

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460

August 13, 2014

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Present: Reeve Alan Evans, Councillors Chris Hovdebo, Kyle Jensen, Steven Adams, Greg Cochet, Dean Manson, Gerald Olsen and Administrator Shirley Pratchler.

Reeve Evans called to the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

123-2014 Minutes: Manson That the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 9, 2014 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

124-2014 Financial Statement: Cochet That the statement of financial activities as at July 31, 2014 be accepted as presented.

Carried

125-2014 Accounts Payable: Olsen That the accounts as per the attached list of cheques #12384 – 12428 totaling \$328,450.91 be approved.

Carried

126-2014 Correspondence: Hovdebo That the following correspondence be accepted as presented:

SARM – Update/SAMA Board
Gas Tax Program Renewal Documents
Kramer 70th Invite
NCRPA – Notice of Annual Meeting
Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers – Thank You
Ministry of Government Relations – 2015-16 Revenue Sharing
WSA – Channel Clearing Funding Allocation
STARS – Thank You
Rural Safety Publication Sponsorship Request
NCTPC – April 30th Minutes

Carried

127-2014 Committee Reports: Cochet That the following committee reports be accepted as presented:

Public Works & Maintenance: Todd Devenis attended and reported that the gravel program is essentially complete with a few areas needing spot gravelling with the RM truck, another roll of geotextile cloth needs to be ordered and the sign and culvert order will be finalized this week. Rip rap will be ordered on an as needed basis and delivered to the project site. Problem sites on Winton Park Road will be worked on to a maximum of \$15,000 and the Tomtene road to a maximum of \$2,000 to reduce the water levels eroding the road bed.

Recreation Board: the Audited Financial Statement and Audit Findings Report as prepared by MNP were presented. The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2014.

Fire Department/First Responders/EMO: proceeds of the pancake breakfast on August 17th will go to the First Responder program.

Invasive Plant Management Committee: the Cooperative Weed Management Area agreement needs to be signed by both the RM and Town and submitted to SARM for program funding eligibility.

Coxby Road: still waiting on final signature from the Federal government on the agreement.

Carried

128-2014 Civic Centre: Evans That a letter of response be sent to the Town of Birch Hills regarding the Civic Centre proposal outlined in their letter dated July 4, 2014 stating that Council would give consideration to selling the RM's 25% interest in the Birch Hills Civic Centre for a value of 25% of a current appraised value.

Carried

129-2014 Public Works Training: Cochet That training be arranged through Evolution Training and Consulting in the fall of 2014 for three operators at a total cost of \$2,400 and Council members at a minimum price of \$400 to a maximum of \$600.
Carried

130-2014 SaskEnergy: Cochet That SaskEnergy plan WR #213997 extending gas pipeline service to NW 27-46A-26 W2 be approved with the condition that the road punch depth be a minimum of two meters through and under the municipal right-of-way and further the Administrator be authorized to sign and seal the plan.
Carried

131-2014 Tax Enforcement: Evans That the tax enforcement proceedings allowed after the expiry of the six-month term after the registration of a tax lien be delayed until the October 2014 meeting of Council.
Carried

132-2014 Hagen: Adams That the annual meeting minutes from the OH of Hagen be accepted as presented.
Carried

133-2014 Election: Olsen That the Administrator be named Returning Officer and Cherie Opseth as Deputy Returning Officer with both as Nomination Officers and that all polling places be at the Birch Hills Civic Centre.
Carried

Delegation: Mary Miller brought forward various concerns regarding the Birch Hills C&D Authority, the Civic Centre Agreement, the Coxby Road land exchange agreement, recreation funding and the municipal newsletter content.

Councillor Steven Adams left the meeting at 11:30.

134-2014 In-camera Session: Manson That the meeting move in-camera (11:45 am).
Carried

Councillor Kyle Jensen declared a pecuniary interest and left the in-camera session.

135-2014 Suspend In-camera Session: Olsen That we resume regular meeting (12:10 pm).
Carried

136-2014 Gravel Tender: Hovdebo That the Administrator post the tender for 15,000 yards 3/4" gravel on the SaskTenders website effective August 15, 2014 with a closing date of September 9, 2014; tenders to be opened publicly at 8:30 am during the September 10, 2014 meeting of Council.
Carried


Councillor Kyle Jensen rejoined the meeting.

137-2014 Adjournment: Cochet That this meeting be adjourned at 12:10 pm.
Carried

Certified correct this 10th of September, 2014.



Administrator



Reeve