

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the sixth regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held Tuesday, February 12th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the municipal office in Oak River.

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

Reeve Brent Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Stephen Carter - Walter Froese
#33/13: That the agenda for February 12th, 2013 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion: G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#34/13: That the minutes of the fifth regular meeting held January 18th, 2013 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Roads & Drainage Committee reported that a beaver dam is to be removed near a pipeline crossing in Ward 1 to protect the road in the spring. Pipeline representatives are to be contacted to see if the work can be done this Thursday. Areas where brush cutting should be done in the forthcoming year were discussed.

The Waste Management Committee reported that the garbage container can be delivered this week to the waste management site/transfer station. Snow must be removed before the container can be placed at the site and ties should be placed in front of the container. Problems reported with birds at the site and in Cardale were brought to the attention of Council.

The Personnel Committee reported on holidays to be taken by a public works employee and updated Council on personnel committee meetings held regarding the hiring of an assistant administrator. Ten applications were received for the position.

Reeve Fortune reported on the Mid-West Planning meeting he attended and it was indicated that the planning office will be re-located into Miniota as soon as office space is completed.

Councillor Common reported on the Daly/Saskatchewan Recreation District meeting and the Minnedosa & Area Vet Board meeting he attended. A one-year leave of absence was granted to the recreation director and the board is hoping to hire another recreation director as soon as possible. The Minnedosa Vet Board is looking for a new secretary.

Councillor Common also reported on the amalgamation seminar he attended in Souris on February 8th, 2013.

The Building Committee reported that repairs have been ordered for the car wash and they may take a couple of weeks to arrive. Council agreed that an air compressor can be purchased for the car wash.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Property standards - A letter from Meighen, Haddad, & Co. Law firm was reviewed with council regarding the municipality's property standards by-law.
2. Amalgamation - A letter from the Minister indicated that the municipality did not respond to the province's request to know the municipality's possible amalgamation partners by Jan.31st, 2013. It was noted that the form was returned by January 31st, 2013 indicating that the municipality was not interested in amalgamation at this time.
3. Subdivision - The C.A.O. informed Council that a company contacted the office and indicated that discounted trees are available. More information is to be obtained.

ADJOURNMENT FOR HEARING

Motion: G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#35/13: That the regular meeting now adjourn to reconvene after the Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Order File No. : CU-01-13-B (Glenda Sidoryk for Vanguard Credit Union).

CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE

In attendance: Brent Fortune, Chair; Mark Gill; Ewan Common; Walt Froese; Stephen Carter; Gary Stewart; and Diane Kuculym, C.A.O.

Public Attendance : None

Chairperson Fortune opened the hearing. The C.A.O. advised that the purpose of the hearing was to receive public presentations from any person who wish to make them in respect to the establishment of an advertising sign with an area greater than 54 square feet (Vanguard Credit Union Sign) in the General Development Zone and being legally described as on Lots 8 and 9: Plan 312, Oak River, R.M. of Blanshard.

The hearing was advertised and notices were placed as required.

Public Presentations: None
Questions: None
The hearing closed at 10:05 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED

Motion: Ewan Common - Mark Gill
#36/13: That Council, having completed its duties at the Public Hearing to hear public presentations in respect to Conditional Use Order File No. Cu-01-13-B (Glenda Sidoryk for Vanguard Credit Union) do now close the hearing and reconvene the regular council meeting.

CARRIED.

CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION

Motion: Walter Froese - M. Gill
#37/13: Whereas a public hearing was held on February 12th, 2013 to hear representation for or against the proposed Conditional Use Application Order No. CU-01-13-B, by Glenda Sidoryk for the Vanguard Credit Union. The Conditional Use Application, being made by Glenda Sidoryk, is to provide for the establishment of advertising signage with an area greater than 54 square feet in the General Development Zone;
And Whereas no representation was received on the proposed conditional use application;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard approve the Conditional Use Application by Glenda Sidoryk for the Vanguard Credit Union for File No.: CU-01-13B and being legally described as Lots 8 & 9; Plan 312, Oak River, R. M. of Blanshard.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A.M.M. - Mayors, Reeves, and C.A.O.'s meeting to be held in Miniota.

Motion: G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#38/13: That the Reeve and C.A.O. be delegated to attend the Reeves and C.A.O.'s meeting to be held in Miniota on Thursday, March 21st, 2013.

CARRIED.

2. Amalgamation seminars to be held in Souris & Birtle.

Motion: Ewan Common - M. Gill
#39/13: That Council members and the C.A.O. be authorized to attend the amalgamation seminar to be held in Birtle on Thursday, Feb. 14th, 2013 at 10 a.m. and that the municipal office be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Vet Board levies for 2013.

Motion : Walter Froese - Ewan Common
#40/13 : Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to pay the 2013 levy to the Shoal Lake and District Veterinary Services Board in two instalments.

CARRIED.

Motion : Ewan Common - M. Gill
#41/13 : Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to pay the 2013 levy to the Minnedosa Area Veterinary Services District in the amount of \$1,100. in two instalments with the first \$550. due immediately.

CARRIED.

4. Parkland Regional Library - Levy for 2013.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#42/13 : Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay the 2013 levy to the Parkland Regional Library in the amount of \$3,918.70.

CARRIED.

5. Gravel contractor for 2013 - Information received from Reg Moffatt was relayed to Council. Gravel requirements for 2013 were discussed.

6. Audit services - request for quotes are to be drafted.

7. EMO - Update of contacts lists for the EMO disaster plan reviewed.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#43/13 : Whereas the Midwest Emergency Plan for the R. M. of Blanshard has been reviewed and updated;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby approve the updated version of the 2013 Emergency Plan for the R.M. of Blanshard.

CARRIED.

8. Manitoba Municipal User Group - 2013 membership fees.

Motion: Ewan Common - M. Gill
#44/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay the 2013 Membership fees to the Manitoba Municipal User Group in the amount of \$100.

CARRIED.

9. Mid-West Planning District - Subdivision application for initial review.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Walter Froese
#45/13 : Whereas a proposal to subdivide PT. E ½ Sec. 32-14-21 WPM has been circulated to various government departments and agencies;
And whereas the comments from the various departments have been reviewed;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard recommend that the application of R. J. T. Boutall to subdivide PT. E ½ Sec. 32-14-21 WPM be approved with the following conditions:
a) that a conditional use application be filed with the Mid-West Planning District to provide for the non-farm dwelling within the "Ag" Agricultural General Zone.
b) that the westernmost proposed lot line be centered on the existing westernmost access on PR #355 so it can be used as a joint driveway OR
c) that the westernmost driveway be relocated to the residual land
d) that a joint easement agreement be entered into granting access to the proposed parcel as well as the residual land.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

10. 2013 grant to the Riverdale Community Complex.

Motion: G. Stewart - Walter Froese
 #46/13: Whereas the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to pledge \$10,000. A year for 2011; 2012; and 2013 to the Riverdale Community Complex Fundraising Committee;
 Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay \$10,000. to the Riverdale Community Complex for 2013.

CARRIED.

12. Policies to be passed.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walter Froese
 #47/13 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to pass the following policies:
 2013-1 - Council Members' Code of Conduct
 2013-2- Municipal Tendering and Procurement
 2013-3 - Municipal Private Works Policy

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to the attention of Council:

1. LSRCD - Cumulative Report as at the end of the third quarter of 2012/13 year.
2. Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association - Invitation to seminar. Noted.
3. Local Government - 2013 Municipal officials' directories received.
4. Conservation and Water Stewardship - Copy of letter sent to the R. M. of Strathclair regarding their Salt Lakes Water Rights Licence application.
5. Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba - 2012 Payments (\$3,834.16 for \$2,012.)
6. Robert Sopuck, MP - Canada Summer Jobs 2013 funding available.
7. Minnedosa Area Veterinary Services - Veterinary Services District Agreement to be signed. The C.A.O. was authorized to sign the agreement.
8. Leanne Rowat, MLA - Copy of letter wrote to Hon. Ron Lemieux regarding amalgamation. Noted.
9. A.M.M. - Member advisory regarding amalgamation.
10. Various municipalities - Copies of letters written to Minister Lemieux regarding opposition to forced amalgamations.
11. Agriculture, Food, & Rural Initiatives - Reporting of Municipal Weed Inspectors. C.A.O. is to respond to the correspondence.
12. Manitoba Good Roads Association - Request for membership for 2013; seminars. Noted.
13. Deputy Minister of Local Government - Amalgamation letter.
14. Minister of Local Government - Request indication of preliminary partner by Feb. 15th - Noted.
15. Minister of Local Government - Balance of gas tax for 2012 received
16. MB Infrastructure and Transportation - Funding for 10% of road agreement for 2013 approved.
17. Vic Toews, P.C., M.P. - Request for pre-budget suggestions
18. Mid-West Planning District - Copy of building permit
19. Manitoba Agriculture Hall of Fame - Official receipt for membership
20. Rolling River Festival of the Arts - 2013 Season pass received
21. KidSport - Thank you for donation
22. Leanne Rowat, M.L.A. - Petition opposing forced amalgamations
23. Construction Safety Association of MB - Westman Safety Conference. More information is to be received.
24. Red River College - Manitoba Water & Wastewater School - 2013
25. LSRCD - "Do What Matters" and "Living by the Water's Edge" magazines

ADVERTISING & Newsletters

1. Municipal Leader
2. Various magazines

ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Motion: Ewan Common - M. Gill
 #48/13: Be it resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #5617 to #5654 and payroll cheques #50013 - #50029 amounting to \$133,245.33 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$27,972.93, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION - No notices were received.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: G. Stewart - Ewan Common

#49/13: That the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, February 26th, 2013 or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 11:55 a.m.

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER