

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Badger Town Council held  
Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers

Members present:	Mayor:	Michael Patey
	Deputy Mayor:	Paula Bridger
	Councillors:	Colleen Paul
		Stephanie Greene
		Dennis Butt
		Blanche Mercer
Also, present:	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Relief Clerk:	
Absent:	Councillor :	Carol Ann Roberts
		Gregory Hurley

Mayor Patey chaired the meeting.

## Discussion:

1. Mayor Patey welcomed Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works, to the meeting.

- Scott informed Council that the pump house is working good now that the leak is repaired. He is using a five liter bottle of Javex12 every three days.
- Memorial lift station is out of service. Two motors and resistors were damaged and Scott says that a lightening strike seems to be the cause of this damage to the lift station. One motor is expected to be repaired and back on site by Thursday, August 17, 2017. Scott suggested that the town could order a new motor to have on hand in the event of this happening again. Discussion regarding contacting the town's insurance company took place and further details will be available once we receive a response regarding this matter.
- Scott has the Hough up and running and he is currently working on the CAT to prepare for the upcoming winter season.
- The pavement cutting saw has been picked up from United Rentals and they will begin doing cuts on Maple Street first. They will place new crush stone and compact each section before paving. They will fill in sides of road to prevent paving from breaking away. Paving of all

## **Discussion continued:**

1. sections of town should be completed in approximately two weeks.
- Scott will do some construction on a section of Memorial Drive to create a drain to divert water away from sides of the road and to prevent the pavement from breaking away.
  - Scott stated that the town is still under a boil order and suggested that it remain in effect until the upcoming work is completed on the TCH.
  - Flushing of water lines will begin on Monday, August 21. Notices will be placed around town and on the website to inform residents.
  - Materials have arrived for the street signs and they will begin putting them in place on Monday, August 21, 2017
  - Scott updated council on the leak which was repaired by H. Wareham & Sons on Sunset Drive. Scott stated that when Warehams were doing the laterals on Sunset Drive that they used the wrong size wrap and this wrap required longer bolts. To make this quick fix they needed welding services to make this wrap suitable for use. There were no welding services available in town that day so Warehams had one of their employees perform welding on this to make it fit. The employee from Warehams who performed the welding welded steel on stainless steel and therefore the welding didn't hold causing the leak on Sunset Drive. Scott states the Warehams said that the town engineer said it was alright to do this. Scott states that if Wareham & Sons wanted to change the wrong size wrapped that they used they could have done so when they done the work by B& M Snack Shack because these laterals were only two feet apart and would have made sense to do that repair during that time. The faulty bracket has been kept and is in the Town Office.
  - Council thanked Mr. Luscombe for his help during the Badger Day Festival and stated that his assistance was greatly appreciated.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Luscombe, left the meeting at 8:52 pm.

**Discussion continued:**

Mayor Patey welcomed Fire Chief Clarence Young to the meeting at 8:55 pm

Fire Chief presented his report:

- Report of two medical calls and all ended well
- One fire call to Stuckless' farm. He stated that they are not very well equipped for fighting fires on the farm and he suggested to the farm owners to construct roadways down to the river for easy access in the event of a fire. They were called out again at 11:55 am for a flare up of the same fire which took place earlier in the evening. Machinery was volunteered by Martin Roberts to assist with firefighting efforts. Fire Chief was very thankful to Mr. Roberts for his assistance.
- K D Pratt performed an inspection of the SCVA units this week. One unit was turned down. This unit is not a critical unit but a spare unit. They have Scott units and a technician will drop by in the future to see if these units are serviceable and if they can be used in the future. The new pumper truck came with two Warriors and they were recalled and they will now be replaced by the end of September. There will be three options available for replacement and Fire Chief Young will discuss these options at the next scheduled meeting once he has obtained all the necessary information.
- Eastchem will be doing inspections on the pumper which includes inspection of pumper, gauges, apparatus, gears, etc.
- Power steering line is gone on the Red Rescue Van. Bert Hayden will provide estimate for repairs.
- Council thanked Fire Chief Young for volunteering his time and assisting with the Badger Day Festivities and also for his dedication to the Town of Badger over the years and that his services are greatly appreciated.

There being no further discussion, Fire Chief Young left the Meeting at 8:10 pm

### **Adoption of Minutes:**

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held July 11, 2017 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Councillor Paul said that there was an omission on Page 9. She felt that part of the conversation pertaining to where she asked the Town Manager/clerk to be quite was not included in the minutes. She stated that she was in a conversation with Councillor Gregory when the Town Manager/clerk interjected herself into the debate. Councillor Hurley said to Councillor Paul...." Shut up, you haven't shut up since you got on Council." Councillor Paul stated : She was in no way being disrespectful to the Town Manager by asking her to remain quite and feels that if the Town Manager/Clerk is going to include Councillor Paul's comments in the minutes she should also include Councillor Hurley's comment also. "Shut up, you haven't shut up since you got on Council".

Discussion was held and Deputy Mayor Bridger said that it was the tone in which Councillor Paul spoke to the Town Manager/Clerk . Deputy Mayor Bridger said that she would have to review the recording pertaining to her comment at the time. Council Stephanie Greene stated that since the Deputy Mayor was chairing the meeting it was her responsibility to keep order and that the Deputy Mayor told Councillor Paul she was being disrespectful but did not say anything to Councillor Hurley.

Councillor Greene that there was an error on Page 9 The complaint from a resident through an email to the town stated that he wanted to remain anonymous. His name should be removed and replaced with a concerned resident.

## **Adoption of Minutes:** Continued

**Motion: #067-2017**

**D. Butt/ S. Greene**

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held July 11, 2017 be adopted as circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting and corrected.

**In Favor 6: M. Patey; P. Bridger; D. Butt; C. Paul  
S. Greene; B. Mercer**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **Business Arising:**

1. Councillor Greene asked what the starting date for the project on TCH will begin and Mayor Patey stated that it will begin soon.
2. Deputy Mayor Bridger asked when the work will begin on the Constable Moss Ball Field and Mayor Patey said that it is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 21, 2017.

Councillor Blanche Mercer arrived at 8:15 pm

## Correspondence

1. General discussion was held regarding the 2017-2018 Municipal Capital Works Program, Sanitary Server/Water Lateral Replacement for Sunset Drive and North side of TCH.

2. Discussion was held concerning a request from Mr. Ross Butt and Roxanne George of 59 Maple Street. They would like to purchase the land which they are currently renting from the town plus the land adjacent to them at 61 Maple Street which is currently owned by the town. Mr. Butt states that he will be erecting a fence and a garden on the above mentioned parcel of land at 61 Maple Street. The following discussion took place. A letter which was recently sent to Mohammad Khayer, Water Resources Management Division regarding the sale of land in a flood plain was discussed and the recommendation from the then Minister Jack Byrne and Mr. Picco from the Department of Environment (on January 10, 2006) stating that the town should refuse to sell land in identified flood plains was discussed. Mohammed Khyaer stated in his response to council that Minister Jack Byrne's recommendation not to sell land still stands today.

Councillor Paul stated that a section of this land has already been sold to another resident and therefore if you are going to sell land to one you are setting a precedence whereby others should be entitled to purchase land also. She stated that Jim Mercer, Gregory Hurley and Bruce Budgell have all purchased land in that area. She stated that there was never an easement located on that parcel of land and showed photos to show that there was no easement. The designated easement in the area is located next to the properties of Michael Vallieres and Andrew Mercer on Maple Street. Councillor Paul sees no problem with selling land to Mr. Butt and Roxanne George and says there are pros and cons to selling them the land such as receiving property tax and water and sewer revenues for the town. She states the land in that area have been sold to others so

## **Correspondence: ( continued)**

2. why are they not entitled to buy the land at fair market value.

Councillor Butt asked what the rationale was when the Town decided to sell land in the flood plain when they were advised not to do so. Councillor Butt said that he spoke with Fire Chief Clarence Young and Chief Young stated that the area in question on 59 Maple Street would be of no benefit to the department. Councillor Butt also asked if there were any concerns about Mr. Butt and Roxanne George purchasing the land at 59 Maple Street.

Members of Council reviewed the flood plain map and Mayor Patey asked Relief Town Clerk to check the assessment role to verify the street address which was confirmed to be 59 Maple Street which is owned by the Town of Badger.

**Motion #068-2017**

**S. Greene/B. Mercer**

Resolved that Council approve the request of Mr. Ross Butt and Roxanne George to purchase the land at 61 Maple St which they are currently renting from the Town of Badger and to also purchase the additional land at 59 Maple Street currently owned by the Town of Badger. Mr. Butt and Roxanne George are responsible to have the land surveyed at their own cost. No permits will be issued to erect a structure of any kind.

**In Favor 6: M. Patey; P. Bridger; D. Butt; C. Paul  
S. Greene, B. Mercer**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0:**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **Correspondence:(continued)**

### **3. MADD ( Mothers Against Drunk Drivers)**

Discussion was held about donating a portion of the profits from the Badger Day Ball Tournaments that is held each year to MADD- Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. A donation of \$150.00 from this years Ball Tournament will be made to MADD. The proceeds from the Horseshoe Tournament of \$180.00 will be donated to the Breakfast Program.

### **Motion#69-2017**

Resolved that Council donate Fifty Percent (50%) of the profit after expenses from the Badger Day Ball Tournament as a donation to MADD- Mother's Against Drunk Drivers each year.

**In Favor 6: M. Patey; P. Bridger; D. Butt; C. Paul  
S. Greene; Blanche Mercer**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0;**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Council reviewed the scope of work outlined from The Lawn and Weed Experts Ltd for the grounds work at the Monument on River Road and work can now proceed as planned.



**Finances:**

Assistant Town Clerk presented the summary of the following reports: AP Transaction Journal and the Petty Cash Reimbursement. Items reviewed.

**Motion#70-2017**

**S. Greene/B Mercer**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated August 15, 2017 totaling \$61,110.71 for disbursement as presented.

**In Favor 6: M. Patey; P. Bridger; D. Butt; C. Paul  
S. Greene; B. Mercer**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained:0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1.TCH Water and Sewer Replacement and Improvements. Discussion was held regarding the additional cost to complete this project. Council has decided that they will accept the additional cost for this project.

**Motion#71-2017**

**C. Paul/B. Mercer**

Resolved that the Town of Badger request a reallocation of funds from the water tank project DMA#MCW-12094 to cover the additional amount required , \$92,873.87 ( HST included) to award the TCH water and sewer replacement and improvement project to the lowest bidder as per project notification dated August 7, 2017

**In Favor 6: M. Patey; P. Bridger; D. Butt; C. Paul  
S. Greene; Blanche Mercer**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0;**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Other Business continued:**

2. Discussion was held regarding a letter from resident Sandie Huxter informing Council of an incident which took place on the town's walking trail. Mrs. Huxter was struck by an ATV while walking on the trail and felt that council should take steps in preventing ATV and other motorized recreational vehicles from driving on the walking trail. Council has decided that a newsletter concerning ATV and recreational vehicle use in and around town will be sent out to residents concerning this matter to try and help control the situation regarding ATV, dirt bike and snowmobiles use. Signs will also be posted along the Walking Trail to notify users of the prohibited use of ATV, and other recreational vehicles. Ten signs will be ordered.

3. Council had decided that one of the river rafting certificates which were donated to the town from River Front Chalets will be donated to the Fire Hall as a prize to be drawn at firemen's dinner and the other certificate we will sell tickets on at the dance.

4. Discussion was held regarding the retirement of volunteer firefighters and it was decided that council will present Fire Chief Clarence Young with a token of appreciation. Further discussion of retiring volunteers also took place.

**Motion #72-2017**

**M.Patey/C.Paul**

It was resolved that any member of the Badger Fire Department who is retiring after 20 years service and is no longer an active member, they will be presented with a one hundred dollar gift card .

**In Favor 6: M. Patey; P. Bridger; D. Butt  
C. Paul; S. Greene; B. Mercer**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0:**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Adjournment:**

**Motion #073-2017      C. Paul/S. Greene**

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:30pm. There will be a social following the meeting as this will be the last meeting of the present council.

**In Favor 6:    M. Patey; P. Bridger; C. Paul; S. Greene;  
D. Butt; B. Mercer**

**Opposed 0:  
Abstained 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager