. It will be removed from the minutes.

Motion #008-2016 D. Bennett/R. Howell.

Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 12th, 2016 and the special meeting of January 25th, 2016 which were corrected be adopted.

In Favor 6: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Business arising:

1. Deputy Mayor Bridger and Councillor Paul had discussion concerning the handling of \$1,000 donation made to the Men's and Women's Organization for the Winter Fest. Councillor Bennett felt that this was a misunderstanding and we learn from the issue and move on.

2. With regards to the testing on the well in our water system, Mayor Patey advised that they will shock the well to see if that will correct the issue of iron in the water. This has been done successfully in other communities. The boil order is in place due to this problem and the ongoing work to replace water service laterals.

3. Discussion on policies for the Town. Each councillor received copies of some policies used by other towns. Mayor Patey asked Councillor Paul, Deputy Mayor Bridger and Town Clerk/Manager to draft policies for discussion at the next meeting. The truck policy will be included with the other policies.

Business arising continued:

4. The JCP application has been submitted for an event coordinator for our Fire Dept's 50th anniversary celebration to be held July 30th, 2016.

Correspondence:

1. Information received from the Exploits Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards. Discussion held. It was decided to nominate Central Training Academy for the Ambassador Award. It was agreed to contact Jason Hurley to see if he was in agreement with being nominated.
2. The water analysis report received from Maxxam Analytics confirming iron in one of the wells in the water system. This was discussed earlier in the meeting. Our engineers and the Dept of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs will have the well shocked in hopes of correcting the problem.

Finances:

Councillor Paul excused herself from the meeting at 9:10pm due to a conflict of interest regarding the accounts payable.

1. Town Clerk/Manager presented summary of the following reports:

AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash.
Items reviewed.

Motion #009-2016 R. Howell/S. Greene

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal, dated February 10th, 2016 totaling \$485,869.93 for disbursement as presented.

In favor 5: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Finances continued:

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #010-2016

R. Howell/S. Greene

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement, dated February 10th, 2016 totaling \$174.10 for disbursement as presented.

In Favor 5: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Councillor Paul returned to the meeting at 9:20pm

There was a discussion on purchasing a back rack and light for the town pick up truck as well as a set of mud flaps. It was agreed these purchases would be made.

Other Business:

1. Canada Company LAV III Monument Agreement information has been received. Mayor Patey advised that he has a committee of Councillors Bennett, Greene and himself that will work on this Project.
2. Discussion on purchasing new printer, fax, copier, scanner all in one our Fire Dept.

Motion #011-2016

C. Paul/S. Greene

Resolved that we purchase new all in one printer for our Fire Dept.

In Favor 6: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

3. Councillor Paul gave each Councillor a copy of the Community Victim Impact Statement on behalf of the Town in the case before the Alberta Court System. Letter will be submitted to the Alberta Court System.

Other Business continued:

4. General discussion on snow clearing Councillor Bennett said someone complained to him that they were ploughing to much. Maintenance Man Harry Noel struck a truck with the plough on Saturday, Jan 30/16 while clearing snow on Memorial Drive. Incident is being handled by our insurance company.
5. Discussion on applying for summer students. It was agreed we would apply for four (4) students. It was also agreed to apply for JCP funding for a person to coordinate the student workers.
6. A resident is apply for funding to attend school and he needs a letter from the Town that they may potentially be hiring in the future. There is no commitment on the Town's part for this letter. It was agreed the letter would be written.
7. Councillor Bennett said that he would be having a Tourism meeting in the near future. That committee consists of Councillors Bennett, Howell, Mayor Patey and Town Clerk/Manager. Councillor Bennett said that he attended recent public meetings with our MP Scott Simms and he is very interested in the LAV III Project.
8. There will be a meeting on Monday, Feb 15, 2016 at 2:00pm in Millertown with Mr Ray Chant, the Water and Wastewater Operation Manager hired by Central NL Waste Management. Councillor Bennett will attend the meeting.
9. Councillor Bennett asked that the flags on Town properties be raised by early May. He would also like to see the old Fire Truck put back on display. It was not put out last year.
10. Discussion on the river watch required by Water Resources. Our Fire Dept has been on the watch since Jan 30th and they are finding it difficult continuing. Councillor Bennett has also volunteered as well as the Mayor. There was discussion on a couple of options that would reduce the flooding on the Exploits River including turbines on river and piers at Three Mile Island to control forming ice. Mayor said Council did look for funding to pay people on the river watch, however, they were not successful. It was agreed that we will have to hired people to do this because it is unfair to our volunteer Fire Dept to continue the river watch indefinitely. We did advertise and a number of people were interested.

Other Business continued:

Town Clerk/Manager was excused from the meeting for conflict of interest at 9:50pm . At which time Council completed a secret vote.

Town Clerk/Manager returned to the meeting at 10:00pm.

The vote resulted in Greg Hurley and Harold Noseworthy being hired for the river watch and Mick Murray will be an alternated if required.

11. Mayor Patey said that he had a meeting with our MHA, Hon Al Hawkins and Chad Budgell his Assistant in Grand Falls-Windsor regarding issues the Town is dealing with including replacing service laterals, replacing asphalt, the TCH water/sewer project and upgrades that will be required for our sewerage treatment plant and that project will be around one million dollars. Councillor Bennett felt we should get quotes on the work required at the treatment plant.

12. The MNL Central Regional meeting is being held in Gander on Feb 26 & 27, 2016. Discussion held. It was agreed that Mayor Patey, Councillors Paul, Greene and Bennett would attend.

13. Each councillor received a copy of the policing report for January from Stg/S Kelly Bryan of the Grand Falls-Windsor RCMP Detachment.

14. It was agreed that there would be a special meeting in March to plan Badger Day 2016.

15. Mayor Patey advised that during the next meeting he will be making changes to his committees.

16. General discussion on the land development. It will be two years this May since the contract was signed. Each councillor will receive a copy of the contract for the next meeting.

17. Discussion on sending a bill to Paul Rose for his rafting business on the Exploits River from Badger. Check will be made to see how other communities deal with this type of issue.

Adjournment:

Motion #012-2016 C. Paul/P. Bridger

Resolved that Council will now adjourn to meet again on
Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at 7:30PM.

In Favor 6: Opposed 0: Abstained 0. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager