

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460
279 Bellamy Avenue, Birch Hills, Saskatchewan
June 23, 2021
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Present: Reeve Brent Fenner, Councillors Michael Soyland, Brad Mitchell, Ted Boutin, Steve Tomtene, Leyton Elsaesser and Administrator Cherie Opseth.

Regrets: Councillor Kyle Jensen.

A quorum being present Reeve Fenner called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

148-2021 Minutes: Elsaesser That the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 5, 2021, be approved as circulated. *Carried*

149-2021 Financial Statement: Mitchell That the statement of financial activities and bank reconciliation as at May 31, 2021, be accepted as presented. *Carried*

150-2021 Accounts Payable: Elsaesser That the accounts at June 23, 2021 as per the attached list of Cheques #15809 - #15862 and Other Direct Utility Payments of \$98,755.41 plus payroll \$30,654.26 totaling \$129,409.67 be approved. *Carried*

151-2021 Correspondence: Boutin That the following correspondence be accepted as presented:
Government of Saskatchewan
 – 2021 Confirmed Education Property Tax Mill Rates
Government of Saskatchewan – 2021-22 Revenue Sharing
Government of Saskatchewan – Gas Tax Approval – Hagen Water Plant
SARM – 2021 Midterm Convention Format Options
Ministries of Highways – Highway 25 – May 14, 2021
Struthers Lake – Board Meeting Minutes – April 30, 2021 *Carried*

152-2021 Committee Reports: Soyland That the following committee reports be accepted as presented and filed with these minutes:
Invasive Plant Management Committee
Health Foundation
Fire Department
First Responders & EMO
Recreation Board
Shop & Equipment
Employee Relations
Rural Crime
Proposed Landfill Development *Carried*

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Acting Foreman Todd Devenis joined the meeting from 9:02 a.m. – 9:44 a.m. to report on the monthly public works operations.

153-2021 June Meeting: Tomtene That Council ratify the electronic resolution from June 15, 2021 that due to computer issues the June 16, 2021 regular meeting of Council be rescheduled to take place on June 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the Municipal Office located at 279 Bellamy Avenue, Birch Hills, Saskatchewan. *Carried*

154-2021 Bylaw 03-2021: Elsaesser That Bylaw 03-2021 being a bylaw to establish a code of ethics for Council members be read a first time. *Carried*

- 155-2021 **Bylaw 03-2021: Mitchell** That Bylaw 03-2021 being a bylaw to establish a code of ethics for Council members be read a second time.
Carried
- 156-2021 **Bylaw 03-2021: Boutin** That Bylaw 03-2021 being a bylaw to establish a code of ethics for Council members be given three readings at this meeting.
Carried Unanimously
- 157-2021 **Bylaw 03-2021: Tomtene** That Bylaw 03-2021 being a bylaw to establish a code of ethics for Council members be read a third time and adopted.
Carried
- 158-2021 **2021 Budget: Tomtene** That the 2021 Budget be approved as submitted.
Carried
- 159-2021 **2021 Mill Rates: Mitchell** That the Council of the RM of Birch Hills No. 460 approves the following Tax Rates for the 2021 year:
Mill Rates
- Municipal Mill Rate - 6.73
 - Hamlet of Brancepeth Mill Rate - 5.5
 - Hamlet of Hagen Mill Rate - 9.4
- Carried*
- 160-2021 **2021 Tax Rates: Soyland** That the Council of the RM of Birch Hills No. 460 acknowledge the following Tax Rates for the 2021 year:
Conservation and Development Tax Levy
- Birch Hills Conservation & Development
 - o Peonan & Cromartie Creek - \$0.55/acre
 - o Peonan Lake Drainage Basin - \$1.00/acre
 - o Art Head Lateral/Hanson Lake - \$1.50/acre
 - St. Louis Conservation & Development - \$0.25/acre
- Saskatchewan Rivers School Division No. 119**
- Agricultural Property - 1.36 mills
 - Residential Property - 4.46 mills
 - Commercial/Industrial - 6.75 mills
 - Resource (oil and gas, mines and pipelines) - 9.79 mills
- Carried*
- 161-2021 **Bylaw 04-2021: Soyland** That Bylaw 04-2021 being a Bylaw to establish Mill Rate Factors be read a first time.
Carried
- 162-2021 **Bylaw 04-2021: Elsaesser** That Bylaw 04-2021 being a Bylaw to establish Mill Rate Factors be read a second time.
Carried
- 163-2021 **Bylaw 04-2021: Mitchell** That Bylaw 04-2021 being a Bylaw to establish Mill Rate Factors be given three readings at this meeting.
Carried Unanimously
- 164-2021 **Bylaw 04-2021: Boutin** That Bylaw 04-2021 being a Bylaw to establish Mill Rate Factors be read a third time and adopted.
Carried
- 165-2021 **Bylaw 05-2021: Fenner** That Bylaw 05-2021 being a Bylaw to provide for a Minimum Tax in the Hamlet of Hagen be read a first time.
Carried
- 166-2021 **Bylaw 05-2021: Tomtene** That Bylaw 05-2021 being a Bylaw to provide for a Minimum Tax in the Hamlet of Hagen be read a second time.
Carried

- 167-2021 Bylaw 05-2021: Elsaesser** That Bylaw 05-2021 being a Bylaw to provide for a Minimum Tax in the Hamlet of Hagen be given three readings at this meeting.
Carried Unanimously
- 168-2021 Bylaw 05-2021: Mitchell** That Bylaw 05-2021 being a Bylaw to provide for a Minimum Tax in the Hamlet of Hagen be read a third time and adopted.
Carried
- 169-2021 Minimum Tax Cancellation: Mitchell** That the Municipality cancels the Minimum Tax applied in Hagen to the following:
 - **Roll No.** 1044 Lots 5-6 Block 1 \$577.44
 - **Roll No.** 1060 Lot 15 Block 1 \$569.92*Carried*
- 170-2021 Office Furnaces Replacement Tender: Elsaesser** That the tender to replace the furnaces at the municipal office to high efficient furnaces be awarded to Moonlight Mechanical in the amount of \$7,403.72 with the taxes included as per the tender submitted.
Carried
- 171-2021 In Camera: Mitchell** That the meeting proceed in camera at 1:13 p.m. to discuss legal and financial matters.
Carried
- 172-2021 In Camera: Fenner** That the meeting of Council be reconvened at 1:54 p.m.
Carried
- 173-2021 Adjournment: Boutin** That the meeting be adjourned at 2:04 p.m.
Carried

Certified correct this 14 day of July, 2021.



 Administrator



 Reeve