

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the fifth regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held Tuesday, January 14th, 2014 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,
and Stephen Carter
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Diane Kuculym
ABSENT : COUNCILLORS: Jim Brown and Gary Stewart

Reeve Brent Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Stephen Carter - Walter Froese
1/14: That the agenda for January 14th, 2014 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion: M. Gill - Ewan Common
2/14: That the minutes of the fourth regular meeting held December 20th, 2013 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Waste Management Committee reported on the recycling program in Blanshard. A request that the waste management supervisor go to the school to provide information to school children was brought to the attention of Council.

The Roads and Drainage Committee reported on snow clearing concerns that have been received and some problems with the machines have been encountered. Snow clearing on boundary roads was discussed.

The building committee reported that a cable had to be repaired on the Cardale grader shed. A quote for an electric opener is to be obtained.

Reeve Fortune reported on the planning district meeting he attended and informed Council that he is the new chair of the planning district. Effects of proposed amalgamation on the planning district and other joint committees was discussed.

Councillors Froese and Carter reported on the Midwest Weed Board meeting they attended on January 9th, 2014.

The personnel committee reported on staff holidays that are being taken.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Fire truck - V. Davidson inspected the truck on January 2nd, 2014. Quotes for new radios are to be obtained.
2. Forced amalgamations - A letter was received from the A.M.M. to inform Council that the A.M.M. legal challenge to the implementation of the Municipal Amalgamations Act will be heard on March 10th, 2014. The C.A.O. is to contact the A.M.M. regarding anything that could be done to assist in the challenge.
3. Building Canada Fund - The A.M.M. was contacted but no further information was obtained regarding the program at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Oak River Subdivision - Additional advertising for the lots is to be done.
2. Request for purchase old Plan 1707 - Information that the road has been closed but not conveyed was received. Our lawyer is to be contacted regarding having the land conveyed as per the by-law passed in 1966.
3. Culvert replacement - The old culvert is to be removed as soon as possible.

BY-LAWS

By-Law #2014-1, being a borrowing by-law, was presented to Council for readings.

Motion: Walt Froese - Stephen Carter
3/14: Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2014-1, being a borrowing by-law, pass first and second reading.
CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Membership for 2014-2015.

Motion: M. Gill - Ewan Common

4/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to become members of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and authorize the C.A.O. to pay the membership fee for 2014 - 2015 in the amount of \$171.96.

CARRIED.

2. Manitoba Good Roads Association - Membership for 2014.

Motion: Ewan Common - Walt Froese

5/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to retain their membership in the Manitoba Good Roads Association for 2014.

CARRIED.

3. Solicitor for the municipality for 2014.

Motion: Walter Froese - Ewan Common

6/14: Whereas the Council is in need of legal advice from time to time; Be it resolved that the R. M. of Blanshard is in favour of retaining Meighen, Haddad, & Co. from Hamiota as our solicitor.

CARRIED.

4. School levies for January to be paid.

Motion: Ewan Common - M. Gill

7/14: Be it resolved that the C.A.O. be hereby authorized to pay the percentage due on January 31st, 2014 for the 2013 school levies.

The amounts due are:

The Public Schools Finance Board \$30,542.97

Parkwest School Division \$ 1,042.87

The Rolling River School Division \$27,570.89

CARRIED.

5. Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame - 2014 membership.

Motion: Walt Froese - Ewan Common

8/14: Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard is in favour of renewing their membership in the Agricultural Hall of Fame for 2014 for a cost of \$250.

CARRIED.

6. South Central Mutual Aid - 2014 membership fees.

Motion: Stephen Carter - M. Gill

9/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby agree to pay the 2014 membership dues to the South Central Mutual Aid District in the amount of \$175.00.

CARRIED.

7. Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs - 2014 membership fees.

Motion: Walter Froese - Stephen Carter

#10/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby authorize the C.A.O. to pay the membership fees to the Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs.

CARRIED.

8. Manitoba Crime Stoppers - Request for grant.

Motion: M. Gill - Ewan Common

#11/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby agree to pay Manitoba Crime Stoppers 10 cents per capita in 2014 as an investment in safeguarding the continued high quality of life that rural Manitobans enjoy.

CARRIED.

9. Rolling River Festival of the Arts - Request for grant for 2014.

Motion: Stephen Carter - M. Gill

#12/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby agree to grant \$50.00 to the 2014 Rolling River Festival of the Arts.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

10. KidSport - Request for donation.

Motion: Stephen Carter - Ewan Common
#13/14 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to grant \$150. to Sport Manitoba - Westman Region KidSport Trust Fund for 2014.

CARRIED.

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.

11. Land for rent - Three tenders were received and reviewed.

Motion: Stephen Carter - Ewan Common
#14/14: Whereas tenders have been received and reviewed for the rental of approximately 90 acres of land on the NW ¼ of 1-14-22W: Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard accept the tender of \$57.50 per acre for a three year term (2014 - 2016) from Shelley Haggarty for 90 acres.

CARRIED.

12. Gravel road initiative agreement - request for 10% grant for 2014.

Motion: Stephen Carter - Walter Froese
#15/14: Be it resolved that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard do hereby agree to request a grant of up to 10% (ten percent) of the annual value of the Gravel Road Initiative Agreement for improvements to PR #354 and PR #355 in our jurisdiction.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was presented to Council:

1. TransCanada - Information for Public Officials
2. Waste Management Supervisor - Daily reports
3. Southwest Regional Development Corporation
4. Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Development - Grant received

ADVERTISING & Newsletters

1. Infrastructure Magazine
2. Environmental Science & Engineering
3. Municipal World
4. Koenders Water Solutions - Cleaning lagoon information
5. Uline Shipping Supply Specialists
6. Brandt magazine

NOTICE OF MOTION - No notices were received.

ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Motion: Walter Froese - Stephen Carter
#16/14: Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #6247 - #6288 and Payroll Cheques #50285 - #50299 amounting to \$126,822.05 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$26,746.37, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Stephen Carter - Walter Froese
#17/14: That the Council of the RM. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, January 28th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER