

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE  
HELD AT THE TOWN OFFICE LOCATED AT #301 Main Street, Blaine Lake, Sask.  
Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

Present:

Mayor – Al Sorenson – Virtual

Councillors

Bev Breland

Darlene Harder

Rodger Pederson

Jason Weber

Melissa Johnson -

Maximus Stevenson

CAO Mentor – Gina Bernier

Acting CAO – Krissy Friesen

Deputy Mayor, Bev Breland called the meeting to order at 3:55PM

027/22

**Adopt Agenda**

JOHNSON

That the Agenda be adopted as amended with the addition:

a. Vaccination Policy and Mask Mandate

Carried.

028/22

**Vaccine/Mask Policy**

JOHNSON

That the vaccination Policy & Mask Mandate to follow SHA Regulations.

RECORDED VOTE:

BRELAND - YES

SORENSEN - YES

STEVENSON - YES

WEBER - YES

JOHNSON - YES

PEDERSON - YES

Carried.

Darlene Harder attended the meeting at 4:00 p.m

029/22

**Minutes – January 10/22**

PEDERSON

That the Minutes of the January 10, 2022 Meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried.

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030/22 **Minutes – January 17/22**

SORENSEN

That the Minutes of the January 17, 2022 Special Meeting be approved as circulated.  
Carried.

031/22 **Minutes – February 14/22**

WEBER

That the Minutes of the February 14, 2022 Human Resources Meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried.

032/22 **In Camera Session – 4:22 p.m.**

BRELAND

That the Council go to an in-camera session.

Carried.

BRELAND called the meeting back to order at 4:30PM

RM of Blaine Lake #434 Councillors – Allan Lavoie and Michael Chudskov attended this meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Fire Chief, Thomas Lozochuk... attended this meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Sonia Matiyek attended this meeting at 5:15 p.m.

PEDERSON stepped out of the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

033/22 **In Camera Session**

JOHNSON

That the Council go to an in-camera session @5:20PM.

Carried.

PEDERSON returned to the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

6:05 STEVENSON stepped out.

6:10 STEVENSON returned.

BRELAND called the meeting back to order at 6:23PM

Councillor Jason Weber declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting room @ 6:30PM

034/22      **List of Accounts to be approved**

JOHNSON

That the cheques #2219 - \$1110.00 and Cheque 2188 – \$3052.50 be approved as paid.  
Carried.

Jason Weber returned to the meeting room at 6:35 p.m.

035/22      **List of Accounts for Approval**

HARDER

That the List of Accounts be acknowledged at this meeting:

Cheque #2150 – 2171- \$37,265.09  
Cheque #2172 – 2176 - \$6,238.42 (Payroll)  
Cheque #2177 – 2188 - \$49,821.57  
Cheque #2189 – 2211 - \$48,523.81  
Cheque #2212 - \$1,856.02 (Payroll)  
Cheque #2213 – 2222 - \$114,763.27  
EFT - January 10, 2022 - \$1,131.79  
EFT - January 14, 2022 - \$2,504.62  
EFT - January 19, 2022 - \$3,483.73  
EFT - January 27, 2022 - \$8,428.59  
EFT - January 28, 2022 - \$1,355.00 (Payroll)  
EFT - February 4, 2022 - \$3,786.39  
EFT - February 16, 2022 - \$2,821.79  
EFT - February 14, 2022 - \$2,510.66  
EFT - February 16, 2022 - \$ 846.62  
EFT - February 16, 2022 - \$4,530.95 (Payroll)  
Carried.

Jason Weber return to the meeting room at 6:35

036/22      **Monthly Financial Statement**

WEBER

That the Monthly Financials Statement dated January 31, 2022 be approved as presented.

Carried.

037/22

**Garbage Bins**

STEVENSON

WHEREAS the Town of Blaine Lake are finding a shortage of Garbage and Recycling bin;  
and

WHEREAS T.J Disposal driver caused damage to 10 bins in the collection process;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council authorize the CAO to bring forward a  
report which illustrates the number of bins that are necessary with an approximate cost;  
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Works Department be instructed to collect the  
bins from the vacant property; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the CAO send a letter to T.J. Disposal requesting that they  
replace the 10 bins which were destroyed.

Carried.

Jason Weber declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

038/22

**Snow Removal**

PEDERSON

WHEREAS the Town of Blaine Lake has received a record amount of snow this winter;  
and;

WHEREAS the Town has a crew of one; and

WHEREAS the Town cannot keep up with the snow removal and there is concern that  
the runoff in the spring may affect the community negatively;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council authorize the CAO to begin the process of  
contracting the removal and haul of the snow from town streets.

Carried.

Jason Weber returned to the meeting room at 7:10 p.m.

039/22

**Fire Department**

WEBER

WHEREAS the Town of Blaine Lake and the RM of Blaine Lake #434 share in expenses for  
the fire department; and

WHEREAS a meeting is being requested between the Town and RM;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CAO be instructed to work with the RM CAO and  
Fire Chief in arranging a meeting day, time and place.

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040/22      **Utility Billing Discrepancies**

SORENSEN

WHEREAS the Town of Blaine Lake is finding irregularities in the bi-monthly utility billing; and

WHEREAS the Town of Blaine Lake is in the process of obtaining new water meters which will help in the bi-monthly reading;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council motion to Charge Residential Customers the Minimum \$255.50 Bi-Monthly Utility Bill until our new meters come in and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town will continue to Read the School & Businesses and

BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of the installation of the new water meters, that the Town will once again read the meters and continue as before.

Carried

041/22      **Hiring of Office Clerk**

WEBER

That the Council for the Town of Blaine Lake accept the recommendations from the Human Resources Committee and offer LouAnne Roschuk as the Office Clerk Position as of February 28, 2022 with a Hourly Wage of \$18.00/hour with a review in 3 months.

Carried.

042/22      **Hiring of Town Foreman**

SORENSEN

That the Council for the Town of Blaine Lake accept the recommendations from the Human Resources Committee and offer Aaron Cooper the Position of Town Foreman as of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with an hourly wage of \$30.00/hour with a stipulation that he finish his Level 2 in Water Treatment as soon as possible.

Carried.

043/22      **Accounts Receivable**

PEDERSON

That the following accounts receivable be written off:

1. Kyle Onishenko – Utility - \$838.29
2. Kelly Janzen – Utility - \$395.29

Carried.

044/22      **Assistant Administrator**

PEDERSON

That the Town of Blaine Lake continue to advertise for the position of Assistant Administrator.

Carried.

045/22

**Adjournment – 7:38 p.m.**

HARDER

That this meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

  
CAO

  
Mayor / Deputy Mayor