

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the seventeenth regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held September 24th, 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 Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion : G. Stewart - Jim Brown
#237/13: That the agenda for September 24th, 2013 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion : Stephen Carter - Walter Froese
#238/13: That the minutes of the seventeenth regular meeting held on September 10th, 2013 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

COMMITTEE

The Waste Management supervisor submitted a report of names of ratepayers using the site. Improvements still required at the site and signage was discussed.

The Roads & Drainage Committee reported on requests to widen machinery roads. An inspection of the roads is to be done by the committee. The road & drainage committee discussed ditch clean-out in the municipality; cat work for machinery roads versus brush cutting; and road grading.

The personnel committee reported on training that is available for the grader operators. The probation period for office personnel and utility training were discussed.

The Oak River utility was discussed.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. YRESS - Request for support.

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown
#239/13: Whereas the Yellowhead Regional Employment Skills and Services have requested funding from area municipalities whose ratepayers have used the service in the 2011 - 2012 year;
Therefore, be it resolved that the council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to grant the Yellowhead Regional Employment Skills and Services \$517.62 for the 2013 year on the condition that funding is received from all the neighbouring municipalities as outlined in the funding shortfall proposal.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Waste Management Site - A quote for welding square tubing with expanded metal to the wall at the site was brought to the attention of Council. A representative from Armtec is to be asked to view the site for suggestions to improve the site.
2. Request to purchase property - The C.A.O. informed Council that draft documents have been sent for review by the purchaser.
3. Cardale School - The demolition permit was received and is to be given to the contractor.
4. Forced Amalgamation - Bill 33 was given third reading. A letter indicating that the province has appointed another consultant was reviewed as well as a letter from the R.M. of Lakeview. Meeting with neighbouring municipalities to discuss proposed amalgamation partners was discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion : Stephen Carter - Ewan Common
#240/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard appoint Reeve Brent Fortune; Councillors Brown and Common and the C.A.O. to sit on a committee to discuss proposed amalgamation.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Road reconstruction - Correspondence from the province indicated that funding was approved for a municipal road improvement project. The C.A.O. was instructed to obtain further information in regards to the funding. Council members are to check into where material can be obtained for the proposed road improvement.

2. Water & Wastewater Certification courses.

Motion : Jim Brown - M. Gill
#241/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize Brent Haggarty and Jim Kuculym to attend the water Distribution Course offered through Red River Community College from Oct. 7th - 11th, 2013 and to pay the required registration fees, hotel rooms, meals, and mileage.

CARRIED.

3. Assessment Services - Listing of assessment increases and decreases.

Motion : Walt Froese
#242/13: Whereas the Assessment Officer has submitted a list of properties that the assessment may be increased and decreased on the 2013 assessment roll;
Therefore, be it resolved that the assessment changes be entered into the 2013 tax roll in accordance with the requirements of Section 326 of *The Municipal Act*.

CARRIED.

4. Vanguard Credit Union - Commercial Credit Applications.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Jim Brown
#243/13: Whereas the Vanguard Credit Union has drafted a Commercial Credit Application to lend money to the R. M. of Blanshard for the purchase of a new fire truck;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the signing officers to sign the application and affix the Corporation's seal thereon.

CARRIED.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#244/13: Whereas the Vanguard Credit Union has drafted a Commercial Credit Application to lend money to the R. M. of Blanshard for costs incurred for the Oak River subdivision;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the signing officers to sign the application and affix the Corporation's seal thereon.

CARRIED.

5. Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District - Two year appointments required for sub-districts. The C.A.O. is to contact the existing appointees to see if they wish to be appointed again.

6. A.M.M. Annual Conference.

Motion : Walt Froese - Jim Brown
#245/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the Reeve, Council, and C.A.O. to attend the annual Association of Manitoba Municipalities Convention to be held in Brandon on November 25th - 28th, 2013.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

7. R. M. of Miniota - Invitation to grand opening.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#246/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize Council members and the C.A.O. to attend the grand opening of the R. M. of Miniota's municipal office complex on October 17th, 2013.
 CARRIED.

8. Office of the Drinking Water - A boil water advisory for the Oak River public water system was brought to the attention of Council.

9. Assistant C.A.O. - Probation period.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#247/13: Whereas assistant C.A.O. Kristina Walker has completed her six month probation period for the R. M. of Blanshard; Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation for a wage increase of \$1.00 (one dollar) per hour as at October 1st, 2013 and authorize her to become enrolled in the Manitoba Municipal Employees Benefit program and the health and dental program offered by the municipality.
 CARRIED.

10. Wash out at culvert to be repaired.

Motion : G. Stewart - Ewan Common
#248/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to contract Lamb Construction to repair a washout at the culvert on the NW 25-15-21W.
 CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to the attention of Council:

1. Minister of Local Gov't - Municipal Road Improvement Program
2. Rolling River School Division - Invitation to provide input to Board
3. Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba - Incident reporting system
4. Daly-Saskatchewan Recreation Commission - 2012 Financial Statements
5. Rock Country Gravel - Business interested in hauling & crushing gravel
6. Midwest Weed Control District - Map where roadside spraying was completed in Blanshard
7. Ground Force Training - Winter Maintenance School
8. Minister of Infrastructure & Transportation - 2 new funding programs
9. Midwest Planning District - Town of Hamiota Zoning amendment
10. Thank you - Terinda Holopina - R.M. undergrad award recipient

MAGAZINES & ADVERTISING

1. Manitoba Hydro - Annual Report
2. Manitoba Hydro - Insights
3. Water Canada Magazine
4. Today's Trucking
5. Turf & Recreation
6. Infrastructure Construction
7. Upword
8. MDA - Products & Services Catalogue

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

Motion : M. Gill - Stephen Carter
#249/13: Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #6027 to #6054 and Payroll Cheques #50203 - #50209 inclusive, amounting to \$157,792.25 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$37,275.91, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.
 CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION - No notices were received.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion : Walt Froese - Ewan Common

#250/13: That the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, October 8th, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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