

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the twentieth regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held October 28th, 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,
Stephen Carter, and Gary Stewart
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Diane Kuculym

Reeve Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#269/14: That the agenda for October 28th, 2014 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown
#270/14: That the minutes of the nineteenth regular meeting held on
October 14th, 2014 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Waste Management Committee reported on recycling depot concerns that were brought to their attention from the waste management supervisor.

The Roads and Drainage Committee reported on water drainage concerns; requests for additional gravel on PR #355 and #354 and on road repair locations as well as beaver dam concerns. Requests for machinery roads to be widened were brought to the attention of Council. Information is to be requested to place drainage pipe in a road ditch to alleviate water build up that is damaging the municipal road.

Reeve Fortune reported on the Midwest Planning meeting he attended and on the transition committee that met on Oct. 27th, 2014.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Municipal Road Improvement Program - Road 89N between 131W and 132W is to be completed as soon as possible.
2. Disaster Financial Assistance - Written confirmation was received on October 24th, 2014 and sites will be reviewed and funding requested for work that has been completed to date.
3. Draft Financial Statements amended.

Motion : Jim Brown - Ewan Common
#271/14: Whereas our auditors have amended Schedule 9 of the draft audit report;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard adopt Schedule 9 as amended which outlines the MWSB Commitment on a separate line on the statement.
CARRIED.

BOARD OF REVISION - No appeals were received.

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown
#272/14: That the Board of Revision be cancelled and the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard accept the 2015 Final Assessment Roll as received from the Assessment Branch.
CARRIED.

DELEGATES

Gerald Winstone attended the meeting at 10:15 a.m. to update Council regarding drainage concerns in Ward 6 and his discussions with Water Stewardship and neighbouring municipalities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Drainage in Ward 6 - Sign-offs from downstream landowners were discussed.
2. Sale of property - The C.A.O updated Council on the progress of the transfer of municipal property in Oak River.
3. Amalgamation - A field consultant has been hired to assist municipalities with amalgamation.

NOTICE OF MOTION - PENALITES ON TAX ARREARS

Motion : Walt Froese - Ewan Common
#273/14: Whereas a Notice of Motion was received to reverse Resolution #105/14 which allows a penalty of 1% per month be added to all unpaid taxes as at November 1st, 2014;
And Whereas the amalgamating municipalities charge 1.25% on unpaid taxes;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard reverse Resolution #105/14.

CARRIED.

Motion : Jim Brown - Stephen Carter
#274/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard is in favour of having all taxes and rates imposed and levied and be due and collectable on the 31st day of October 2014. A penalty of 1% per month is to be added to all unpaid taxes as at November 1st, 2014 until December 31st, 2014 and a penalty of 1.25% per month is to be added to all unpaid taxes as at January 1st, 2015.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for work to be done on Road 128W between 72N & 73N - The C.A.O. is to obtain information regarding a company that may cut down trees.

CARRIED.

2. AMM 2014 Conference - Nov. 24th - 27th, 2014 in Winnipeg.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown
#275/14: 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 Winnipeg on November 24th - 27th, 2014.

CARRIED.

3. Transition Committee seminar to be held in Brandon.

Motion : E. Common - Jim Brown
#276/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorizes Reeve Brent Fortune, Councillors Gill and Froese, and C.A.O. Diane Kuculym to attend the seminars for transition committees to be held in Brandon on November 5th, 2014.

CARRIED.

4. Meetings with Ministers - A request from the R. M. of Miniota to meet with the Minister of Health regarding regional health care services was brought to the attention of Council. The C.A.O. is to request a meeting with the Minister of Health also.

5. Request for reimbursement for damages on private structure.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#277/14: Whereas damage was done to a private structure during snow clearing;
And Whereas, due to the damage, an electrical service had to be removed;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby agree to reimburse E. Kerr \$113. to remove wire to the demolished shed.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Energy East Pipeline - An Open House is to be held on Tuesday, October 28th, 2014 between 4 - 8 p.m. in Hamiota. Council discussed investigating the possibility of getting natural gas into the municipality.

7. MTS - Municipal Rights-Of-Way application form.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown

#278/14: Whereas MTS Allstream has requested approval to install cable on the south edge of Road 89N to replace a defective cable; Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to sign the Municipal Rights-of-Way as per File #9118126 which proposes to install cable on the south edge of Road 89N to replace the defective cable as per the drawing received.

CARRIED.

8. Proposal to Subdivide PT. SE 33-13-22W -Blanshard to Marzoff. More information is to be received.

9. Bill received for work done.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown

#279/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to pay Gerald Winstone for road repairs completed in Ward 6 as per bill received.

CARRIED.

10. Request to remove debris from municipal ditch.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown

#280/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorizes Shane Wareham to remove debris in the municipal ditch East of 121W between 89N and 90N with the condition that no clay be removed and the ditch is left in a safe manner. The work is to be done at the landowner's expense.

CARRIED.

11. Low level crossing to be removed on Road 89N.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walt Froese

#281/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize a contractor to remove the low level crossing on Road 89N west of 129W.

CARRIED.

12. Grader blades to be ordered.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walt Froese

#282/14: Whereas quotes were received to purchase carbide blades for the municipal equipment; Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorizes the C.A.O. to purchase carbide blades from MazerGroup as per the quote received.

CARRIED.

13. Minor works permits to be requested.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter

#283/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to apply for minor works permits to replace two culverts between 22 & 27-15-21WPM and 21 & 25-15-21WPM.

CARRIED.

14. Election expenses reviewed.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter

#284/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the payment of the Election Official wages.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Term office staff.

Motion : Jim Brown - M. Gill

#285/14: Whereas the assistant C.A.O. will be going on maternity leave and additional work will have to be completed as soon as possible due to the amalgamation of three municipalities into one;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to advertise for additional office staff for a term position.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was presented to Council for viewing:

1. A.M.M. - Meetings with Ministers to be faxed by November 7th, 2014. Noted.
2. A.M.M. - Seminar for Transition Committee to be held in Brandon on Nov. 5th, 2014. Resolution passed under "New Business".
3. Minister of Municipal Government - Municipal Programs Grant
4. Minister of Municipal Government - Approval of Extension Request for Municipal road improvement program
5. Rolling River School Division - School bus routes
6. Southwest Regional Development Corporation - Request to nominate councillor to the Board of Directors. Noted.
7. Trans Canada - Energy East Pipeline meeting.
8. Workers Compensation Board - Payroll reporting options
9. Mid-West Planning District - building permits
10. Office of the Fire Commissioner - EMO areas
11. Water Stewardship - Drainage permits received.
12. Public Utilities Board - Extension request approved
13. Park West School Division - Bus routes for the 2014/15 year
14. A.M.M. - Municipal Leader
15. MWSB - March 31st, 2014 Financial Statements received.
16. Town of Rapid City - Invitation to Rapid City Fire Hall/Office official opening Nov.15th between 1 - 3 p.m. (official ribbon cutting at 2 p.m.)

NOTICE OF MOTION - No notices of motion were received.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown

#286/14: Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #6796 to #6834 and Payroll Cheques #50530 - #50536 inclusive, amounting to \$159,110.13 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$58,324.67, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion : Stephen Carter - Walter Froese

#287/14: That the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on November 12th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 12:10 p.m.

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER