
Minutes of the Rural Municipality of Mervin #499 Regular Council Meeting

DATE: March 30th 2021

Delegations: 9:30 a.m. Kerry Robertson, Foreman

PRESENT: Reeve Gerry Ritz (conference call), Councillors: Jim Range (1), Lyle McKee (2), Gordon Spencer (3), Ron Gramlich (4), Dave Krywchuk (5), Victor Hamm (6), Administrators: Pat Guenther and Prab Lashar

Call to Order: Deputy Reeve Gramlich called the meeting to order at 9:09 am

Agenda: 134-21 SPENCER: That the agenda be accepted for reference.

CARRIED

Minutes: 135-21 RANGE: That the March 16th meeting minutes be adopted as circulated and read.

CARRIED

Conflict of interest: Pat Guenther declared a conflict of interest for the agenda item Bylaw request

Business:

Return to Work 136-21 KRYWCHUK: That we all approve seasonal and full time maintenance staff to return to 11-hour work days effective April 2021

CARRIED

Lyle Mckee joined council meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Primary Weights 137-21MCKEE: That we approve primary weights on the "Battery Road" as well as 400 Metres East on TWP 504 from Range Road 3210. Furthermore, that we follow Saskatchewan highways spring road restriction for these locations.

CARRIED

Tree Removal 138-21 HAMM: That we approve scenario 2 of the tree removal quote for \$4,700.00 for the right of way on SW 06-54-18-W3 and that they must follow the required permits.

CARRIED

Holly entered council chambers at 10:31 a.m.



Council Covid Setup	139-21	GRAMLICH: That we approved the purchase of 6 iPads, 1 android tablet, with 128 GB, with liquid screen protector, 3 keyboards, 3 mouse's, 7 stands, with and all set up with AJ Thakker as reviewed and discussed.	CARRIED
Staff Covid Setup	140-21	RITZ: That we buy four laptops for the staff as reviewed and discussed.	CARRIED
Pat Guenther declared a conflict of interest and left the council meeting at 1:11 p.m.			
General Elections	141-21	RANGE: That we have administration draft a general elections bylaw to allow for the disclosure of contributions and expenditures by election candidates during election campaigns.	CARRIED
Pat Guenther returned to the council meeting at 1:16 p.m.			
1:31 p.m. Dave Krywchuk left council meeting			
Budget 2021	142-21	HAMM: That we approve the draft budget as presented for 2021.	CARRIED
Hamlet			
Budget 2021	143-21	MCKEE: That we acknowledge and approve the Hamlet budgets as presented for 2021.	CARRIED
Swimming Lessons Requests			
	144-21	SPENCER: That we approve swimming lessons for SSVB July 12-16 Harley Phillips TLSB, Jaxson Milne, July 12-16, KOPP, Jaxson Milne July 19-23.	CARRIED
Hamlet Minutes			
	145-21	GRAMLICH: That council acknowledge and approve the minutes from the Hamlet of Sunset View Beach, March 18, 2021.	CARRIED
Special Levy Request	146-21	HAMM: That we approve the request from the Hamlet Board of Spruce Lake to have a special levy of 3.0 mills for 2021.	CARRIED

Special Levy
Request 147-21 RANGE: That we approve the request from the Hamlet Board of Livelong
To have a special levy of 6.0 mills for 2021.
CARRIED

Garbage Tags/
Pumpouts 148-21 RITZ: That council allow hamlets to provide their ratepayers a rebate of garbage
tags or pumpouts to a maximum of 5% of their total revenue from the previous
year.
CARRIED

2:37 p.m. Dave Krywchuk returns to council meeting

Erfle
Request 149-21 RANGE: That we deny the request to purchase municipal reserve block 1 plan
84B02764, from Garry and Dianne Erfle at Sunset View Beach as reviewed and
discussed.
CARRIED

Hamlet
Request 150-21 KRYWCHUK: That we approve the response requested by the Hamlet of
Sunset View Beach, as reviewed and discussed.
CARRIED

Horseshoe
Bay Request 151-21 GRAMLICH: That we approve the expansion to the playground to incorporate a
beach at Horseshoe Bay.
CARRIED

Aquatic
Habitat
Bossaer 152-21 SPENCER: That we approve the request from Louis Bossaer:
for the proposed weeping tile at Lot 7, Block 1 Pelican Shores
from the NE corner of Lot 7 through the environmental reserve in front of Lot
6 based on an Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit application made to the
Water Security Agency. Approval is granted based on the permit being approved
and that the applicant abides by the requirements of the Water Security Agency
as indicated in their approval.
CARRIED

SARM TLE
Financial
Statements 153-21 HAMM: That council acknowledge the 2020 SARM TLE Financial Statements
for the RM of Mervin, as presented by the Administrator. Furthermore, that we
continue to receive the percentage factor of 65% from the TLE fund managed by
SARM based on the information provided.



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CARRIED

TLE Interest 154-21 KRYWCHUK: That council authorize the Administrator to transfer from SARM \$10,260.00 interest to our account from the TLE account.

CARRIED

Delegation Policy 155-21 SPENCER: That we amend the delegation policy to allow only two delegations per council meeting with a maximum of 30 minutes allotted for each, which includes 15 minutes for a presentation and 15 minutes for discussion.

CARRIED

Agriculture In the Classroom 156-21 RITZ: That we retain our membership for 2021 at a cost of \$500.00 with the Agriculture in the classroom program as reviewed and discussed.

CARRIED

Strychnine 157-21 MCKEE: That we authorize administration to complete a mail drop mail drop for Strychnine indicating the purchasing limit of ½ case per person.

CARRIED

Forest Home Cemetery 158-21 RITZ: That council approved the request from the Forest Home Cemetery for \$1000.00 for cemetery maintenance.

CARRIED

Safe Restart Program 159-21 HAMM: That we authorize the administrator to transfer the Safe Restart grant of \$74,925.00 to a reserve fund, as reviewed and discussed.

CARRIED

Covid Sick Days 160-21 KRYWCHUK: That we return to staff their sick and holidays days for those that used them during a mandatory covid isolation effective January 1st 2020 as reviewed and discussed.

CARRIED

Financial Statement Consolidation 161-21 SPENCER: That we approve our auditor, Vantage Chartered Professional Accountants to consolidate the financial information into the RM of Mervin audited financial statement for the following inter municipal associations in which the RM of Mervin participates: Turtleford & District Fire Association, St Walburg & District Fire Association and

Northern Sask River Municipal Health Holdings (NSRMHH)

CARRIED

Dave Krywchuk leaves council meeting at 5:26 p.m.

RCMP

Minutes

162-21

SPENCER: That we acknowledge the minutes of the RCMP Community Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

Amend
Council
Procedures
Bylaw

163-21

MCKEE: That we amend the Council Procedures Bylaw to approve Holly Gabruck to call meetings in the event the Chief Administrative Officer is unable to call meetings.

CARRIED

Text2Car

164-21

RANGE: That we approve installing GPS from Text2Car in each of five RM maintenance vehicles as they are already installed in other RM equipment.

CARRIED

Correspondence

165-21

HAMM: That the list of correspondence as attached, be acknowledged and filed.

CARRIED

RMAA

Convention

166-21

MCKEE: That Prab Lashar attend the RMAA online Convention online on May 19 2021

CARRIED

Finance
Payable

167-21

MCKEE: That the accounts payable list being cheq # 22184 to cheq# 22205 in the amount of \$37,452.63 be approved and paid.

CARRIED

Adjourn

168-21

HAMM: That the meeting be adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

CARRIED


ADMINISTRATOR


REEVE