

HAMLET of EVERGREEN BEACH
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 1, 2021
(Perkin's Arena)

1. **Opening Welcome** – At 10:05am Ryan Hinz welcomed all property owners, acknowledged new owners, and introduced the Hamlet board. Ryan chaired the meeting. There were 76 property owners present.
2. **Finalize Agenda** – Jim Koontz asked that the hamlet board pay Sharon Mockford for her work on pump-outs. Sharon thanked him but said she new it was a volunteer position when she let her name stand so she declined and again thanked everyone for their support.
3. **2020 Hamlet Board Year in Review report** – Ryan Hinz presented the year in review report.
4. **Minutes from 2019 Annual Meeting** – Sharon Mockford read the minutes from 2019 AGM and moved the minutes be adopted as read, seconded by Ron Gramlich, Carried.
5. **Business arising from Minutes** – After researching the Cell coverage issue, it was determined that the cost of getting a cell tower added near the hamlet was prohibitive. Everyone should continue to call SaskTel and complain about the poor service. It was suggested to use lack of 911 service as a further reason for need to improve coverage.
6. **Budget and Finances** – Ryan Hinz presented financial report for 2020. Ryan highlighted that pump-outs made up 59% of total expenditures for the prior year. This was likely higher due to pandemic so it is expected this percentage will go down next year. The Hamlet has a \$234K surplus but it is not growing as fast as in the past. The budgets for the last 2 years have been close to balanced. The RM has asked that this surplus be reduced through capital projects or to acquire needed assets for the Hamlet. More road work will be carried out this year including additional work on Marina Place turn-around which will reduce the surplus a little. The fire fighting topic in the agenda may also use up some of the surplus. No other suggestions for capital projects were offered. The Financial report moved by Randy Ramsey, seconded by Joanne Kissick, Carried.
7. **Security** –Clarence Taylor reported there are still a couple of fire pits that do not have adequate covers. He also asked that people display their house numbers closer to the front of their property if possible. Several people reported fireworks were set off during the fire ban. A notice will be posted on the Bulletin board and website reiterating that fireworks are not permitted during fire bans. It was also stated that the only safe place to set off fireworks at any time is at the shoreline, ensuring they are always pointed out into the lake. Moved by Bob Day that Clarence be retained for another year for security @\$3,200 for the year, seconded by Mona Finley. Carried.
8. **Sask. Lottery rebate** – Moved by Donna Sather, that we give the \$250 rebate to the Elmhurst Jack Rabbit Ski Club, seconded by Linda Hamilton, Carried.
9. **Pump-outs** –Moved by Donna Sather that pump-out tickets be issued at \$60 value, 1 ticket per \$300 in taxes paid for 2020 and 2021. Seconded by Randy Ramsey, Carried.

10. **Drainage Corridor** – It was reported additional work was done on the ditch due to damage from high spring runoff in 2020. The low spring runoff this year meant that it was not tested. It was also stated that people should stay out of the ditch for safety reasons.
11. **STARS** – Bob Day explained the procedure for calling 911 and how to use the STARS site number. It was fortuitous that Sharin Anderson’s Son-in-law (Sean Remeika) was present as he is a Pilot for STARS. He added further detail on what happens when STARS is dispatched and emphasized the importance of giving as many details as possible to the 911 operator as it will speed up the decision on whether to dispatch STARS.
12. **Fire Fighting Proposal** – The old pump truck that was purchased many years ago for fire fighting had been neglected for years, and last winter it was vandalized to the point it was not worth keeping so it was removed. Discussion followed on alternatives for improving our fire readiness. Bob Day presented one alternative of purchasing a trailer outfitted with tank, pump and hose. It was emphasized that just like the pump truck, without adequately trained and dedicated volunteers this option would not be viable either. Another suggestion was to place fire extinguishers at multiple locations throughout the hamlet. The first 15 minutes of any fire is the most critical to putting it out and fire extinguishers are fast and simple to operate. Bob Day showed an example of the type of fire extinguisher that the hamlet could purchase. He stated that ideally every property owner should purchase one for their own use. Astec in Lloydminster is a good source, and they also provide training courses.

Bob Day will head up a sub committee to investigate alternatives and report to the board. It was also suggested that Facebook messenger could also be useful in quickly alerting as many residents as possible when there is a fire. This will be investigated. Rod Gramlich also provided the EMO contact information for the RM. Elaine Reeves, 306 248-3595.

13. **Public Reserve and Beach Access** – Ryan explained that the board has once again received complaints about property owners blocking others from accessing the beach. He reiterated that Lake front property owners do not own the beach front and that just because they may have a deck or fire pit there, does not mean that they can block others from accessing the beach. It was also suggested that anyone with old docks, or boat lifts and any other refuse on the shoreline clean it up.

14. Other Business –

- a. A property owner asked if there was a bylaw controlling the number of vehicles that can be parked on a lot. There is a nuisance bylaw that covers inoperable vehicles but not operational ones. Ryan asked if there was any restriction on long term parking of trailers on the road allowance. Ron Gramlich said he would investigate.
- b. Bob Day reported that new fire exit signs were placed on Perkins pasture gates to direct people out of the south end of the Hamlet in case of emergency. It was asked if any exit was planned for the north end of the hamlet. As this is private land the landowner would need to agree. FOB properties will be asked again if this would be a possibility.
- c. Bob Day reported that the landowner across the road is unhappy with the ATV traffic on his property and asked people to stop using the trails on his land.
- d. Ron Gramlich responded to a question concerning the Zoning Bylaw and RVs. He stated that there has been no changes to the Bylaw.

15. Election – Ryans term was up in 2020 but he stayed on due to pandemic, so the vacant term will only be for 3 years. Bob Day nominated Ryan Hinz, seconded by Marilyn Lowenberg. Ryan said he would let his name stand. Regan Knorr nominated Larry McFarlane, seconded by Maryanne Kaiser. Larry said he would let his name stand. There were no further nominations. The vote was by a show of hands. Ryan 41, Larry 22. Ryan was re-elected for the 3 years remaining of the term.

16. Adjournment – Randy Ramsey moved to adjourn at 11:25 am