
Minutes of the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting

Date: Thursday April 6, 2023, Turtleford Community Center

Call to Order: Harry Lake, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.
Chairperson Harry Lake thanked everyone for coming and for the meal.

Chairman Lake invited Reeve Gerry Ritz to provide a Welcome message.

Reeve Gerry Ritz, first thanked Brad's Cottage Catering for the excellent meal that was served and then proceeded to introduce the Council Members, Administrative staff and the public works staff.

Chairman Harry Lake requested that someone approve the agenda.

Agenda: LEONARD LUNDBERG/DARYL SCHICK: That the April 6, 2023 Agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED

Chairman Lake then invited Chief Administrative Officer Brenda Ottenbreit to read the minutes of the 2023 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting.

Minutes: LEONARD LARRE/CHARLES "BUSTER" BODNAR: That the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes be adopted as read by Chief Administrative Officer Brenda Ottenbreit. CARRIED

Reeve Gerry Ritz gave a verbal report with a PowerPoint presentation regarding municipal business over the last year that included the following:

- Thanked Harry Lake for accepting the duties of Chairperson.
- Thanked sponsors for the door prizes.
- Went through slide presentation that featured:
 - o 2022 total revenue
 - o Expenses by function
 - o Tax & Tax tools
 - o Differences of 9:1 to 7:1 imposition by Saskatchewan Government
 - o Protective Services
 - o Official Community Plan
 - o Next step in Policy and Planning
 - o Regionalization of CSO
 - o Turtle Lake Water Study
 - o Town of Turtleford and Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Fire Hall
 - o Upgrade of Outside Equipment:
 - Added a excavator
 - Bought a Milling Machine and Tractor to pull milling machine.


Reeve Gerry Ritz then went on to thank everyone for attending the meeting and opened the floor to any questions regarding Municipal business.


- Questions:
1. What are the capabilities of the milling machine?
 2. Are the Northwest municipalities forming a unified voice against the tax tool changes?
 3. What was the cost of the new tractor?
 4. Trespassing legislation problems with ATV's going through farm land, who gets ticket revenue?
How will farmers be compensated for land damage?
 5. Will there be more than one CSO for the RM?
 6. What authority the CSO has for weights and radar?
 7. What is the school mill rate for the year?
 8. What is the budget for the CSO program? Will CSO enforce Bylaws? How do we collect any unpaid fines?
 9. Wondering how the RM plans on getting ahead of the deteriorating conditions of the Cemeteries within the RM?
 10. Does the RM still have to pay the RCMP costs?
 11. Explanation of the membership of the Brightsand Regional Park.

DAWN SIMPKINS: That the April 6, 2023 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

CARRIED

Date of Adoption: April 11, 2024


ADMINISTRATOR


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