

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the second regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014 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, and Gary Stewart
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Diane Kuculym
ABSENT : COUNCILLOR: Stephen Carter

Reeve Brent Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown
#301/14: That the agenda for December 2nd, 2014 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion : G. Stewart - Walt Froese
#302/14: That the minutes of the first meeting held November 12th, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Roads & Drainage Committee indicated that rip rap has been placed around the new multi-plate culvert on Road 79N and the ditch has been cleaned out on the east side of 125W. Work done on a machinery road and additional gravel requested on Road 129W were brought to the attention of Council.

The Machinery Committee informed Council that the Oak River snow plough quit on Saturday and has to be taken to Brandon for repairs.

The Waste Management Committee indicated that the burn site was cleaned up and put into a dumpster but some concerns were received regarding the weight of the dumpster.

The Blanshard CDC representative J. Brown informed Council of a project that the CDC is hoping to submit to Hometown Manitoba. A Memory Lights/fun night is to be held in Oak River on Friday, December 12th, 2014 in Oak River.

The Personnel Committee discussed employees holiday hours and overtime hours.

Councillor Gill reported on contact information he received from Manitoba Hydro regarding natural gas for the municipality.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Road closing by-laws - information received from our lawyer was reviewed and transfers were completed.
2. Gravel crushing - crushing has been completed at the McIntyre pit and the bill received. Gravel is still to be hauled to the stock-pile in Blanshard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Amalgamation - A request that the transitional committee made to the R. M. of Blanshard to have a smooth transition to the R. M. of Oakview was reviewed with Council.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown
#304/14: Whereas the Transitional Committee for the R. M. of Oakview has requested that the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to sign the profession services agreement with USTI to provide property tax and utility billing conversion and quick start for property tax and utility billing for the amalgamated municipalities;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to sign the professional services agreement for the conversion and quick start programs with the understanding that the costs incurred will be set up as a prepaid expense of the R. M. of Oakview.
CARRIED.

Motion : M. Gill - Ewan Common
#305/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to purchase the necessary computer hardware necessary to assist in the smooth amalgamation of the three municipalities as per recommendations received from the Oakview Transition Committee.
CARRIED.

6. Disaster financial assistance - Q-Collaborations was out on Nov. 17th and an application should go in shortly. A request for additional advanced funds has been made.
7. Sale of property - A phone call was received regarding the building permit process and they were referred to our building inspector.
8. Sensus - Copies of the water rate study were received and forwarded to the Public Utilities Board.
9. Insurance claim - tractor is in stock and should be shipped shortly. Insurance money has been received for expenses incurred.

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 : G. Stewart - Walt Froese
#306/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to transfer \$50,000. from the General Fund to the Machinery Reserve Fund as per the 2014 financial plan.
CARRIED.

Motion : G. Stewart - Ewan Common
#307/14: 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 2014.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Park residence board indemnity to be paid for 2014.

Motion : Walter Froese - E. Common

#310/14: 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 : Walt Froese - Ewan Common

#311/14: 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 : Ewan Common - M. Gill

#312/14: 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:

Oak River Cemetery Committee	\$1,736.22
White Bank Lea Cemetery Committee	\$ 689.97
Marney Cemetery Committee	\$1,188.57
Miller Cemetery Committee	\$ 218.90
Rivers Mennonite Cemetery Committee	\$1,603.08
Pettapiece Cemetery Committee	\$ 978.70

CARRIED.

5. Tax sale date for 2014. Letters are to go out to ratepayers owing 2013 taxes.

Motion : Jim Brown - Walt Froese

#313/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard designate 2014 as the tax sale year.

CARRIED.

6. Rollingdale Workshop indemnity to be paid.

Motion : G. Stewart - Jim Brown

#314/14: 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 : Walt Froese - Ewan Common

#315/14: 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.

CARRIED.

8. School levies to be paid December 31st. 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Addition of outstanding bills to taxes.

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown

#317/14: 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, 2014 to the taxes of the benefiting properties.

CARRIED.

11. Payment to CDC for annual LSRCD building payment.

Motion : Jim Brown - Walt Froese

#318/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to pay the Blanshard CDC \$2,100. to support the LSRCD office in Oak River as per Resolution #180/07.

CARRIED.

14. 10% Manitoba Infrastructure grant for 2014.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walt Froese

#319/14: Whereas the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard had applied to do scrub cutting and place additional gravel on PR #354 and PR #355 in 2014;
And whereas, Council deemed it expedient to apply additional gravel on the road ways and complete culvert replacement;
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 additional gravel to culvert replacement and additional maintenance costs for PR #354 and #355.

CARRIED.

15. Support for application to Hometown Manitoba Project.

Motion : Jim Brown - Ewan Common

#320/14: Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby agree to support the Blanshard CDC's application to the Hometown Manitoba Program under the Main Street Enhancements Program.

CARRIED.

16. Request for membership into Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Motion : M. Gill - Ewan Common

#321/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to pay the 2014 membership into the Agriculture in the Classroom in the amount of \$150.00.

CARRIED.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walter Froese
#323/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay for material used at the Krahn pit and material hauled out from the McIntyre pit.

CARRIED.

19. Relief town foreman - resignation received.

Motion : Jim Brown - M. Gill
#324/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to advertise for a relief town foreman for the Village of Oak River as per the L.U.D. Committee of Oak River's request.

CARRIED.

DELEGATES

Sid Lewis attended the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Weed board issues were discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to the attention of Council:

1. Conservation & Water Stewardship - Information on beaver removal and beaver dam removal; info on the problem beaver removal program
2. Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation - Assiniboine River and Lake Manitoba Basins Flood Mitigation study round 2 open house in Brandon on Dec. 9th, 2014
3. TransCanada Pipelines - Information for Public Officials
4. The Royal Canadian Legion - Military Service Recognition Book
5. Conservation and Water Stewardship - minor works permits
6. NetSet - Request for letter of support

ADVERTISING & NEWSLETTERS

1. Water Canada
2. Infrastructure
3. University of Alberta - Continuing Education

ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown
#325/14 Resolved that the Report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #6884 to #6926 and Payroll Cheques #50554 - #50575 amounting to \$71,384.98 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$90,470.74, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION - No notice of motion was received.

ADJOURNMENT