

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the eighth regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held March 11th, 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 (Until 11:40 p.m.)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Diane Kuculym
ABSEBT : Councillor: Stephen Carter

Reeve Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Jim Brown - Ewan Common
#47/14: That the agenda for March 11th, 2014 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion: Jim Brown - Ewan Common
#48/14: That the minutes of the seventh regular meeting held February 11th, 2014 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Roads and Drainage Committee informed Council of areas on roads where snow should be pushed back to help maintain the roads this spring. Ridging in fields; opening up machinery roads; and snow ploughing for private ratepayers was discussed. Opening up a boundary road with the R. M. of Hamiota was discussed by Council.

The Machinery Committee reported that a representative from Capital I Industries came to Oak River to inspect the one-way ploughs and inform public works personnel as to adjustments that should be made to improve the operating of the ploughs.

The Building Committee discussed options that should be reviewed in regards to a new machine shed for the municipality. The C.A.O. was instructed to obtain further information regarding this matter.

Repairs to the Brumlie well were discussed with Council.

The Blanshard CDC Committee reported on information received in regards to renovations to the Oak River Elementary School to accommodate establishing a satellite day care facility in Oak River.

The Personnel Committee indicated that a meeting is to be held.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association - It was noted that a seminar is to be held in Carberry on March 19th, 2014.
2. Snow pushed back on certain roads.

Motion : G. Stewart - Ewan Common
#50/14 : Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to contract local contractors to push back snow from roads in certain problem areas in the municipality.

CARRIED.

DELEGATES

David Shwaluk, general manager of the Manitoba Water Services Board attended the meeting at 9:30 a.m. He informed Council that the Board of Directors expressed concerns with the financial status of the water plant, in particular the outstanding plant deficit increasing each year. He outlined to Council options that may be explored to repay the operating deficit. A 50/50 cost sharing of the operating deficit may be requested by the municipality and reviewed by the Board. Grants that may be available to extend the rural water pipeline in the municipality were discussed with Council members.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gravel hauling tenders for 2014 - Councillor Gill disclosed a personal interest in the next item on the agenda and excused himself from the Council Chambers before any discussion took place. Two tenders were Received and reviewed.

Motion : G. Stewart - Ewan Common
#51/14 : Whereas quotes were received for hauling and placing gravel on municipal roads for 2014;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to contract Gill Farms Ltd. to load, haul and spread gravel in the municipality for 2014 as per the quote received dated March 10th, 2014.

CARRIED.

2. A.M.M. - 2014 Municipal Officials Seminar to be held in Brandon.

Motion : Ewan Common - Walt Froese
#52/14 : Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the Reeve, Council, and C.A.O. to attend the municipal official's seminar to be held in Brandon on April 16th and 17th, 2014.

CARRIED.

Motion : Jim Brown - Ewan Common
#53/14 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorizes public work employees to attend the trade show held in conjunction with the municipal official's seminar in Brandon, weather pending.

CARRIED.

3. Manitoba Municipal Administrators' Association - M.M.A.A. Annual Conference.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown
#54/14 : Be it resolved that the Chief Administrative Officer and the assistant be authorized to attend the Manitoba Municipal Administrator's Annual Convention in Winnipeg on April 27th - April 30th, 2014, all inclusive. The delegate registration fees as well as meals, accommodation, and travelling expenses are to be reimbursed by the municipality. The office is to be closed during this time.

CARRIED.

4. Best home grounds competition for 2014.

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown
#55/14 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby agree to donate first and second prize for the Best Home Grounds - Country and Town, contest for 2014.

CARRIED.

5. Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District - 2014 levy.

Motion : Walt Froese - Ewan Common
#56/14 : Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby authorize the C.A.O. to pay 50% of the 2014 levy (\$9,129.78) or \$4,564.89 to the Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District on April 1st and the balance on October 1st, 2014.

CARRIED.

6. Wastewater Collection Class 1 operator certification.

Motion : Jim Brown - M. Gill
#57/14 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize Jim Kuculym to attend the Wastewater Collection Class 1 operator certification course to be held in Winnipeg from March 31st - April 3rd, 2014 with registration, hotel room, meals, and mileage paid by the utility.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Public Works Employee - Probation period completed.

Motion : Jim Brown - Walt Froese
#58/14 : Whereas public works employee, David Dmyterko, has completed his 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 March 1st, 2014 and authorize him to become enrolled in the Manitoba Municipal Employees Benefit program and the health and dental program offered by the municipality.

CARRIED.

8. Financial Plan hearing.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown
#59/14 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to have a public meeting to review the 2014 Financial Plan on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Blanshard in Oak River.

CARRIED.

9. Utility deficit for 2014.

Motion : Jim Brown - Ewan Common
#60/14 : Whereas the Oak River utility had incurred on operating surplus of \$23,873.51 before amortization but incurred a deficit for the year 2014 in the amount of \$19,072.79 after adding amortization of capital assets; Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby request approval from the Public Utilities Board to recover the 2013 deficit from nominal surplus of the utility.

CARRIED.

10. Daly-Saskatchewan Recreation District dissolved.

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown
#61/14 : Whereas the Town of Rivers and the R. M. of Daly terminated their membership in the Daly/Saskatchewan Recreation District in 2013; Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to formally dissolve their membership in the Daly/Saskatchewan Recreation District as at December 31st, 2013 and request that the assets be divided according to the per capita funding received by the district.

CARRIED.

11. Prairie Mountain Health EMS - Donation requested for Hamiota Progressive Agriculture Safety Day.

Motion : Walt Froese - Ewan Common
#62/14 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to donate \$100. towards the Hamiota Progressive Agricultural Safety Day.

CARRIED.

12. Quick attach adaptor frame for V-plow.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walt Froese
#63/14 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to purchase a quick attach adaptor frame for Craig V plow as per quote received of \$3,520. plus taxes from Capital I Industries.

CARRIED.

13. Manitoba Water Services Board - Repayment of operating deficit.

Motion : G. Stewart - Jim Brown
#64/14 : Whereas the General Manager of the MWSB has met with Council to explore options in repaying the operating deficit of the Oak River water treatment plant; Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agrees in principle to a 50/50 cost sharing of the MWSB operating deficit and request the board to cost-share 50% of debt

and request technical services from the board.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

14. Assiniboine River Basin Workshop to be held in Virden.

Motion : Jim Brown - Ewan Common

#65/14 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize Council members to attend the Assiniboine River Basin Workshop to be held in Virden on March 26th, 2014.

CARRIED.

15. Manitoba Good Roads Association - A banquet and awards presentation to be held in April and a seminar to be held in conjunction with the official's seminar was brought to the attention of Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

Due to time constraints, the correspondence was tabled until another meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The 2013 financial statement was reviewed with Council.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

Motion: Walt Froese - Jim Brown

#66/14: Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #6356 to #6391 and Payroll Cheques #50322 - #50344 amounting to \$53,799.99 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$25,197.66, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION - No notices were received.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: M. Gill - Jim Brown

#67/14: That the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, March 19th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 12:55 p.m.

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER