

**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 March 22, 2023 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
LOCATED AT 300 MAIN STREET.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Norma Weber

Councillors: A. Friesen, G. Pastl, M. Brost, L. Sobchyshyn, J. Turchyn

Via Zoom: 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 7:00 pm.

**82/2023**

**AGENDA: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried

**7:00 PM**

**Sask Health Authority – Kassandra Martin**

**83/2023**

**Sask Health Authority: Pastl, Turchyn**

THAT Council acknowledge the information presented on harm reduction and look into having a safe needle drop box in Watson.

CARRIED

**84/2023**

**FOREMAN REPORT: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**

THAT the Foreman's written report be accepted as presented and filed respectively.

CARRIED

**85/2023**

**ASSISTANT FOREMAN'S REPORT: Friesen, Brost**

THAT the assistant foreman's written report be accepted as presented and filed respectively.

CARRIED

**86/2023**

**WATER REPORT: Sobchyshyn, Turchyn**

THAT the water reports be accepted as presented and filed respectively.

CARRIED

**87/2023**

**Minutes: Brost, Pastl**

That the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 8, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**88/2023**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT/BANK REC: Sobchyshyn, Brost**

THAT Council acknowledge the February 2023 Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliations for the Max 2, Recreation Fund, and the Investment Savings account as presented and filed respectively.

CARRIED

- 89/2023**      **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Pastl, Turchyn**  
That the list of accounts for payment totalling \$85,646.84 paid by Cheques No. 30603 to 30635, and online payments No. 548 to 556, Payroll totalling \$15,805.00 be approved. CARRIED
- 90/2023**      **2023 Abatements: Brost, Turchyn**  
THAT Council approve the list of abatements for 2023 as presented. CARRIED
- 91/2023**      **Next Meeting: Friesen, Pastl**  
THAT council approve the next regular meeting of council date of April 5, 2023. CARRIED
- 92/2023**      **Fire Extinguisher Quotes: Friesen, Paszt**  
THAT council approve the quote from Humboldt Fire Extinguisher Service for 2023. CARRIED
- 93/2023**      **Homefield: Turchyn, Sobchyshyn**  
That council acknowledge the Team Development Proposal and the services Homefield can provide for the Town of Watson in the future. CARRIED
- 94/2023**      **UMAAS Convention: Friesen, Brost**  
THAT council approve Lani to attend the 2023 convention in June. CARRIED
- 95/2023**      **SAMA AGM: Pastl, Brost**  
THAT Council acknowledge the SAMA AGM April 5 in Regina. CARRIED
- 96/2023**      **Insurance Renewal: Sobchyshyn, Paszt**  
That Council have our insurance reviewed as is and then review the difference in the cost to increase the coverage on the civic center. CARRIED
- 97/2023**      **Chamber of Commerce: Pastl, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council provide use of the civic center for spring into Watson free of charge. CARRIED

**Jeff Turchyn Declared Interest and left the room at 9:00 PM**

- 98/2023**      **Turchyn Driveway: Sobchyshyn, Pastl**  
That council approve the removal of curb under the direction of the Town Foreman, at the home owners expense, and if the curb is to be replaced in the future it would be at the home owners expense again. CARRIED

**Jeff Turchyn Returned to the meeting at 9:10 PM**

- 99/2023**      **SCGA Membership: Pastl, Turchyn**  
That council acknowledge the opportunity to purchase memberships with Saskatchewan Common Ground Alliance. CARRIED

- 100/2023 **FCM Membership: Brost, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT council approve the 2023 membership with FCM. CARRIED
- 101/2023 **Municipal System Review: Brost, Pastl**  
THAT Council approve scheduling a review with Munisoft in our next budget year. CARRIED
- 102/2023 **2023 Commissionaires: Sobchyshyn, Paszt**  
THAT council approve the 2023 contract with Commissionaires for bylaw enforcement. CARRIED
- 103/2023 **Adobe Acrobat Pro: Friesen, Pastl**  
THAT Council acknowledge looking into adobe acrobat pro for the office. CARRIED
- 104/2023 **Otsig Lease: Friesen, Turchyn**  
THAT Council approve the renewal of the Otsig lease with the same terms. CARRIED
- 105/2023 **Trout Pond: Friesen, Brost**  
THAT council approve the construction of a Trout Pond in the North end Mel Molle park by the Watson/LeRoy Wildlife Federation. CARRIED
- 106/2023 **Hudson Energy: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council acknowledge the energy program with Hudson Energy but as their rates are higher than what we are paying now the risk of just paying more is too high. CARRIED
- 107/2023 **Comeau Property: Sobchyshyn, Paszt**  
THAT Council approve getting a tender to tear down the house. CARRIED
- 108/2023 **REACT: Pastl, Brost**  
THAT Council approve the rental of the curbside garbage bins rather than purchasing. CARRIED
- 109/2023 **Audit: Brost, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council ask HSA to present the audit at our next meeting when it is completed. CARRIED
- 110/2023 **Land Values: Brost, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council approve the land value of \$35,000 per acre. CARRIED
- 111/2023 **Access Communications: Paszt, Friesen**  
THAT council approve providing Access Communications free advertising in exchange for internet services at the arena and forward this the Facilities Manager. CARRIED
- 112/2023 **Library Report: Pastl, Paszt**  
THAT Council acknowledge the written Library report as presented and it be filed respectively. CARRIED

- 113/2023     **Reports: Pastl, Turchyn**  
 THAT Council acknowledge the verbal reports as presented and schedule a Team Development Meeting for Monday.  
CARRIED
- 114/2023     **MAYOR’S REPORT: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
 THAT the Mayor’s verbal report be acknowledged as presented.  
CARRIED
- 115/2023     **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Sobchyshyn, Turchyn**  
 THAT the Administrator’s written report be acknowledged as presented and filed respectively.  
CARRIED
- 116/2023     **Working Alone Policy: Turchyn, Pastl**  
 THAT Council approve the working alone policy as presented.  
CARRIED
- 117/2023     **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 04: Brost, Pastl**  
 THAT Bylaw No. 2023-04 being a Bylaw to provide for unclaimed personal property be given a First reading.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 118/2023     **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 04: Paszt, Friesen**  
 THAT Bylaw No. 2023-04 being a Bylaw to provide for unclaimed personal property be given a Second reading.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 119/2023     **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 04: Brost, Pastl**  
 THAT Bylaw No. 2023-04 being a Bylaw to provide for unclaimed personal property be given a third reading at this meeting.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 120/2023     **BYLAW NO. 2023 – 04: Brost, Pastl**  
 THAT council pass Bylaw 2023-04 at this meeting by reading it for a third time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 121/2023     **Table Items: Pastl, Sobchyshyn**  
 THAT Council table the remaining agenda items until our April 5, 2023 meeting due to time restraints.  
CARRIED
- 122/2023     **ADJOURN: Pastl**  
 THAT we adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm.  
CARRIED

MAYOR *Regina Weber*  
 ADMINISTRATOR *Danielle*