**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](http://www.townofwatson.ca) domain name in addition to the one we use currently, [www.townofwatson.com](http://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, Sobhcyshyn**

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 9:55and 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

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