

Regular Hamlet Board meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September,2024

Present: Board members Ron Gramlich chairman, Bob Day secretary, Ralph Renwick board member

Present: Green space project committee, Kelly Gray, Murray Walker

Public: John Andrews, Lorraine McBain

1) Call to order: 10:06

2) Acknowledgement of no conflict of interest

3) Move to adopt Agenda with the additions by Bob Day-carried

4) Green space report:

- received committee's budget to build fence
- discussed budget and plan
- discussed plan for getting volunteers for the construction
- work planned for weekend 21<sup>st</sup> of September provided we have RM approval by then
- committee to organize volunteers and equipment

Motion: That the Board accept the green space budget proposal as presented

- work to be completed on budget as set out in 2024 AGM minutes

Moved by B Day, seconded by R Renwick, Carried

5) Micheal Place turn about repair request

-RM advised they require the turn about to be survey staked so the RM engineer can look at the site and prepare a cost estimate for hamlet 2025 budget purposes. Board determined this work should be done this fall so the project could be brought up at the next AGM in May of 2025.

- board determined a total of \$3500 should be added to the 2024 proposed amended budget

6) Amended 2024 budget presented

Motion by Bob Day: That the board approve the corrected and the addition to the 2024 budget as amended and presented

seconded by R Renwick, Carried

7) Motion by Bob Day to carry out the work on Michaels Place to establish cost for the 2025 AGM

Second Renwick-carried

8) RM tax allocation meeting held August 22nd

-Board reviewed the notes from the meeting concerning the present 60/40 split of taxes

-Board opened the meeting to accept public comments with general discussion

-general consensus was that the board continue to attend any further meetings and in due course meet with the RM to review the current tax allocation structure and agreement.

9) Grants: It was determined that the \$8898 listed in the budget is an annual provincial grant.

10) Correspondence Review

a) Free internet installation. Currently a fiber optics project is being completed in the Turtle Lake area where fiber optic cable is being installed to end users at no cost if they agree to take the Sasktel internet service. The board contacted Access and were advised that the above case is correct. There are no current plans for a project in the Brightsand area. They advised that if enough area residents were interested in the service, they would consider a doing a project.

b) Brightsand Place tree. There is a large evergreen tree located on the hamlet road that has been added to the watch list. There are no plans to remove it at this time.

c) Fire pit concern. Reminded owner to take steps to make upgrades as set out in the guidelines on the hamlet website.

d) North fire exit gates have been installed.

e) AED training was completed in June 12 people being certified

f) Green Space: Upon completion of the boundary fence the space will be open to the public, project to be completed with picnic tables and garbage can prior to AGM in the spring

g) Removal of shore vegetation around docks. Board received a complaint that shore vegetation was being illegally removed from shoreline around a dock. The complainant also called the provincial governing body Sask Water Security Agency. WSA contacted the board to investigate. The board provided photos and an explanation. WSA was satisfied and provided a letter clearly outlining that vegetation can be cut (not removed) up to a width of 4 metres including the width of the dock without penalty. A copy of the letter will be posted on the hamlet website.

10) New business

a) Snow plowing and snow removal. Currently we request snowplowing of the main north south road on an as needed basis. Local service providers are used to plow the side roads as they are too narrow for the large RM plow. The board believes the current service is satisfactory but is reviewing the situation to see if improvements can be made.

11) Next board meeting. The next regular board meeting will be held in mid December date will be posted on the website.

12) Adjournment.

- motion to adjourn made by R Fenwick, seconded by B Day. Carried.

-meeting adjourned 12:10pm.

