

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAVELY TOWN COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, APRIL 24TH 2017 AT THE STAVELY TOWN OFFICE.

PRESENT: Mayor Hall, Clrs. Perusse, Johnson, Gillespie and Binmore. CAO - Clayton Gillespie and Foreman Watson.

NOT PRESENT: Clr. Norby and Gugala.

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

Agenda No additions were noted. Clr. Johnson moved to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Confirmation Of Minutes Clr. Gillespie moved the minutes of the regular meeting of April 10, 2017 be approved as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Industrial Land CAO Gillespie provided council with an update on the pending land purchase. The subdivision application is near complete, financing is in place and ready to go and the landowners just have to consent to the plan. CAO Gillespie stated that unfortunately these consents were forwarded by the lawyer back in the middle of March with no word back at this point. CAO Gillespie also noted that the wetland assessment that was discussed is not an eligible MSI expense so this will have to come out of the operating budget but it will not be done until the land sale is finalized. **ACCEPTED AS INFORMATION.**

Two handwritten signatures in black ink, one above the other, located to the left of the Industrial Land section.

2016 FS The audited 2016 Financial Statements were presented to council for consideration. The statements presented well with no issues or concerns noted. CAO Gillespie noted that the auditor will be attending the next meeting to further discuss and answer any questions but a resolution is required to approve in order to send the statements to Municipal Affairs prior to May 1. Clr. Gillespie moved to approve the 2016 Financial Statements as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2017 Budget CAO Gillespie presented council with a 2nd draft of the 2017 operating budget along with the corresponding municipal mill rate for consideration. Discussion followed – mill rate compared to 2016 and importance of keeping it low, land purchase costs, the amount set to go into reserves and what we currently have in reserves,

areas where further cuts are possible, how the assessments affect the tax rate and the average residential tax bill. Short discussion regarding crack filling – it was noted this could be included in the capital budget as was done in 2015. After further discussion the budget was **TABLED** until the next meeting - CAO will revise budget where needed as based on discussion.

Walking Path

CAO Gillespie presented council with an outline of the proposed walking path along 55th avenue and a request to consider a further walking path north along RR 274. Discussion followed – proposed location at west end of 55th avenue, length of section along RR274, costs of the new section and how the path would tie into the Town’s walking path plan. After no further questions or concerns Clr. Johnson moved that the Town proceed with the extra section along RR274 for the quoted cost per meter and to have a committee of council meet with the contractor to finalize the exact location of the path. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BYLAWS

REPORTS

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- Clr. Perusse** Reported on news of a possible new commercial development – few details available. Asked about pavement work on 52nd street where the multi unit development was put in. Foreman Watson noted this is in the works and he will update council when he knows more.
- Clr. Norby** Not present.
- Clr. Johnson** Nothing to report.
- Foreman** Reported on issues with the sickle bar mower and requested council guidance – council suggested trying the mower again and if issues continue to consider selling.
- Clr. Gillespie** Reported that the assessment of the Town office is still on to do list and reported on the Golf Club meeting – request from the club for possibility of a foot bridge crossing the ditch next to clubhouse. Council advised that there are a number of issues with this and they would not be in favor.
- Clr. Binmore** Nothing to report.
- Clr. Gugala** Not present.

CAO Reported that any Town office upgrades/renos would be eligible as an MSI expense, advised that ORRSC executive meeting minutes were available, comments received regarding “unsightly” properties and asked council to consider ideas for the Town float for upcoming 105th anniversary parade.

Mayor Hall Reported on fill from the drainage project could be used to continue berm that separates the saddle ranch subdivision from the industrial park.

CORRESPONDENCE

Marihuana Leg. Information for council regarding the pending marihuana legislation and how this may affect municipalities.

MGA Amend. Information for council regarding proposed MGA amendments and how council can provide their input.

Solar Funding Information for council regarding a solar funding opportunity available through the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre.

FINANCIAL


Mar Bank Rec. The March bank reconciliation presented to council for consideration. Clr. Gillespie moved to accept the reconciliation as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A/P Clr. Perusse moved the accounts from chq # 15920 to 15926 together with internet payments and payroll chq # 15927 to 15933 for a total of \$34,135.20 be paid as listed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Adjournment There being no further business to discuss at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

TOWN OF STAVELY


Mayor


Chief Administrative Officer