

Hamlet of Parkland Beach – 2024 AGM MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 9, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Facilitator: Don Sideroff

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Don Sideroff, Ashley Ducherer

Board Members Absent: Larry Fallscheer

Hamlet Attendees: Percy Zulynik, Matthew Russett, Trent Pierce, Gwen Lavallee, Felix Lavallee, Gord Lacoursiere, Margaret Weese, Carrol Skelton, Pete Van Ginneken, Lyn Van Ginneken, Jim Ferguson, Shannon Ferguson, Alex Opperman, Kathleen Carson, John McMillan, John Florchinger, Carol Florchinger, Sandra deMontarnal, Trevor McLaren, Trish McLaren, Daryl Swan, Shauna Swan.

GENERAL

1. Don Sideroff called meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. Ashley Ducherer read the **minutes from the June 4, 2023 AGM Meeting**. Any questions or omissions: None.
Pete Van Ginneken moved the minutes as adopted. Second by Matthew Russett. Carried.
3. Ashley Ducherer read the **Annual Report to Ratepayers**. Copy sent to taxpayers. Any questions or omissions: None.
Trish McLaren moved the report as adopted. Second by Alex Opperman. Carried.
4. Don Sideroff read the **2023 Financial Statement**. Copy sent to taxpayers. Any questions or omissions: None.

Major expenses for 2023 summarized as follows:

- Pump Out Tickets = \$5,972.56 (\$490 was billed late; Feb 2024)
- Gravel = \$3,239.40
- Garbage Dumpster Tipping Fees = \$2,487.72
- Calcium = \$2,283.88
- Plowing/Grading = \$400.00
- Grass Mowing (5 mows) = \$1,875.00
- Garage Power = \$1,754.99

Daryl Swan moved the report as adopted. Second by Margaret Weese. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Sask Lottery Grant 2023:** \$250 Grant was spent on new horse shoes and a bean bag toss game.
2. **Tree Removal:** SaskPower made a wide swath of tree removal under all power lines among the Hamlet.
3. **Gravel & Calcium:** Applied gravel and calcium to the Hamlet roads in 2023. None will be applied in 2024 (bi-annually).

The annual report sent to ratepayers covers most old business. Any questions or omissions to old business? None. Proceed to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **New Tires on Fire Wagon:** Don bid out the cost for 4 new tires. The cheapest was \$89 per tire + \$20 per tube. Thank you, Don, for removing the old tires and installing the new ones in his shop, on his own time.
2. **Turtle Lake Watershed Updates:** Sandra deMontarnal attends the meetings on behalf of our Hamlet. We pay an annual membership of \$75 to the Turtle Lake Watershed. Any newsletters that come out from the Watershed will be shared with all hamlet members via email. Sandra gave an update of what she's learned from past meetings. Sandra agrees to continue to represent our hamlet at these meetings. Thank you Sandra!
3. **Pump Outs:** John McMillan moves that each ratepayer with an eligible residence or RV, with taxes current, receives two pump out tickets for 2024. Note these were also bid out and Poop To Go won the bid at the price of \$75/pump out. Note all pump out services are full cost to resident(s) once these pump out tickets are used up. Second by Felix Lavallee. All in favor. Carried.
4. **Hamlet Policies:** New Hamlet Policies were developed by the Parkland Board members. All policies are effective April 1st, 2024. Copies of the policies can be found in the Hamlet garage in a yellow folder. These policies are mandated by the Provincial Government. Submitted to & approved by the RM of Mervin council. The 6 policies address the following topics:
 - a. **Board Members Duties & Responsibilities**
 - b. **Hamlet Meeting Procedures**
 - c. **Notices to Ratepayers**
 - d. **Reporting Requirements**
 - e. **Budgets**
 - f. **Elections**
5. **Hamlet Entrance Sign & Map:** Should purchase a new one as the current stickers are peeling off and the sign itself is cracking. Bev Sideroff priced out a new one (improved & new design; almost like a RV or vehicle wrap): \$350. Thank you Bev!

Jim Ferguson moves we purchase a new sign and authorize Bev Sideroff to make arrangements to do so. Second by Felix Lavallee. All in favor. Carried.

6. **Tax Allotment Percentage:** There's a group of Hamlets, spearheaded by South Bay Hamlet who want the percentage of tax allotment retained by the organized hamlets increased. Currently our retention rate is 40%, which we are happy with. Our Board composed a letter indicating we are not interested in participating in this negotiation.
7. **Hamlet Reserve Funds:** Effective now, our Hamlet Reserve funds are compounding interest.
8. **Re-Zoning Zone #4 of RM of Mervin:** The RM of Mervin has hired GeoVerra, a Regina based company, to gather information for a proposed re-zoning by-law for zone 4 of the RM. This zone includes Brightsand Lake & Turtle Lake. The goal is to complete the re-zone by January 2025. Each Hamlet was notified we must have a representative present at all meetings; Larry Fallscheer is our Hamlet representative. There will be multiple meetings throughout the year. To date, Larry has attended meeting 1 of 1.
9. **New Provincial Regulations:** The Provincial Government has revised the municipalities act. RM must enforce the new regulations and the hamlets must follow them. Highlights from the revised act include:
 - a. Each hamlet must have 4 board meetings per year, no longer than 120 days apart.
 - b. Board meeting minutes will be taken and forwarded to the RM within 10 days.
 - c. The hamlet residents will be given 7 days' notice of the meeting dates (dates will be posted in advance on the Hamlet bulletin boards).
 - d. You can attend the meetings if you wish, but you must give the Hamlet Board 14 days' notice if you plan to attend.
 - e. Develop new policies (outlined in Item #4 above).
10. **New RM By-laws:** New bylaws in effect for both golf carts & ATV's. Stay up to date on the new RM Bylaws by visiting their website:
<https://rmofmervin.ca/government/bylaws.html>
The bylaws are constantly being updated. This is the best way to stay up to date on the details!
11. **Road Requirement for Property Owner North of Parkland Beach:** Brian Nicodemus requires a new access to his property, to the north of our Hamlet. His current road is on All Seasons property and is not a registered road. His road would require access on ~90 feet of Parkland Beach Hamlet land. He notes he would install a gate at his property line and would leave the gate locked, and not use the road. Extensive discussions among the meeting attendees decided there's too much risk to what happens with the future of that road (what if he sells his property, etc.). No desire for increased traffic through our Hamlet. Don Sideroff has volunteered to chat with Brian and let him know our concerns; he will propose he writes us a written proposal on the details of his plan, and would he give up some beach property for our Hamlet to install more boat lifts, etc.? Thank you for being the point of contact here Don!

Trish McLaren motions we respond to Brian Nicodemus we are not interested in pursuing with his proposal. Second by Sandra deMontarnal. All in favor. Carried.

12. **WYWRA:** Currently the springs on our dumpster lid need to be repaired. Don has requested they come do the repair and will call them again this week to give them a reminder. Signed a new 3-year contract with them for garbage removal. Their tip rates increased from \$64/tip to \$90/tip. There's no bin rental on 1 bin with a contract in place. It's cheaper to pay overweight tips than to pay rental on a second bin (especially when we only unlock the second bin twice annually; the two long weekends in the summer months). Second bin has been cancelled & removed.

13. **Seasonal Hamlet Maintenance:**

- a. Snow fence was installed and taken down at the entrance for the winter months.
- b. Rick Matthews will cut our grass around the hamlet again this summer (\$400/mow).
- c. No gravel or calcium will be applied this year as it was applied last year (bi-annually).

14. **2024 Sask Lottery Grant:** Application has been submitted for 2025 funds (due annually by Feb 28th). Any ideas on what to spend the 2024 grant on? Grant is worth \$250. Don Sideroff mentioned the playground could use some more sand; it's looking bare. Motion by Alex Opperman to purchase & haul some fresh sand to the hamlet playground to use this years \$250 grant. Second by Trevor McLaren. All in favor. Carried.

15. **Board Elections:** None for this year.

16. **2025 AGM Date:** Motion made by Pete Van Ginneken to have the next AGM Sunday June 8, 2025. Second by Matthew Russett. All in favor. Carried.

Motion made by Gwen Lavallee to adjourn the meeting. Second by Trent Pierce. All in favor. Carried.