

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the fifteenth regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held August 13th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the municipal office in Oak River.

PRESENT: REEVE: Brent Fortune
COUNCILLORS: Mark Gill, Jim Brown, Walter Froese,
Stephen Carter, and Gary Stewart
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Diane Kuculym
ABSENT : COUNCILLOR: Ewan Common

Reeve Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion : Stephen Carter - Jim Brown
#190/13: That the agenda for August 13th, 2013 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion : G. Stewart - Walter Froese
#191/13: That the minutes of the fifteenth regular meeting held on
July 9th, 2013 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

COMMITTEE

The Waste Management Committee reported that Wurtz Bros. have finished and fences have been put up. Holidays requested by the waste management site supervisor were discussed with Council.

The Roads & Drainage Committee reported that gravelling is almost completed in all wards. Some additional gravel/small stone has been requested on certain problem areas in the municipality. Road side mowing is being done.

Information received on packers to go behind graders was reviewed with Council. Signage that needs to be taken down/put up in the municipality was discussed. A representative from Disaster Financial Assistance requested that a municipal representative show him sites that were repaired under the 2011 DFA program. The Personnel Committee informed Council that two employees completed the "Ground Force Training" course in Rivers. Applications have been received for a full time public works employee.

Reeve Fortune reported on the Midwest Planning Board meeting and the EMO meeting he attended. The building inspector moved into the new office in June. Property standards re-inspections were discussed. A new EMO Co-ordinator has been hired by the Midwest Emergency Organization.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Oak River subdivision - The subdivision has been completed and some trees have been planted. Spruce trees still need to be planted. Planting fall rye/grass seed on the lots was discussed as well as having weeds on the area sprayed. The C.A.O. is to obtain further information.
2. Waste Management Site - The final bill from Wurtz Bros. Ltd. was received and information received from Burns Maendel was reviewed with Council. Additional signage is to be purchased for the site.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown
#192/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay the final invoice received from Wurtz Bros. Ltd. for construction work done at the Blanshard waste management site.
CARRIED.

3. Forced Amalgamation - The meeting held on Aug. 12th with neighbouring Council members and C.A.O.'s was discussed. A letter from the R. M. of Harrison was reviewed with Council.
4. Culvert requested north of 29-15-22W - R. Pemkowski met with Reeve Fortune and a license was received.

Motion : Walt Froese - Stephen Carter
#193/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to sign the water rights license to install a culvert between the NE ¼ of 29 and the SE ¼ of 32-15-22 WPM and to hire a contractor to install same as per the terms of the licence.
CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Former Cardale school - Hydro is to be disconnected from the school and reconnected to the recycling depot.

Motion : Walt Froese - Jim Brown
#194/13: That the Council of the R. m. of Blanshard agree to remove the electricity from the former Cardale school and have electricity hooked up to the recycling depot.

CARRIED.

6. Culvert replacement in Ward 3 - R. Pemkowski will be out to view the site and discuss the replacement with the Roads & Drainage Committee.
7. Municipal road improvement program - An email confirmed that the application had been received but no decision has been made to date.
8. Beaver deceiver - A letter outlining costs to install a beaver deceiver was reviewed.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#195/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the L.S.R.C.D. to install a beaver deceiver on the north side of the culverts on road 81 north between 126 W and 127 W as per quote received.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public works employee - Ten applications were received and referred to the Personnel Committee.
2. Roadside mowing - A concern was received regarding who has the authority to mow roadside ditches for hay. The C.A.O. is to obtain information from neighbouring R.M.'s to see if they have any policies.
3. Gravel bills; gravel crushing; and stockpiling gravel. Councillor Mark Gill declared a "Disclosure of Interest" in the matter before council and withdrew from the meeting without participation in the matter under discussion. The C.A.O. is to contact Doug McIntyre to discuss gravel purchases. Gravel available in the R. M. of Saskatchewan was brought to the attention of Council.

Motion : Walter Froese - Jim Brown
#196/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize Moffatt's Construction to stockpile approximately 1,000. yards of gravel on the road allowance on the SE ¼ of 35-15-22W.

CARRIED.

Motion : R. G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#197/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay Gill Farms Ltd. for gravel hauling done to date in the R. M. of Blanshard.

CARRIED.

Motion : G. Stewart - Jim Brown
#198/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay Moffatt Construction for gravel hauling done to date in the R.M. of Blanshard.

CARRIED.

4. Concern that a culvert between 21 & 28-15-22W was installed too high was brought to the attention of Council. This will be reviewed by the Roads & Drainage Committee.
5. Road repairs for 2013 - Areas that need to be repaired are to be inspected by the Roads & Drainage Committee and referred back to Council.
6. Blanshard fire department - Pump test to be completed on fire truck.

Motion : Jim Brown - Walter Froese
#199/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to have a pump test done on the current fire truck.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Baseball players attending Western Canadians.

Motion : Jim Brown - Stephen Carter

#200/13: Whereas Daniel Bates, Braeden Heapy, Riley Shamray, & Blake Mervyn are competing in baseball championships outside the province of Manitoba;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to donate \$125. to the athletes to help offset their expenses.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Due to time constraints, the correspondence was tabled until the next meeting.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

Motion : G. Stewart - Walt Froese

#201/13: Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #5961 to #5969 and Payroll Cheques #50156 - #50173 inclusive, amounting to \$27,063.08 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$31,589.66, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION - No notices were received.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion : G. Stewart - Walter Froese

#202/13: That the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, August 27th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 12:30 p.m.

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER