

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE
HELD AT THE BLAINE LAKE CURLING RINK
Monday, March 15, 2021 at 4pm**

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Bev Breland at 4:02pm

ATTENDANCE

Attending: Deputy Mayor Bev Breland, Rodger Pederson, Darlene Harder, Melissa Johnson and Jason Weber and Administrator Brenda Lockhart. Councilor Jennifer Gutknecht arrived at 4:15pm

ADOPT AGENDA

2021-085 *Weber*

That the following items be added to the Agenda:

 New Business:

 By Election Officials Wages

 Old Business

 TJ Disposal – Fire Invoices

And that the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

2021-086 *Johnson*

That the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2021 be accepted as amended

CARRIED

2021-087 *Pederson*

That the Minutes from the Special Meeting of March 10, 2021 be accepted as presented

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2021-088 *Harder*

That the Financial Statement for February 2021 be accepted as presented

2021-089 *Johnson*

That the February 2021 Affinity & CIBC Bank Reconciliations be approved as presented

CARRIED

2021-090 *Harder*

That Affinity Credit Union cheques numbered 1565 to 1599 and “Other (EFT)” payments Affinity and CIBC totaling \$423,394.13 be approved for payment

CARRIED

REPORTS

2021-091 *Johnson*

That the reports be accepted and filed:

1. Water Treatment Plant Report – February 2021
2. Employee Time Sheets – Pay Period 5
3. Administrators Report
4. Council Reports
 - a. 16 to 43 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Library Meeting – Minutes & Report
 - c. Medical Board Minutes
 - d. Martins Lake Regional Park Board
 - e. BLCA Meeting Report
 - f. Chamber of Commerce Meeting

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS

2021-092 *Breland*

That we request Highways to conduct a traffic assessment on Main Street to address speed and to install speed signs and change speed limits

CARRIED

2021-093 *Weber*

That we invite Alan Autet of Autet Construction to our next meeting to discuss options for the flat roof section on the Town Office

CARRIED

DELEGATES

Maintenance Foreman Russ Krysak – Not in Attendance

Jack Hill & Wally (Remax Agent)- 4:55pm to 5:12pm

- Jack Hill advised that he recently purchased the Eternal Memories Funeral Home and is hoping to rent it to a business – book keeper, small business of some type that would also use the fenced yard. He purchased understanding from his realtor, Wally, that it was a commercial property as it was listed as such. Since purchasing, he has been advised by the town that it is Zoned “Community Services” which restricts what the property can be used for.
- Jack stated he would not have purchased the property had he been aware the property was restricted as to the commercial uses
- Wally advised that he checked the property thru SAMA which stated it was assessed as “commercial” so he marked it as such. Has done this for years. Did not with the Town and does not check with Towns on Zoning. Lawyer that is dealing with the matter felt it was a commercial property and is handling the sales transaction as such
- Wally stated he had one person interested who asked about Zoning and he told him to contact the Town – never heard back from him on the property or zoning
- Jack requested that Council agree to rezone area where property is located to a Commercial zone

2021-094 Breland

That we advise Jack Hill that his request to have his property at 302-2nd Avenue W rezoned as Commercial has been denied

CARRIED

Kyle Onishenko- 6:13pm to 6:24pm

- Attended the meeting to discuss concerns with the Utility Bill in the amount of \$838.29 received in January following an actual meter reading.
- Concerned that the bill was not accurate. Had not been read since December 2018.
- Meter readings entered in error which might have been impacting the current reading
- Feels that they have only 3 people in the home and do not use much water
- Using history back to 2016 misleading as he had backyard rinks at that time and another son in the home
- Confirmed he makes sausage out of his garage but states that does not use much water
- Asks that use be monitored to ensure that it is correct and accurate. Would agree to bill if it turned out it was accurate but asked interest to be abated.

2021-095 Breland

That we agree to monitor the water usage at Kyle Onishenko’s residence at 410 James Street with regular meter readings in April and August and review his January 2021 bill in the amount of \$838.29 at that time and that we stay any interest in the interim

CARRIED

INVESTMENTS

2021-096 Weber

That GIC #23 held by the Affinity Credit Union and maturing on March 22, 2021 in the amount of \$375,000 plus earned interest be deposited to the Town of Blaine Lake’s operating account at the Affinity Credit Union

CARRIED

2021-097 Pederson

That GIC #24 held by the Affinity Credit Union and maturing on March 22, 2021 in the amount of \$375,000 plus earned interest be deposited to the Town of Blaine Lake’s operating account at the Affinity Credit Union

CARRIED

2021-098 Weber

That we agree to transfer the Martins Lake Fire Agreement Funds to fire department reserves annually

CARRIED

CAMPGROUND

2021-099 Gutknecht

That we agree to open the campground on May 1, 2021 implementing any provincial guidelines and restrictions in place at that time due to Covid 19

CARRIED

LIBRARY

2021-100 Breland

That we reimburse the library for 2020 cleaning costs in the amount of \$1200.00

CARRIED

TAX ENFORCEMENT

2021-101 Gutknecht

That TAXervice, on behalf of the Town of Blaine Lake, be authorized to proceed under the Tax Enforcement Act to acquire title for the following described lands:

Lot 15 Block 5 Plan M4996 Title: 146500387

Lot 19 Block 9 Plan M4996 Title: 146466636

Lot 20 Block 3 Plan H3043 Title: 118989602

Lot 7 Block 4 Plan H3043 Title: 145372181

Lot 8 Block 4 Plan H3043 Title: 145372170

Lot 9 Block 4 Plan H3043 Title: 145372169

Lot 9 Block 2 Plan H3043 Title: 135475016

CARRIED

SGI GRANT PROGRAM

2021-102 Weber

That we agree to make application to the SGI 2021 Grant Program.

CARRIED

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER

2021-103 Pederson

That we agree to send a letter to the North Sask River Basin Council in support of their interprovincial nomination of the North Saskatchewan River as a Canadian Heritage River.

CARRIED

BY ELECTION WAGES

2021-104 Weber

That we set the wages for the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk at \$20.00 per hour and Door Monitor at \$15.00 per hour

CARRIED

Councilor Jason Weber and Rodger Pederson declared Conflict of Interest with respect to the following resolution and left Council Chambers at 6:46pm

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

2021-105 Johnson

That we acknowledge the Expression of Interest submitted by Weber Excavating with stated services and rates in effect for 2021 for work performed for the Town of Blaine Lake and accept same as presented

CARRIED

Councilor Jason Weber and Rodger Pederson returned to Council Chambers at 6:56pm

CURB STOP DAMAGE

2021-106 Weber

That we agree to send all documentation available with respect to the damage done to the curb stop at 202 2nd Street East to the Town of Blaine Lake's solicitors for a legal opinion

CARRIED

Councilor Jennifer Gutknecht declared Conflict of Interest with respect to the following resolution and left Council Chambers at 7:00 pm

2021-107 Weber

That we agree to Alan Lavoie's request to consolidate his lots – Lot 6 & 7 Block 22 Plan BL5947 with the condition that a building permit is first obtained for construction of the proposed garage and that no construction begins until proof of completed consolidation from ISC is received by the Town Office

CARRIED

Councilor Jennifer Gutknecht returned to Council Chambers at 7:12pm

CODE OF ETHICES

2021-108 Breland

That that Bylaw No: 2021-001 a bylaw to establish a code of ethics for Council Members be given First Reading at this meeting

CARRIED

FIRE INVOICE

2021-109 Breland

That we agree to refer fire Invoice 1191 issued to TJ’s Disposal to the Blaine Lake & District Joint Fire Department Committee for review and advise of decision

CARRIED

2021-110 Breland

That we approach the Blaine Lake School and inquire as to interest by students and staff to assist with flower planting this year

CARRIED

UTILITY BILLING

2021-111 Breland

That we advise Yvonne Mighton that we will agree to stay further interest and allow account to be paid in three monthly payments provided the account at 108 1st Avenue East is paid in full by June 30, 2021

CARRIED

HOUSE LETTERS

2021-112 Harder

That we advise Kristina Komandant that Council agrees with the importance in having houses properly numbered and will be reviewing different means of doing so over the next several months

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

2021-113 Johnson

That the following correspondence be accepted as present and filed

- Email – Hutchings
- Letter – Communities in Bloom
- Letter – Communities in Bloom (Larson)
- Letter – Blaine Lake Library Board
- Email – Yvonne Mighton
- Email – Kristina Komandant

CARRIED

ADJOURN

2021-114 Weber 7:23pm

That this meeting adjourns

CARRIED

Date Approved: _____

Deputy Mayor: _____
Bev Breland

Administrator: _____
Brenda Lockhart