

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE
HELD AT THE BLAINE LAKE SENIORS CENTRE
Monday, September 21, 2020 at 3pm**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Al Sorenson called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

ATTENDANCE

Attending Mayor Al Sorenson, Councilors Bev Breland, Kitty Larson, Jason Weber, Kyle Onishenko, Debbie Rodwin and Barb Woytiuk and Administrator Brenda Lockhart.

Delegates: Maintenance Foreman Russell Krysak

Visitors: Darlene Harder

APPROVE AGENDA

2020-233 Woytiuk

That the following items be added to the Agenda:

New Business:

4. Use of “jake brakes” in Town
5. Trucks/Tractors/Heavy Equipment
6. Keeping Council “in the loop”
7. Community Communication
8. Bylaw Officer
9. Water Bill – CAFT Incentive
10. Communities in Bloom

Correspondence

11. Chamber of Commerce

And that the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

APPROVE MINUTES

2020-234 Larson

That the Minutes of the August 24, 2020 Regular Council meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2020-235 Rodwin

That the Financial Statement for August 2020 and August Affinity & CIBC Bank Recs be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVE ACCOUNTS

2020-236 Breland

That Affinity Credit Union cheques numbered 1210 to 1259 and “Other (EFT)” payments totaling \$378,765.86 be approved for payment

CARRIED

REPORTS

2020-237 Larson

That the reports be accepted and filed:

1. Water Treatment Plant Reports – August 2020
2. Administrator’s Report
3. Employee Time Sheets – Pay Period 18 & 19
4. Bylaw Enforcement Reports
5. Council Reports
 - a. Martins Lake Meeting Minutes
 - b. 16 to 43 Waste Management Meeting – Meeting Minutes
 - c. Blaine Lake Library Meeting Minutes
 - d. EMO – Monthly Report
 - e. Human Resources Committee Meeting Report

CARRIED

DELEGATES

Russell Krysak, Maintenance Foreman attended - 3:40-3:50

- Sewer line from Gas Plus across to Esso backed up. Flushed and camera'd the line and found grease build up and two pieces of clay pipe wedged in line. These were removed and confident this should prevent future problems
- "No Pets Allowed" signs are ready and will pick up this week. Will post at playground, school and campground
- Summer Students done and work around town has slowed down
- Will carry on with tree trimming around stop and yield signs
- Campground lines have been flushed and the bathroom is locked. Leaving campground open for now as weather so nice, but no access to water or bathrooms
- Sidewalk repairs discussed
- Curbstop pipes sticking out of sidewalks have been cut off and capped with rubber stopper

EMO

2020-238 Onishenko

That we request EMO Coordinator, Mike Linsley, attend our next Council Meeting to discuss progress with Emergency Plan and the EMO kits.

CARRIED

ORDER TO REMEDY

2020-239 Larson

That we issue an Order to Remedy to Diana Mychan allowing 30 days to secure the garage, fill in and level the lot and to cut the grass at her property at 113 1st Avenue West

CARRIED

OFFICE ROOF

2020-240 Weber

That we advise Allan Autet of Autet Construction that we agree to the \$2500.00 increase to Tender due to increase in lumber costs

CARRIED

RM SETTLEMENT OFFER

2020-241 Breland

That we present a counter-offer to the RM to purchase their share of the Town Office building and contents for \$20,000.00 paid over 5 years to the Fire Department. Funds would be in addition to and independent of any other funding agreement and will be placed in reserves for future agreed upon use.

CARRIED

LOT SALE

2020-242 Breland

That we agree to sell Mr. Bueckert Lot 6 Block 1 Plan BT3717 for \$2,000.00 subject to a signed Purchase Agreement and development plans approved by Council. All costs of connecting to water and sewer to be responsibility of purchaser.

CARRIED

2020-243 Larson

That we agree to sell Mr. Lafond Lot 16 Block 18 Plan AV4398 for \$4,000.00 subject to a signed Purchase Agreement and development plans approved by Council. All costs of connecting to water and sewer to be responsibility of purchaser.

CARRIED

HEAVY EQUIPMENT

2020-244 Breland

That we send a letter to Jason Sherstobetoff advising that operating trucks, tractors and heavy equipment is allowed on the designated "heavy truck route" only.

SIGN CORRIDOR

2020-245 Larson

That we advise the Chamber of Commerce that we do not have adequate equipment to perform grass cutting at the sign corridor and will be unable to provide this service

CARRIED

FLOWERS

2020-245 Larson

That we agree to purchase six (6) flower barrels

CARRIED

MMSW

2020-246 Breland

That we send a letter to Kelly Goyer, Director, Field Services for MMSW advising of the Town's changes and future plans with our recycling program with the goal of becoming once again compliant with MMSW program agreement

CARRIED

LAVOIE DEVELOPMENT

2020-247 Sorenson

That we advise Alan and Pam Lavoie that Council approves of their proposed placement of the garage on their lot, providing the lots are legally tied prior to construction beginning and that the walls of the garage are no higher than ten (10) feet above grade.

CARRIED

Councilor Bev Breland declared conflict of interest in regards to the following matters and left Council Chambers at 6:10pm

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

2020-248 Rodwin

That we agree to hire Rudi Hamburg as Maintenance Assistant at \$20.00/hr to commence on our after October 5, 2020

CARRIED

ALLEY PURCHASE

2020-249 Weber

That we agree, due to drainage concerns, to again review the request by Breland's to purchase the alley behind their house once the settlement of the Cheveldayoff estate is concluded regarding their lot at 220 North South Road Allowance which would provide another drainage option to divert water that now goes down the Breland's alley

CARRIED

Councilor Bev Breland returned to Council Chambers at 6:30pm

IN CAMERA

2020-250 Rodwin

That we move the meeting "in camera" for discussion of employee review and Bylaw Officer contract at 6:50pm

CARRIED

Councilor Rodwin left the meeting at 7:00pm

The meeting was moved out of "in camera" at 7:10pm

EMPLOYEE REVIEW

2020-251 Larson

That we accept the report from the HR Committee with respect to the performance review of Administrator Brenda Lockhart

CARRIED

SPECIAL MEETING

2020-252 Breland

That we hold a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday, September 29th, 2020 at 6:30 pm for discussion of LTD/STD employee benefits and BLCA plans and staff

CARRIED

BYLAW OFFICER

2020-253 Breland

That we request that Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Judy McHarg, send a written apology, via the Town Office, to resident Jason Weber with respect to an incident that occurred on Monday, September 21, 2020 and advise that any further incidents of verbal abuse will result in termination of Commissionaires contract

CARRIED

BYLAW OFFICER

2020-254 Weber

Councilor Weber called for a recorded vote on the following resolution

That we agree to terminate the contract with Commissionaires for bylaw enforcement due to an incident of verbal abuse on Monday, September 21, 2020 by Bylaw Enforcement Officer Judy McHarg

Larson – Against Breland – Against Onishenko – Against Woytiuk – Against

Mayor Sorenson – Against Weber - For

LOST

WTP INVESTMENT

2020-255 Larson

That we agree to invest 1.5 million of the debentures in flex terms until needed, as outlined by Affinity Credit Union

CARRIED

GARAND

2020-256 Breland

That we advise Linda Garand that the water bill costs regarding the property at 112 5th Avenue W will be abated from February 5, 2020 to March 27, 2020 less any applicable disconnection fee, tax enforcement costs and the grass cutting invoice remain due and owing, and the property will remain in tax enforcement until applicable costs are paid.

CARRIED

ANDROSOFF

2020-256 Breland

That we advise Debbie Androsoff that Council will abate 50% of the applied interest and that balance of the bill is due.

CARRIED

HUPAELO

2020-257 Weber

That we agree to place a 4-way stop signs at the intersection of Railway Avenue with 1st Avenue East and North South Road Allowance and advise Jayd Hupaelo accordingly

CARRIED

KOMENDANT

2020-258 Weber

That we advise Kristina Komendant that Council is not considering a policy or bylaw regulating spraying at this time

CARRIED

Councilor Barb Woytiuk declared conflict of interest in regards to the following matter and left Council Chambers at 8:05pm and did not return to Council Chambers

WOYTIUK LOTS

2020-259 Breland

That we agree to Henry Woytiuk consolidating Lot 4 and Lot 5 Block 36 Plan 79PA21694 as his house was built in the middle of both lots with all associated costs being his responsibility

CARRIED

ADJOURN

2020-260 Onishenko 8:20pm

That this meeting adjourns.

CARRIED

Date Approved: _____

Mayor: _____
Al Sorenson

Administrator: _____
Brenda Lockhart