

RM of Spiritwood No. 496 Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 via web conference.

Present

Reeve – Shirley Dauvin
Division 1 – Doug Johnson (Deputy Reeve)
Division 2 – Al Steinhilber
Division 3 – Terry Wingerter
Division 4 – Dennis Laventure
Division 6 – Bevra Fee
Administrator – Colette Bussiere
Foreman – Darcy Laventure (8:04 am – 9:25 am)

Absent

Division 5 – Jerome Tetreault

A quorum being present via web conference the meeting was called to order at 8:04 am by Reeve, Shirley Dauvin.

131/2020 Agenda

AL STEINHILBER: That the agenda be adopted as presented and that the following agenda items be added:

PDAP Designation
Weed Management Plan

Carried

132/2020 Minutes – Regular Meeting

BEVRA FEE: That the minutes of the May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council via web conference be approved as presented.

Carried

133/2200 Garbage Dumpster – The Cove

DOUG JOHNSON: The survey of the property owners of The Cove has indicated that placing a lock on the garbage dumpster at The Cove is not the favorable solution; and there are alternate methods available for the disposal of non-household garbage (ie: reno & construction materials, and other non-household items) and that we do not proceed with placing a lock on the garbage dumpster at The Cove.

Carried

134/2020 Mill Creek Proceedings

TERRY WINGERTER: Council for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 is not in a position to accept Mill Creek's financial contribution toward the Environmental Carrying Capacity of Meeting Lake.

Carried

135/2020 Excavator, Truck & Trailer Purchase

DOUG JOHNSON: That Foreman, Darcy Laventure be given the authority to purchase a mid-size excavator, a truck and a trailer. Total dollar amount of the purchase shall be within the capital equipment budget allowance.

Carried

136/2020 Foreman's Report

DOUG JOHNSON: That the Foreman's report having been read now be filed.

Carried

- Foreman, Darcy Laventure left the web conference at 9:25 am.

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137/2020 Administrator's Report

AL STEINHILBER: That the Administrator's report having been read now be filed.

Carried

138/2020 Bank Reconciliation

DOUG JOHNSON: That the bank reconciliation for the month ending May 31, 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried

139/2020 Statement of Financial Activities

AL STEINHILBER: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month ending May 31, 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried

140/2020 Accounts

TERRY WINGERTER: That the "List of Accounts" as listed on the attached Schedule "A" forming part of these minutes be passed for payment.

Cheque No. 12413 - 12457

Payroll File No. 0289 & 0291

Carried

141/2020 Road Allowance Brush Clearing Application – N ½ 22-53-10-W3

DENNIS LAVENTURE: That the request by the property owner to clear brush & trees from the road allowance adjacent to the N ½ 22-53-10-W3 be approved. Any trees, brush, rocks & debris cleared from the right of way shall be stockpiled on the aforementioned lands for future disposal by the property owner. That compensation in the amount of \$500.00 per ½ mile be paid to the property owner for brush clearing as both parties benefit from the brush clearing.

Carried

142/2020 Bylaw No. 2020-3 (General Election) – Second Reading

AL STEINHILBER: That Bylaw No. 2020-3, being a Bylaw to Provide for General Election Procedures be read a second time.

Carried

143/2020 Bylaw No. 2020-3 (General Election) – Third Reading

TERRY WINGERTER: That Bylaw No. 2020-3, being a Bylaw to Provide for General Election Procedures be read a third time.

Carried

144/2020 Building Official Service Agreement - BuildTECH

BEVRA FEE: That we enter in to an agreement with BuildTECH for additional building official services.

Carried

145/2020 Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP)

TERRY WINGERTER: That we enter into a funding agreement with the Government of Saskatchewan for financial assistance through the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program 2020, for the construction of a public works building, which will support investments in infrastructure, stimulate economic recovery and encourage local job creation.

Carried

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146/2020 Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program Inspection Report – Spruce Bay Berm

TERRY WINGERTER: That we approve of the Water Security Agency's Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program (EFDRP) initial inspection report dated May 26, 2020 for the berm proposal for the protection of private property in Spruce Bay from flooding.

Carried

Berm Proposal – Lot 7Blk 4 Spruce Bay

The property owner is no longer pursuing the berm proposal for Lot 7/Blk 4 in Spruce Bay.

147/2020 Remove Dead Trees in ER – Lot 1/Blk 1 The Cove

AL STEINHILBER: That the application to remove dead & dying trees from the Environmental Reserve (ER) in front of Lot 1/Blk 1 in The Cove be approved under the condition the work be conducted in accordance with WSA regulations.

Carried

148/2020 North Saskatchewan River Basin Council (NSRBC) Membership

DOUG JOHNSON: That we are not interested in becoming a member of the North Saskatchewan River Basin Council.

Carried

149/2020 Weed Management Plan

BEVRA FEE: That the weed management plan be approved as presented.

Carried

150/2020 Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) Designation

TERRY WINGERTER: That the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 apply to the Ministry of Government Relations to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by Heavy Rain and/or Wind on the following dates:

May 21, 2020

May 31, 2020

June 6, 2020

Carried

151/2020 Janitorial Services – RM Office

DENNIS LAVENTURE: Due to the COVID-19 precautions and recommendations from the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the province that the office staff continue with the janitorial services and the custodial contract for janitorial services be terminated.

Carried

152/2020 Budget

AL STEINHILBER: That the budget for the 2020 fiscal year be adopted as presented and attached hereto forming part of the minutes.

Carried

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153/2020 Uniform Mill Rate

TERRY WINGERTER: That the Mill Rate, Mill Rate Factors and minimum taxes remain the same for the 2020 tax year which are as follows:

- Mill Rate – 8.8
- Mill Rate Factor (MFR) of 0.84 shall apply to all types and classifications of property with a residential or seasonal residential assessment;
- MFR of 1.0 shall apply to all types and classifications of property with an agriculture assessment;
- MRF of 1.1 shall apply to all types and classifications of property with a commercial assessment;
- That the following minimum tax be applied:
 - \$150.00 on agriculture land
 - \$600.00 on agricultural improvements where no residential or commercial improvement exists;
 - \$250.00 on residential land;
 - \$650.00 on residential improvements;
 - \$500.00 on commercial land; and
 - \$500.00 on commercial improvements.

Carried

154/2020 In Camera Session

DENNIS LAVENTURE: That the regular web conference meeting of Council be adjourned to move into an in-camera session to discuss HR concerns.

Carried

- Administrator, Colette Bussiere, left the web conference meeting at 11:00 am.
- Administrator, Colette Bussiere, returned to the web conference meeting at 11:11 am.
- The regular meeting of council via web conference was reconvened at 11:11 am.

155/2020 Correspondence

BEVRA FEE: That the following correspondence having been read now be filed:

SARM – Updates/Emails
SARM – Weekly Policy Bulletins
Ministry of Highways – Spring Road Orders
PHO, Colleen Fennig – Pest Monitoring Report
Spiritwood RCMP – Annual Performance Plan
Wapiti Library – May 2020 Newsletter
Ministry of Highways – Hay & ditch Mowing
Government of Saskatchewan – COVID-19 News Releases

Carried

156/2020 Adjournment – 11:37 am

DOUG JOHNSON: That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Reeve

Administrator