

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the third regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held Tuesday, December 10th, 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, Ewan Common,
Walter Froese, Stephen Carter, and Gary Stewart
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Diane Kuculym

Reeve Brent Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion : Walter Froese - Ewan Common
#295/13: That the agenda for December 10th, 2013 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#296/13: That the minutes of the second regular meeting held on November 22nd, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

DELEGATE - Herb Harz from Armtec attended the meeting at 9:05 a.m. to discuss the multi-plate culvert installation and culvert purchases for 2014.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The roads & drainage committee reported that work is still progressing on the multi-plate culvert installation. The work is to be done today. The condition of roads was discussed by Council.

The waste management committee reported that new signs have been received for the waste site and will be installed shortly.

The Personnel Committee informed Council of annual employee reviews that were held on December 2nd, 2013 and presented 2014 wage recommendations to council. Hearing tests for employees were completed on December 4th, 2013.

The C.A.O. reported that donations are being accepted for "Memory Lights" in the Village of Oak River and a Community Christmas Party is being postponed until Monday, Dec. 16th, 2013. A sleigh ride is to be held.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Snow blower for tractor - Verbal quotes and written quotes were received and reviewed for a 96" Schulte snow blower.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Walter Froese
#297/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to purchase a SDX960 96" Schulte snow blower for the Kubota tractor from Morris Sales & Services in Virden as per the quote received of \$7,200. plus taxes.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Amalgamation - Information received from municipal government

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reserve fund amounts to be transferred; administration costs for the utility to be transferred; and fire hydrant rental to be transferred to the utility.

Motion : Ewan Common - Stephen Carter

#299/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to transfer \$103,000. from the General Fund to the following reserve fund accounts as per the 2013 financial plan:

Machinery Reserve Fund	\$50,000.
Building Reserve Fund	\$50,000.
Health Care Facilities Reserve Fund	\$ 3,000.
	CARRIED.

Motion : Jim Brown - M. Gill

#300/13: Be it resolved that the Council of the Rural Municipality Of Blanshard does hereby authorize the C.A.O. to transfer \$5,000.00 to the Utility Reserve Fund from the Utility Operating Fund for 2013.

CARRIED.

Motion : M. Gill - G. Stewart

#301/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to transfer \$2,000. from the Utility Operating Fund to the General Operating Fund to cover administration costs of the Utility.

CARRIED.

Motion : Jim Brown - G. Stewart

#302/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to transfer \$600. to the Utility Fund for fire hydrant rental for 2013.

CARRIED.

2. Park residence board indemnity to be paid for 2013.

Motion : M. Gill - Ewan Common

#303/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to pay Jean Fortune a gratuity of \$30.00 per meeting and mileage for Park Residence board meetings attended.

CARRIED.

3. Interest on cemetery perpetual care funds to be transferred.

Motion : M. Gill - Stephen Carter

#304/13: Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to transfer interest earned on the following perpetual care trust funds to the respective cemetery committees: Oak River Cemetery, Marney Cemetery, Miller Cemetery, Pettapiece Cemetery, Rivers Mennonite Cemetery, and White Bank Lea Cemetery.

CARRIED.

4. Annual grants to cemeteries to be paid as per by-law No.95-15.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown

#305/13: Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Blanshard authorizes the C.A.O. to pay the following grants according to By-Law No. 96-15:

NEW BUSINESS

6. Rollingdale Workshop indemnity to be paid.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown

#307/13: Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to pay Roy Greer an hourly wage and mileage for Rollingdale Workshop meetings attended on behalf of Council.

CARRIED.

7. Grant for trophies for Oak River hockey tournament.

Motion : M. Gill - G. Stewart

#308/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to donate trophies to the Atom's Tournament of Champions to be held in Oak River in January 2014.

CARRIED.

8. Indemnities and wages for 2014.

Motion : Jim Brown - Ewan Common

#309/13: That the indemnity for the Reeve and Council be increased \$25.00 per month (\$450.00 per month for the Reeve and \$400.00 per month for the Councillors) and that the mileage rate be the same as the Province of Manitoba's rate.

CARRIED.

Motion : M. Gill - Ewan Common

#310/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard accepts the recommendations of the personnel committee, regarding employee wages for 2013 and 2014, as amended.

CARRIED.

9. School levies to be paid December 31st, 2013.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown

#311/13: Be it resolved that the C.A.O. be hereby authorized to pay the percentage due on December 31st, 2013 for the 2013 school levies. The amounts due are:

Public Schools Finance Board	\$ 2,627.35
Parkwest School Division	\$ 639.81
Rolling River School Division	\$ 5,931.85

CARRIED.

10. Addition of outstanding bills to taxes.

Motion : Walt Froese - Ewan Common

#312/13: Whereas Subsection 252(2) of *The Municipal Act* indicates that utility charges and labour to carry out private works, on private property, may be collected by the municipality in the same manner as a tax may be collected; And whereas there are overdue utility bills; Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorizes the C.A.O. to add overdue bills outstanding on December 31st, 2013 to the taxes of the benefiting properties.

CARRIED.

River as per Resolution #180/07.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Interim budget for 2014.

Motion : Jim Brown - M. Gill

#315/13: Whereas Section 163 of "The Municipal Act" states that a council may adopt an interim budget to have effect only until the Council adopts the operating budget for the fiscal year; Therefore, be it resolved that the following interim budget be hereby adopted:

REQUIREMENT	OPERATING FUND
General Government Services	\$ 35,000.00
Protective Services	\$
7,000.00	
Transportation Services	\$ 60,000.00
Environmental Health Services	\$ 10,000.00
Public Health & Welfare Services	\$ 3,000.00
Environmental Development Services	\$ 5,000.00
Economic Development Services	\$ 10,000.00
Recreation And Cultural Services	\$ 3,000.00
Fiscal Services	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$136,000.00

REQUIREMENTS	CAPITAL FUND
Borne by Reserves	\$100,000.00

UTILITY OPERATING REQUIREMENTS	
Total Expenditures	\$ 50,000.00

UTILITY CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS	
Borne by Reserves	\$ 1,000.00

CARRIED.

14. 10% Manitoba Infrastructure grant for 2013.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter

#316/13: Whereas the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard had applied to do scrub cutting; culvert replacement; and additional gravel on PR #354 and PR #355 in 2013; And whereas, Council deemed it expedient to apply additional gravel on the road ways and complete scrub cutting; Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to apply to the Transportation and Government Services Department to change the request for 10% of the annual value of the Gravel Road Initiative Agreement from scrub cutting and culvert replacement to scrub cutting and additional maintenance costs for PR #354 and #355.

CARRIED.

15 Waste collecting/hauling contract with J. Vassart

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter

#318/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard grant Councillor Jim Brown a leave of absence from attending Council meeting as per Subsection 94(1) of *The Municipal Act* in 2014.

CARRIED.

18. Ratepayer's inquiry if he could purchase a road allowance no longer used in the municipality. The C.A.O. was instructed to obtain more information regarding Road Plan 1707.

19. LSRCD - bill for abandoned well sealing.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown

#319/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay the Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District \$276.00 to seal an abandoned well on municipal property by the church in Cardale.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

20. Snow removal in Cardale.

Motion : Ewan Common - Walt Froese

#320/13: Whereas snow blowing is necessary on certain areas in the Village of Cardale;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to contract G. Slimmons to blow snow from certain areas in Cardale, when required.

CARRIED.

21. Acres Emergency Vehicles - 2nd installment due on fire truck.

Motion : Ewan Common - Walt Froese

#321/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorizes the C.A.O. to pay the progress invoice to Acres Emergency Vehicles in the amount of \$42,069.89 for the new fire truck.

CARRIED.

22. Office closed on Dec. 27th, 2013.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Jim Brown

#322/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agrees that the Blanshard municipal office be closed at 12 noon on Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 2013 until Monday, December 30th, 2013.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to the attention of Council:

1. Minister of Municipal Government - Federal Gas Tax Funding
2. Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba - 2014 funding will be \$4,721.94
3. TransCanada - Click before you dig and Call before you dig information

municipal leaders

12. Communities in Bloom - Magazine
13. Town of Rapid City - Invitation
14. Western Financial Group - Information of the Group Health & Dental Insurance Program
15. Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba - 2014 assessment rate to remain at .65 cents

ADVERTISING & Newsletters

1. Water Canada
2. University of Manitoba - Continuing Education
3. Infrastructure
4. University of Alberta - Continuing Education
5. Western Canada Water
6. Breakout
7. Municipal World
8. WCB Insider

ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Motion : Stephen Carter - Jim Brown

#323/13: Resolved that the Report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #6169 to #6203 and Payroll Cheques #50254 - #50268 amounting to \$61,014.88 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$53,799.43, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION - No notice of motion was received.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown

#324/13: That the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on Friday, December 20th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 11:40 a.m.

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER