

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers

Members present: Mayor: Michael Patey
Deputy Mayor: Paula Bridger
Councillors: Colleen Paul
Stephanie Greene
Darren Bennett

Also, present: Mr Jason Hurley of Jamar Properties

Town Clerk/
Manager: Pansy Hurley

Discussion:

1. Mayor Patey welcomed Mr Jason Hurley of Jamar Properties to the meeting. He explained that Council would like to have a discussion on Jamar's plans for the residential subdivision development. Mr Hurley explained that they plan to develop six lots and see if they sell before developing more lots. He is looking at beginning the work in early June. He explained that depending on the demand for building lots it may be three to four years before the development is completed. Mr Hurley said that the individual lot surveys are not completed to date; however, he expects this will be done soon. If any one is interested in purchasing a lot they will be advised to contact Mr Hurley. Mr Hurley said the lots would be approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 but he will have a firm number once all the costs have been calculated. It was agreed to extend the subdivision agreement completion date to protect both the Town and the Contractor. All present were pleased to hear that the development will begin in June.

Mr Hurley asked if Council maybe interested in acquiring a Cat Loader from his Company. General discussion. Mr Hurley was asked to provide Council with a written proposal for the acquisition of the loader.

There being no further discussion Mayor Patey thanked Mr Hurley for taking time to meet with Council. Mr Hurley left the meeting at 7:50pm

Discussion continued:

2. Mayor Patey read a letter from Rodney Howell in which Mr Howell states that he is resigning from the Badger Town Council. General discussion. The matter was deferred until the next regular meeting.

Councillor Blanche Mercer arrived during the general discussion at 7:50pm

3. Mr Harry Noel, Maintenance Worker, arrived at 8:10pm.

Harry advised the pump house is working good. They cleaned-shocked the well that was turned off last Wednesday. Harry said the water was not as dirty as they anticipated. There was no sludge. It took 10 hours to complete the process. Harry said they could do the work themselves. Rob Kearly of Exploits Engineering will get the results of the test.

There is no problem with the water tank. Harry will turn of the breaker for the light on School Hill.

The rodent problem at the sewerage treatment plant has been cleared up. They will continue the monthly treatments. The flow meter is operational there.

Harry was advised that we will put new white siding on the compressor building on Beothuck Street and replace broken or missing siding on the sewerage treatment plant as well. Harry advised that we need four (4) batteries and a master switch for the dump truck.

Harry explained that the lift station on the TCH is still being operated manually. General discussion on lift station operations.

Harry said that there is one water line leak that they plan to repair this week. Mayor Patey will check with our engineers regarding the main line in the Maple Street area.

There being no further discussion Mr Noel left the meeting at 8:30pm

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held April 12th, 2016 and the special meetings held April 18th, and 26th, 2016 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #033-2016 B. Mercer/D. Bennett.

Resolved that the minutes of regular public meeting of April 12th, 2016 and the special meetings held April 18th, and 26th, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

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

Business arising:

1. The contractors are expected to be here around the end of May to continue the water lateral replacement project. Councillor Bennett wondered if the section of Buchans Highway where he lives was included in the project. Mayor did not think that it was but he would check with our engineers. Most of the lines in that area are new.
2. Discussion on letters to residents to clean up their properties. Councillor Paul said that she had a discussion with a resident concerning a mess that someone had along the walking trail. Letter will be written to the resident in question.
3. Councillor Paul posted the notice regarding burning demolition material and the Municipal Awareness Proclamation on the town's website.
4. Bailey White did three hours of the thirty hours he needs for school. Discussion held. Letter will be written reminding him that town will schedule the hours of work.

Correspondence:

1. Letter was received from Jessica George regarding a colony of feral cats in the Maple Street area. General discussion. Councillor Greene will gather information on the issue and advise Council.
2. Notice received from the Gas Tax Secretariat that our Capital Investment Plan for water distribution project on the TCH has been approved for \$86,189.99. Council will have to pick up the remaining amount of the 10% share of that project. That is the balance of our gas tax funding until the next allocation.
3. Information received on the Forget-Me-Not Committee campaign to commemorate each and every soldier. General discussion. It was agreed that since the town is doing something on Canada Day it will not get involved in this event.

Finances:

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

AP Transaction Journal and Petty Cash Reimbursement. Reports reviewed.

Motion 034-2016 B. Mercer/S. Greene

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated May 3rd, 2016 totaling \$19,220.00 for disbursement as presented.

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

2. Reimburse Petty Cash.

Motion #035-2016 B. Mercer/S. Greene

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement dated May 3rd, 2016 totaling \$95.45 for disbursement as presented.

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

Other Business:

1. Discussion on Canada Day events. Councillor Paul will organize the event. We will do same as last year starting at 11am with the service, cake and bbq hot dogs. Also, because this is the 100th anniversary we will plant a tree and have children's choir. We will ask Pastor Young to MC the event.
2. Discussion on the LAV III Project. Councillor Greene wondered about postponing the project. She felt that with the government's financial position and the economy in general it may be difficult to raise fifty thousand dollars required for the Project. We have made the seven thousand five hundred dollar deposit and we will have to wait six months to request a refund of that deposit. It was agreed that the LAV committee would have their meeting on May 17/16 and report back to Council at the next regular meeting.
3. Letter received from Mary Brophy regarding the condition of a private property on Church Road. General discussion. Letter will be acknowledged advising that we have adopted a policy regarding complaints and how they will be handled going forward.
4. Service NL will be contacted regarding the permit for our highway signage. We will contact our MHS's office regarding this matter as well.
5. Councillor Paul wondered about having a debit machine at the town office. Council did consider this before but decided not to because of the cost. Discussion on payments being made online. Town Clerk/Manager will contact the Bank of Montreal to get information on the issue.
6. Discussion on Badger Day celebrations for 2016 and what to do for the children on Badger Day. It was suggested we have the bouncy castles, face painting, as well as tug-of-war, three legged races, etc. We will need ten or twelve volunteers to help with the games. Councillor Paul put a notice on FaceBook and got three volunteers. Deputy Mayor Bridger suggested each Council member ask two people to volunteer and see what happens. General discussion continued. It was suggested the children's event would be held from 1-3pm and schedule the events to run one after the other.

Other Business Continued:

7. Discussion on having our Fire Chief attend our regular monthly meeting to give Council a report on what is happening with the Fire Department. This is similar to what we do with our Public Works Department.

8. The family of a lady in the community who will celebrate her 90th birthday later this month would like greetings sent from Council marking the occasion. We have done this in the past when a request is received. All present were in agreement with sending the birthday greeting.

Adjournment:

Motion #036-2016 B. Mercer/C. Paul

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager