

**SUNSET VIEW BEACH HAMLET BOARD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2021**

Gerald Nickel introduced both hamlet and public utility board members: Jason Krueckl and Gerald Nickel representing the Hamlet Board; Sheldon Hood, Public Utility Board Chairman; Dustin Garrett, Board Member; Lorri Eskelson, Secretary-Treasurer and Rick Matthews, Plant Supervisor. Absent: Ron Gramlich, RM of Mervin Representative.

Gerald outlined some housekeeping items that included covid 19 protocols. Additionally, elections for both boards will be held at this meeting and ratepayers need to register at the entrance to the park to obtain ballots for both boards should a vote be necessary. Gerald thanked Ray and Sheryl Fenrich for their years of service to our community and wished them well in Battleford. He then turned the meeting over to Sheldon Hood, Public Utility Board Chairman for their AGM.

Gerald Nickel, Hamlet Board Chairman, called the SSVB Hamlet Board meeting to order at 9:53 a.m. following the Water Utility Board AGM. Kelly Nickel volunteered to take Hamlet Board minutes.

A copy of the 2019 AGM minutes was mailed out with the newsletter package. AGM attendees were asked to bring this mail out. The minutes have been approved by RM of Mervin council and we do not need a motion to adopt at this meeting.

Gerald's hamlet board report as presented:

- Review of roles/responsibilities of an organized hamlet board.
- Swimming lessons and dates for summer 2021 with Harley Phillips once again instructing
- Grading/graveling schedule and the importance of calcium chloride to maintain road condition
- New maintenance man, Myron Melnychuk is supervised by the hamlet board. Email the board if you see anything that needs attention. [ssvhamlet@gmail.com](mailto:ssvhamlet@gmail.com)
- Swim buoys, chain and additional weights have been ordered and are going in shortly.
- Sunset View Beach Turtle Lake Facebook page is used for announcements, sharing photos, and celebrating our community. Buy and Sell items should be posted on sites designed for that purpose.
- Shout out/thank you to the volunteers in our community who are always willing to lend a hand!
- Office/Library remains closed until we are advised we can reopen safely. Will need volunteers Wednesdays and Saturdays for a few hours when restrictions lift. Stay tuned.
- WYWRA yellow cardboard bin and LORAAS big red bin...signs posted if you are unsure what goes where.
- Three AED locations - north beach, hamlet office and south end by Neumann Crescent.
- Be responsible for your guests and their pets
- Pets need to be leashed and are not allowed in public areas or on the beaches. Clean up after your pet.

- Quiet times remain 11 pm to 8 am. Speak to your neighbours first to resolve if things get out of hand.
- Keep within your property lines with your belongings; do not encroach into laneways or cut down trees on hamlet property.
- Deadfall on vacant properties can be a fire hazard in dry years. Clean up your property.
- Drainage completed on Kenderdine Blvd North and is now moved on to area behind Kakwa/Kewatin Lane/Muskwa Lane (north) alley. Engineering report complete and now awaiting quotes from contractors.
- Future plans to place culverts on some driveways north of Kewatin Lane on Kenderdine Blvd N.
- RM has hired a Community Services Officer (CSO). Cost for position comes out of general revenue from the RM. This alleviates neighbours having to police neighbours.
- Budget approved by RM of Mervin. Actual expenditures for 2020 are included on the budget sheet. Major costs are hamlet maintenance, garbage, roads, and drainage. An additional \$50000 from reserves was brought forward for hamlet enhancements. Let's have a discussion on some ideas. With cost of building materials this year, we may want to hold off on some plans. (pickleball court, horseshoe pits, warm up shelter for a marina rink, adult fitness equipment at the park etc.) Thoughts?
- Jason Krueckl checked into Ecoplast Solutions, a Lloydminster company who make structures out of recycled bottles. An 8x10 warm up shelter on skids for our marina rink would be \$7900 tax included.
- We have an excellent working relationship with the RM of Mervin and hastily jumping ship to join the newly formed Resort Village of Turtle View needs careful consideration by our community weighing all advantages and disadvantages.
- Honorariums for Hamlet Board who administer one of the largest/busiest hamlets in the RM of Mervin. The administrative portion is a part time job (averaging 10 hours/week for chairman) from April to October and involves more than simply sitting at a meeting once a month.

## **BUSINESS ARISING/DISCUSSION POINTS**

G. Rozdilsky

Turtle Lake Watershed Authority notes a large increase in winter use on the lake as well as increased traffic on surrounding roads. TLWA is commissioning an anonymous survey regarding lake experiences. It is an information gathering/voluntary survey. There will also be more RCMP presence on/around the lake and in the hamlets.

J. Vinek

- Lots of work went into fighting bylaw 94-4 and thanks to committee members/volunteers.
- Attended PARCS convention; concern about overrepresentation of RM councillors being farmers and not lake oriented individuals.
- Budget actual vs. expenditures on our mail outs; long lists of expenditures not broken down categorically and volunteer board has to do this by hand for annual report. RM should assist with this. Far less time consuming with computer programs.

- Lean on the RM more for the 60% of our tax revenue that we do not see.
- Liability issue of skating rink at marina when some docks stay in year round

#### T. Dipple

- Issues with 'special interest groups' making the most noise representing 'everyone' as if we are all in support of their cause; the majority sit back and politely say nothing.
- Concerned with multiple RVs on one property (up to 6); no rental RVs clearly stated in bylaw; no permit policy in place for RVs; RVs cannot be 'taxed' per se so they pay minimal tax; multiple families enjoy the same amenities on one lot as those of us that own residences/cottages paying high property taxes for these amenities; we have always been zoned residential not 'campground.'

#### B. Turtle

- Need clarification on swimming lesson dates for the summer (report vs newsletter differ)
- Would like to see the use of email addresses distributed to community members to keep people informed. These email addresses have already been collected. A list for residents would be handy.
- Tom's facts not accurate; RV's can now be taxed.
- Honorariums – back when we were a resort village, we volunteered and only had our expenses covered.

#### D. Loehndorf

- RV owners occupying vacant lots are not paying their fair share of the tax base and yet enjoy the same amenities in our community. The inequity has become very clear.
- Cans/bottles/empties should not be placed in the red bin. Are there some kids who want to collect these for SARCAN? Can they be left somewhere other than the dumpster?

#### P. Hood

- Vehicles allowed on hamlet property in front of private property is a concern. Wording in the 2021 newsletter is incorrect.
- Honorariums - Importance of all of us looking after where we live. There are not as many problems in the winter months. Not in support of a monthly wage

#### L. Olm

- Honorariums - do you want to be a volunteer or do you want to be paid help?
- Budget – 60/40 split is not written in stone. We currently receive 40% of our tax revenue to run this community. What about \$100,000 for our water plant? Doesn't hurt to ask.

#### A Eskelson

- No problem with honorariums; your suggestion of \$9600 annually for three people is too much.
- \$500/year

#### J. Barnes

- Has experience sitting on many boards and recognizes the amount of work involved that people do not see.
- In support of an honorarium of a known amount
- In support of hiring someone to look after the administration side of the hamlet board given our size and knowing the amount of work that is involved to do it properly.

L. Eskelson

- Maintenance man (Myron), water plant supervisor (Rick), and secretary-treasurer of water board (Lorri) are paid positions. Everyone else should be volunteers otherwise it will change the dynamics of the community (did not elaborate).

N. Barnes

- As a marina association board member, Norm supports the concept of the marina warm up shelter and ice rink but will need to bring it forward to the association for approval before proceeding.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Gerald Nickel outlined the positions that were up for election on the Sunset View Beach Hamlet Board: Jason Krueckl has one year remaining on his term as board member.

Gerald announced that following ten years on the hamlet board/resort village board and four years on the public utility board, it is time to step down. Norm Barnes thanked Gerald for his service to the SSVB Community over the years.

**MOTION** Darryl Greening nominated for the three year position on SSVB Hamlet Board. Lorri Eskelson; seconded by Bill Turtle. Carried.

**MOTION** Dustin Garrett nominated for the four year position on SSVB Hamlet Board. Kelly Nickel; seconded by Sheldon Hood. Carried.

2021 AGM adjourned at 10:55 a.m.