

SUNSET VIEW HAMLET BOARD ANNUAL MEETING – MAY 19, 2024

PRESENT: Darryl Greening, Rhonda Bartlett, Kyle Nerbas (absent)
Lorri Eskelson (Secretary), Darrel Oracheski (Chairperson)

1. Darryl Greening called meeting to order and introduced the board members and chairperson.
2. Darryl introduced special guest from the RM of Mervin. The Reeve Gerry Ritz, Administrator Shiloh Bronken, Planner Paige Hundt. Also in attendance was the representatives from Turtle View, Troy Johnson and Jim Glasrud.
3. Darryl thanked Myron and Colleen for their past service of maintenance at Sunset View.
4. Darryl covered the order of speaking at the meeting, general housekeeping.
5. Darryl Greening handed the mic to Darrel Oracheski. Darrel referred to the minutes from the 2023 Hamlet board meeting posted on the website. Kevin Painter moved to adopt the minutes as posted, Arvid Eskelson seconded. Carried. No old business to review.
6. Darryl reviewed the activities and projects from 2023.
 - a. Drainage project was completed by Mitchell Bros.
 - b. Website is up and running.
 - c. Best practices and procedures manual was completed.
 - d. Six new policies were created that require RM approval.
 - e. Mini village repaired and painted by Kevin Hope and helpers.
 - f. Emergency lock on library door installed, in case access required for medication
7. Reviewed the standing items from 2024...Budget in handout. Basically a 6% increase from the previous year. Should break even because of cost reduction in the garbage. Replaced one large bin with 6 smaller bins which resulted in approximately \$12,000 savings. George Greening made a motion to accept the budget as presented, Sheldon Hood seconded, Carried.
8. John Vinek questioned why the increase in funding to the water board was not included in this budget. Pat Hood asked if funds would be available to water board if required. Darryl stated that the 2025 budget would reflect the increase and that funds would be available if requested by the water board.
9. Bill Turtle stated that everyone was not on the village water.
- 10, Darryl Greenings term in up on the board. Kevin Painter nominated Darrel Oracheski for a 4 year term on the board, John Vinek seconded the motion. Show of hands, Carried.
11. Jim Salsbury asked about the status of the Multi Court. Gerald Nickel questioned the procedure of having a project rejected when it was unanimously voted to be passed. Lorri Eskelson mentioned the same opposition to the park years ago, and it proceeded. Gerry Ritz stated that the community need to approach all the surrounding cabin dwellers about the multipurpose court. Once that is completed, the court would most likely be passed by the RM.
12. New Business:

- a. Review current emergency exits at the hamlet. The south end could be achieved by adding a swing gate. Brent Edwards is reviewing possibilities for the north end. Rhonda asked for ideas from the residents.
- b. Carol Deyenberg stated that residents should not plant trees on the edge of the property, as the trees grow and will need to be trimmed to allow access on walkways or roads.
- c. Robert Mitchell did not appear. Was going to address future development.
- d. SSVB future development strategy was discussed regarding south beach population. The lot by beach could be purchased for \$375,000. Kevin Painter stated that the price was too high, just to accommodate parking. Rhonda stated that residents should not park personal vehicles where the truck and trailers park. Emilee Smith stated that it was a good idea, could be beneficial in the future.
- e. Darryl asked for any volunteers to look after the warmup shack in the winter. It would need to be placed and removed from the ice. If no one comes forward in the next couple of weeks, the building will be given to the water board for their use.

13. Turtle View Amalgamation: Darryl stated that the board has met with Turtle View on 3 occasions. It is a community decision, and the vote today will be whether to continue to pursue the possibility of amalgamation with Turtle View. Troy Johnson and Jim Glasrud gave their presentation. (as Attached)

- a. Jeremy Harrison helped with grants.
- b. Kevin Painter questioned tax allocation. 60/40. Entire 40% would go to Turtle View for allocation. The cost to repair the road has not been assessed, need to complete a study to assess the base of the road first.
- c. John Vinek questioned operations and reserves...\$150,000 surplus this year, no debt.
- d. Carol Deyenberg stated that SSVB has 76 people in 41 households as permanent residents. How quickly would the roads get cleared during winter. Darren Millard is unable to come into the Hamlet to plow or grade. Turtle View uses snow blowers to clear snow. This year, within 2 days the roads were cleared.
- e. Ron Rommel asked about hamlet meetings. Turtle View meets once a month. The meeting is open to all residents thru Zoom access. The snow plowing would come out of the tax levy and a contract would be established.
- f. Gerald Nickel stated that his insurance went up because of the distance to fire station. Turtle View only has a fire brigade which would not result in any insurance cost reduction.
- g. Bill Turtle stated that the previous fire in Sunset View resulted in no losses because of the quick response time of Mervin fire department. Bill questioned the future development in Indian Point. Turtle View is currently involved in a lake study with the RM of Mervin regarding expansion of lots. Development also depends on current zoning as developers are allowed to proceed within the current bylaws.
- h. Pat Hood questioned our representation at Turtle View. There is a total of 6 counsellors. Sunset View would have 2 counsellors. Current hamlet board has no power, just an advisory to the RM.
- i. Arvid Eskelson questioned the current tax allocation. Rhonda stated that the current tax allocation of 60/40 has not been signed off by any of the hamlets surrounding the lake. The RM promised a meeting, but nothing has happened.
- j. Melanie Lukevich asked about the water plant. No current plans to expand the water plant for more hamlets.
- k. Kelly Nickel asked if the hamlet received any interest on the \$400,000 of reserves currently held by the RM. Interest account have been opened for the hamlets.
- l. Sheldon Hood asked what would happen to the SSVB reserves. Reserves in RM would be transferred to Turtle View.
- m. Ron Rommel asked about the garbage and the response was that it would remain the same for SSVB.

14. Gerry Ritz and Shiloh Bronken presented information regarding the RM.
- a. The RM has expanded the CSO coverage.
 - b. The RM also using the 60/40 allocation for unfunded liability such as the breakdown of the Livelong sewer system.
 - c. The RM also does engineered study of the roads, as well as maintenance.
 - d. Mervin currently pays a portion of the road maintenance for Sunset View. They are in the final year of the contract with Parkdale maintenance. Then they will sit down with Turtle View to discuss a road maintenance agreement.
 - e. John Vinek questioned the future of the 21 reserve lots in SSVB. The RM inherited these lots but these properties now belong to the RM of Mervin. A price would have to be negotiated for release.
 - f. Shiloh has 13 years of experience with water treatment and would be happy to help the water board with grants.
 - g. Rhonda questioned what precipitates the decision with the government that hamlets have to sign the agreement with the Saskatchewan government regarding the 60/40 split. Gerry Ritz stated it came from provincial government.
 - h. Kevin Hope stated the important question is “Do we want to control our own money”?
 - i. Gerry Ritz stated that there was a short fall of tax funds because of the reduction of taxes to the oil and gas sector. So far the short fall has been managed and hopefully will not be passed on to the hamlets.
 - j. Carol Deyenberg made a motion for the hamlet board to continue to pursue the possibility of amalgamation with Turtle View. John More seconded. Show of hands by registered voters...112 in favour, 1 opposed. Motion carried.
15. Sheldon made a motion for next annual meeting to be held on the 2025 May long weekend. Kevin Painter seconded. Carried.
16. Darrel Oracheski thanked Darryl Greening for his time on the board. Darrel adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm.