

VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
September 14, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M. IN THE BITTERN LAKE VILLAGE OFFICE

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Sheldon Sendeck
Deputy Mayor Earl Debnam
Councillor Robyn Booth
CAO Theresa Fuller

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Sendeck at 7:00 pm.

AMENDMENTS
AND ACCEPTANCE
OF AGENDA

#75/09

Addition of Fire truck and resident letter to New Business

Carried.

CONFIRMATION
OF MINUTES

#76/09

Mayor Sendeck made a motion that the minutes of August 10, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

GUESTS

None present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Legion – Military Service Recognition Book
Camrose County – Rural High speed Internet Project

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

#77/09

Pumphouse Update

Application resubmitted with appropriate changes. To date have not heard anything from Alberta Water/Wastewater with regard to the study.

Krause Subdivision

Engineering bill has been paid. No new contact from Mr. Krause.

Hall Subdivision – Billing Detail

The billing detail was reviewed by council. Council agreed to pay for half the bill and forward the balance to be remitted by Mr. Hall.

Mayor Sendeck made a motion for the Village of Bittern Lake to pay for half the engineering bill.

Carried.

#78/09

200 Amp Service Upgrade and Panel Change

Council reviewed the quote Q-02247 as presented by CAO Fuller. This quote as per understanding includes upgrade, panel change and Generator connection/install. Our JEPP Grant was approved based on a lower quote. We are approved for \$ 4464.00 from JEPP, the balance of \$ 13 521.00 would need to come from another source. Discussion progressed.

Councillor Booth made a motion the balance of funds for the 200 Amp Service upgrade and Panel Change is used from the AMIP funds.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Deposits – Questions regarding refund timeline, etc.

We have a new resident sign up for water services. They were inquiring when their deposit is refunded. Our current bylaw states it is retained until the property is sold, and no interest is cumulated.
This item to be deferred to next meeting. CAO to present current practice for City of Camrose as an example.

Tree Mulching – Branch Bin

#79/09

Taylor tree services is able to mow the branches in the bin for about \$700.00, they were also looking for places to drop off loads of mulch. Mayor Sendecki made a motion to have Taylor tree services mow the branches in the bin.

Carried.

#80/09

Mayor Sendecki made a motion to have Taylor tree services drop off mulch in the compound.

Carried.

Request to change registration date of Dogs

A village resident requested the registration date/age for dogs be changed to 6 months. The rationale was that at 6 months they can be spayed/neutered. Council agreed, requested CAO Fuller to amend the bylaw for reading at next council meeting.

Designated Officer vs. Development Officer

#81/09

CAO Fuller informed council that since Ms. Patterson resigned as Development Officer the duties have landed as hers by default. Therefore CAO Fuller was able to act as the Designated Officer. However, to have the ability to enforce stop orders, etc. council would need to pass a resolution to name a Development Officer. Discussion continued.

Mayor Sendecki made a motion to name CAO Fuller the Development Officer.

Carried.

Bittern Lake Community Hall Update

Council requested CAO Fuller to send a letter to the Bittern Lake Community Association requesting a response and to book a meeting date to discuss the issues and to move forward to solutions.

Legion – Military Service Recognition Book

#82/09

They are looking for a donation; in return they will put an ad in the Military Service Recognition book promoting Bittern Lake.

Mayor Sendecki made a motion to purchase a ¼ page full colour ad.

Carried.

Camrose County – Rural High speed Internet

#83/09

The County is installing Rural High speed Internet within the county; they are requesting a letter of support from the Village.

Mayor Sendecki made a motion to support the County's efforts and to prepare a letter stating our support with regard to the Rural High Speed internet project.

Carried.

Water Truck

The Village has received a water truck from the Village of Rosalind. It was donated to us. It is a 1952 truck, not sure how useable it is, whether we would have to have it inspected to insure it for use, etc. The Village could possibly use it for flushing hydrants, etc.
CAO Fuller to check into what would be required to insure it for use.

CAO REPORT

1. **Development Applications Update** – We have had two applications for Development. One is for the installation of a 52 foot pole and the other is an extension request for the shop being built on Railway Ave.
2. **Radiofrequency Water Meter Installation** – Very close to be up and running just working out the software communication.
3. **Martin Ave Lagoon Levy Refunds** – Refunds have all been issued to the qualifying residents.
4. **Low Flush Toilet Rebate** – We have had 5 residents apply and qualify for the program for a total of 8 toilets replaced.
5. **Office Security** – The additional motion sensors and alarm on front door have been installed.
6. **Public Works Building Update** – The cement pad has been poured, we anticipate having the garage door openers installed within the month.

FINANCIAL

#84/09

Mayor Sendeki made the motion to accept the financials as presented.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#85/09

Mayor Sendeki made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of council at 8:50 pm.
Carried.

NEXT MEETING

Changed to October 20, 2009, 7:00 in the Village Office. The change was due to Thanksgiving.

Mayor, Sheldon Sendeki

CAO, Theresa Fuller