

TOWN OF WATSON MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF WATSON IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN
HELD ON Wednesday February 8, 2023 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
LOCATED AT 300 MAIN STREET.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Norma Weber
Councillors: A. Friesen, G. Pastl, M. Brost, L. Sobchyshyn
Via Zoom: J. Turchyn
Regrets: R. Paszt
Utility: James Dominey
Transportation: Lloyd ven der Buhs
Administrator: Lani Best

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, Mayor Weber called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

- 33/2023** **AGENDA: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried
- 7:00 PM** **Finning Cat Delegation – Rod Serhan**
- 7:15 PM** **Wildlife Federation Delegation – Trevor Athmer & Rick Haussecker**
- 34/2023** **Finning Cat: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**
THAT Council acknowledge the additional year of warranty and pail of hydraulic oil to be supplied free of charge by Tisdale Finning Cat.
CARRIED
- 35/2023** **Wildlife Federation: Pastl, Brost**
THAT while Council is in favor of a trout pond we will schedule a public meeting to get more feedback from the public on March 15, 2023 before approving the development of a trout pond in Mel Molle Park.
CARRIED
- 36/2023** **FOREMAN REPORT: Friesen, Pastl**
THAT the Foreman’s written report be accepted as presented and filed respectively.
CARRIED
- 37/2023** **ASSISTANT FOREMAN’S REPORT: Brost, Turchyn**
THAT the assistant foreman’s written report be accepted as presented and filed respectively.
CARRIED
- 38/2023** **WATER REPORT: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**
THAT the water reports be accepted as presented and filed respectively.
CARRIED

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- 39/2023** **Annual Notice to consumers Water Use Reports: Pastl, Sobchyshyn**
 THAT the annual water reporting be acknowledged as presented. CARRIED
- 40/2023** **Minutes: Brost, Turchyn**
 That the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2023 be adopted as presented. CARRIED
- 41/2023** **FINANCIAL STATEMENT/BANK REC: Sobchyshyn, Brost**
 THAT Council acknowledge the January 2023 Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliations for the Max 2, Recreation Fund, and the Investment Savings account as presented and filed respectively. CARRIED
- 42/2023** **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Pastl, Turchyn**
 That the list of accounts for payment totalling \$116,990.13 paid by Cheques No. 30576 to 30602, and online payments No. 539 to 547, Payroll totalling \$21,161.00 be approved. CARRIED
- 43/2023** **SUMA Convention: Sobchyshyn, Brost**
 THAT Council acknowledge the 2023 SUMA convention. CARRIED
- 44/2023** **Cat's Creamery: Friesen, Brost**
 THAT council approve the 100% abatement of Cat's Creamery's 2022 taxes for new commercial development. CARRIED
- 45/2023** **Canadian Organic Lot Consolidation: Brost, Pastl**
 THAT council approve the consolidation of Canadian Organic's Commercial lots on Main Street. CARRIED
- 46/2023** **Advertise List of Arrears: Turchyn, Sobchyshyn**
 That council approve the Advertising the list of arrears for 2022 with a threshold of \$1000.00, unless the taxes are continually in arrears they will be advertised regardless of tax balance threshold. CARRIED
- 47/2023** **2023 Commercial Development Abatements: Pastl, Brost**
 THAT council approve the following commercial property abatements;
- | Tax Year | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cat's Creamery | 60% | 20% | 0 |
| Aspen Flooring | 100% | 60% | 20% |
| James Rutko | 100% | 60% | 20% |
- CARRIED
- 48/2023** **Encroachment Agreement: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**
 THAT Council approve the encroachment agreement for the garage encroachment on Gallant's property as presented. CARRIED

- 49/2023** **Sask Health Authority: Brost, Pastl**
That Council invite Cassandra Martin to our next meeting to give a presentation on implementing new harm reduction initiatives in our area.
CARRIED
- 50/2023** **Fishing Lake Tour: Brost, Turchyn**
THAT Council acknowledge Norma Weber will attend the Fishing Lake Tour and offer our support.
CARRIED
- 51/2023** **SGI: Sobchyshyn, Pastl**
That council acknowledge the SGI Risk Evaluation and address any issues in our public facilities.
CARRIED
- 52/2023** **Electronic Notification: Brost, Turchyn**
That council approve electronic notifications by signing the electronic notification agreement form.
CARRIED
- 53/2023** **Fire Department: Friesen, Brost**
THAT council approve adding on to the fire hall to accommodate a new cube van which may be larger than our current.
CARRIED
- 54/2023** **HSA Audit Planning: Pastl, Sobchyshyn**
THAT Council acknowledge the HSA Audit Planning Schedule.
CARRIED
- 55/2023** **Participaction Grant: Brost, Sobchyshyn**
THAT council approve the purchase of disc golf baskets and Frisbees with the Town of Watson logo if awarded the grant from Sask Parks.
CARRIED
- 56/2023** **Ed Weber Decorations: Sobchyshyn, Brost**
THAT Council acknowledge that Ed Weber builds Christmas decorations.
CARRIED
- 57/2023** **Municode: Friesen, Brost**
THAT Council appoint Municode building inspectors for commercial buildings.
CARRIED
- 58/2023** **2023 Budget: Friesen, Brost**
THAT council approve the 2023 budget as presented.
CARRIED
- 59/2023** **Positive Ticket Books: Brost, Pastl**
THAT Council approve the purchase of positive ticket books.
CARRIED
- 60/2023** **Controlled Corporation: Sobchyshyn, Brost**
THAT Council approve getting advise from legal on setting up a regional good neighbor store.
CARRIED

- 61/2023 **Snow & Ice Policy: Brost, Sobchyshyn**
THAT Council approve the revision of the current policy into a bylaw to be presented at our next meeting.
CARRIED
- 62/2023 **Minute Taking Training: Friesen, Brost**
THAT Council approve the minute taking training by any community group that would benefit from attending.
CARRIED
- 63/2023 **Tiny Homes: Pastl, Turchyn**
THAT Council acknowledge they will approve tiny homes being constructed in Watson but each home must conform to Canadian building standards, local bylaws and policies, be connected to municipal water and sewer, and location must be pre-approved by council.
CARRIED
- 64/2023 **Affinity Credit Union: Brost, Friesen**
THAT council approve the 2023 banking agreement as presented by Affinity Credit Union.
CARRIED
- 65/2023 **Library Report: Sobchyshyn, Friesen**
THAT Council acknowledge the written Library report as presented and it be filed respectively.
CARRIED
- 66/2023 **Reports: Sobchyshyn, Turchyn**
THAT Council acknowledge the verbal reports as presented.
CARRIED
- 67/2023 **MAYOR'S REPORT: Sobchyshyn, Brost**
THAT the Mayor's verbal report be acknowledged as presented.
CARRIED
- 68/2023 **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Turchyn, Sobchyshyn**
THAT the Administrator's written report be acknowledged as presented and filed respectively.
CARRIED
- 69/2023 **March Meeting: Sobchyshyn, Turchyn**
THAT Council schedule the next regular meeting of council for March 22, 2023.
CARRIED
- 70/2023 **Best Vacation: Pastl, Brost**
THAT council approve Lani's vacation from March 3 to March 14 2023.
CARRIED
- 71/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 02: Brost, Pastl**
THAT Bylaw No. 2023-02 being a Bylaw to establish a fire department be given a Second reading.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 72/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 02: Turchyn, Friesen**
THAT Bylaw No. 2023-02 being a Bylaw to establish a fire department have a third reading at this meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 72/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 02: Sobchyshyn, Brost**
 THAT council pass Bylaw 2023-02 at this meeting by reading it for a third time.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 73/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 01: Brost, Turchyn**
 THAT Bylaw No. 2023-01 being a Bylaw to provide for borrowing to purchase a
 grader be given a Second reading.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 74/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 01: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**
 THAT Bylaw No. 2023-01 being a Bylaw to provide borrowing to purchase a grader
 have a third reading at this meeting.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 75/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 01: Pastl, Turchyn**
 THAT council pass Bylaw 2023-01 at this meeting by reading it for a third time.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 76/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 03: Brost, Friesen**
 THAT Bylaw No. 2023-01 being a Bylaw to provide taxes be given a First reading.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 77/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 03: Pastl, Turchyn**
 THAT Bylaw No. 2023-03 being a Bylaw to provide for taxes be given a second
 reading.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 78/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 03: Sobchyshyn, Brost**
 THAT Bylaw No. 2023-03 being a Bylaw to provide for taxes have a third reading at
 this meeting.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 79/2023 **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 03: Friesen, Pastl**
 THAT council pass Bylaw 2023-03 at this meeting by reading it for a third time.
 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 80/2023 **Correspondence: Pastl, Sobchyshyn**
 THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence as presented.
 CARRIED
- 81/2023 **ADJOURN: Brost**
 THAT we adjourn the meeting at 10:20 pm.
 CARRIED

MAYOR *Norma DeSena*

ADMINISTRATOR *[Signature]*