

TOWN OF WATSON MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF WATSON IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN
HELD ON Thursday December 14, 2023 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
LOCATED AT 300 MAIN STREET.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Norma Weber
Councillors: G. Pastl, M. Brost, A. Friesen, L. Sobchyshyn
Via Zoom: J. Turchyn
Regrets: R. Paszt
Supervisor: Kelly Gerspacher
CAO: Lani Best

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, Mayor Weber called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm.

446/2023 **AGENDA: Sobchyshyn, Pastl**
 THAT the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried

Delegation 7:00 PM

Rosalie ven der Buhs from the Humboldt Alternate Measures Program (HAMP) presented an over view of the program and it's connection to Watson.
Rosalie left the meeting at 7:15

447/2023 **Supervisor Report: Friesen, Brost**
 THAT Council accept the verbal report as given by the Supervisor. CARRIED

448/2023 **ADM Engine: Pastl, Brost**
 THAT Council acknowledge the preparations required for the ADM Train Engine. CARRIED

449/2023 **Snow Bucket: Sobchyshyn, Friesen**
 THAT Council approve the construction and purchase of a snow bucket for our loader. CARRIED

450/2023 **ASSISTANT Supervisor's REPORT: Brost, Friesen**
 THAT the assistant supervisor's written report be accepted as presented and filed respectively. CARRIED

451/2023 **WATER REPORT: Brost, Pastl**
 THAT the water reports be accepted as presented and filed respectively. CARRIED

452/2023 **Minutes: Brost, Sobchyshyn**
 That the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 8, 2023 be adopted as presented.

- CARRIED
- 453/2023** **FINANCIAL STATEMENT/BANK REC: Pastl, Brost**
 THAT Council acknowledge the November 2023 Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliations for the Max 2, and Recreation Fund accounts as presented and filed respectively.
- CARRIED
- 454/2023** **Bills to be Paid: Turchyn, Sobchyshyn**
 That the list of accounts for payment totalling \$71,692.23 paid by Cheques No. 30929 to 30956, and online payments No. 635 to 644, Payroll totalling \$33,533.00 be approved.
- CARRIED
- 455/2023** **Bad Debt: Pastl, Turchyn**
 THAT Council approve writing off the bad debt and maintaining a register for future reference.
- CARRIED
- 456/2023** **Christmas Lights: Sobchyshyn, Brost**
 THAT Council approve purchasing bulbs and cords in preparation for next year up to \$1100.00.
- CARRIED
- 457/2023** **Staff Gifts: Pastl, Brost**
 THAT Council approve the purchase of \$100.00 gift cards each for current staff.
- CARRIED
- 458/2023** **Survey Prizes: Brost, Friesen**
 THAT Council approve the purchase of 3 \$100 gift cards for the survey winners, and invoice the Village of Englefeld and Casa Boldt for one each.
- CARRIED
- 459/2023** **BHP: Pastl, Brost**
 THAT Council approve the signing of the MOU and Terms of Reference as presented for the "Coalition 90" partnership initiated by BHP.
- CARRIED
- 460/2023** **GoDaddy Website Host: Brost, Friesen**
 THAT Council approve the purchase of the www.townofwatson.ca domain name in addition to the one we use currently, www.townofwatson.com.
- CARRIED
- 461/2023** **Appoint Auditor: Turchyn, Sobchyshyn**
 THAT council appoint HSA as the auditor for the 2023 year.
- CARRIED
- 462/2023** **Audit Requirements: Pastl, Sobchyshyn**
 THAT Council acknowledge the new audit requirements for asset retirement.
- CARRIED
- 463/2023** **Arena Signing Authority: Pastl, Sobchyshyn**
 THAT council appoint signing authority for the arena accounts as follows: any two of Kim Mitchell, Norma Weber, Melissa Chegus or Lani Best.
- CARRIED

- 464/2023 **Arena Pest Control: Sobchyshyn, Turchyn**
 THAT council ask Kim what Pest Control is in effect at the arena and if monthly pest control would be a benefit for the Arena.
 CARRIED
- 465/2023 **Safe Communities: Friesen, Brost**
 That council approve maintaining our membership with a \$100.00 donation for the 2024 calendar year.
 CARRIED
- 466/2023 **Prayer Breakfast: Pastl, Friesen**
 THAT Council approve Norma attending the Prayer Breakfast in Regina in April.
 CARRIED
- 467/2023 **Fire Hall: Brost, Sobchyshyn**
 THAT Council pursue funding and planning to purchase OK Tire as a new Fire Hall.
 CARRIED
- 468/2023 **Fire Wages: Sobchyshyn, Pastl**
 THAT Council acknowledge payment of the 2023 Fire Wages.
 CARRIED
- 469/2023 **Council Remuneration: Turchyn, Friesen**
 THAT Council acknowledge payment of the 2023 July – December council remuneration.
 CARRIED
- 470/2023 **Civic Center Drawings: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**
 THAT Council seek quotes on drawings for a civic center expansion and/or a new building.
 CARRIED
- 471/2023 **Expropriation: Turchyn, Pastl**
 THAT Council acknowledge the possible need for legal assistance in expropriation or tax enforcement on properties in Watson.
 CARRIED
- 472/2023 **Lot Offer: Sobchyshyn, Brost**
 THAT Council contact Nordick and offer the first right of refusal on the lot, and accept the offer to purchase from Goddard, conditional on meeting our building requirements for this or an alternate lot if Nordick decides to go ahead with building in our timelines.
 CARRIED
- 473/2023 **Beaver Dam Removal: Pastl, Turchyn**
 THAT Council acknowledge that there may be some cost associated with the beaver dam removal pending the RM of Spalding’s grant application with the WSA.
 CARRIED
- 474/2023 **Board of Revision: Sobchyshyn, Brost**
 THAT Council appoint the EQWL Regional Board of Revision, and Judy Schmid as secretary for our 2024 Assessment.
 CARRIED
- 475/2023 **Future Land Use Map: Brost Sobchyshyn**
 THAT Council approve the future land use map with the discussed amendments.
 CARRIED

- 476/2023** **2024 Swag budget: Friesen, Brost**
THAT Council approve a budget for “swag” for our welcome to Watson packages and local events in the amount of \$1000.00.
CARRIED
- 477/2023** **Arena Budget: Pastl, Turchyn**
THAT Council approve the 2024 Arena Budget as presented.
CARRIED
- 478/2023** **Mill Rate: Friesen, Brost**
THAT Council approve the 2024 Mill rate, and present the bylaw for same in the January Meeting.
CARRIED
- Council went in Camera at 9:45 and Best left the room
9:50 Best returned to the room, and Brost left
Council came out of Camera at 9:55 and Brost returned to the room.**
- 479/2023** **Wages: Pastl, Friesen**
THAT Council repeal resolution 432/2023.
CARRIED
- 480/2023** **Wages: Pastl, Friesen**
THAT Council approve the increase in wages for Kim Mitchell and Chase Nordick as recorded in the attached schedule.
CARRIED
- 481/2023** **2024 Budget: Brost, Turchyn**
THAT Council approve the 2024 budget as amended.
CARRIED
- 482/2023** **Reports: Pastl, Brost**
THAT Council acknowledge the verbal reports as presented, and the written Facilities Manager Report.
CARRIED
- 483/2023** **Written Reports: Friesen, Brost**
THAT Council acknowledge the written reports on the Library and OCP.
CARRIED
- 484/2023** **MAYOR’S REPORT: Friesen, Brost**
THAT the Mayor’s verbal report be acknowledged as presented.
CARRIED
- 485/2023** **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Pastl, Turchyn**
THAT the Administrator’s written report be acknowledged as presented and filed respectively.
CARRIED
- 486/2023** **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 19: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**
THAT Bylaw No. 2023-19 being a Bylaw to provide for Waste Disposal be given a second reading.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 487/2023** **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 19: Pastl, Turchyn**
THAT Bylaw No. 2023-19 being a Bylaw to provide for taxes have a third reading at this meeting.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 488/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 19: Pastl, Friesen**
 THAT council pass Bylaw 2023-19 at this meeting by reading it for a third time.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 489/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 20: Brost, Pastl**
 THAT Bylaw No. 2023-20 being a Bylaw to repeal a bylaw be given a First reading.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 490/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 20: Sobchyshyn, Pastl**
 THAT Bylaw No. 2023-20 being a Bylaw to repeal a bylaw be given a second reading.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 491/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 20: Brost, Turchyn**
 THAT Bylaw No. 2023-20 being a Bylaw to repeal a bylaw have a third reading at this meeting.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 492/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 20: Pastl, Friesen**
 THAT council pass Bylaw 2023-20 at this meeting by reading it for a third time.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 493/2023 **PME Policy: Sobchyshyn, Friesen**
 THAT Council approve the PME Policy and attached operator competency checklist as presented.
 CARRIED
- 494/2023 **Correspondence: Turchyn, Brost**
 THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence as presented, and request additional information from Imperial Oil again.
 CARRIED
- 495/2023 **ADJOURN: Pastl**
 THAT we adjourn the meeting at 10:55 pm.
 CARRIED

MAYOR *Norma Weber*

ADMINISTRATOR *Janis Bgt.*