

**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 June 12, 2024 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
LOCATED AT 300 MAIN STREET.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Norma Weber

Councillors: A. Friesen, R. Paszt, J. Turchyn, M. Brost, G. Pastl

Via Zoom: L. Sobchyshyn

Supervisor: Kelly Gerspacher

Public Works: James Dominey

CAO: Lani Best

Delegation: Faith Buhs (7PM – 7:15PM)

Observing: Glenn McKenna (6:55PM – 9:15PM)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**189/2024**

**AGENDA: Turchyn, Pastl**

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

**7:00-7:15**

**Delegation: Faith Buhs offered her assistance in working with the Town and BHP to offer daycare expansion, school expansions and a recreation complex. Council acknowledges the benefits of Faith starting work with the Daycare to help realize their expansion.**

**190/2024**

**Supervisor's REPORT: Sobchyshyn, Friesen**

THAT the supervisor's verbal report be accepted as presented and filed respectively.

CARRIED

**191/2024**

**ASSISTANT Supervisor's REPORT: Friesen, Pastl**

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

CARRIED

**192/2024**

**WATER REPORT: Brost, Turchyn**

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

CARRIED

**193/2024**

**Lagoon Release Reports: Paszt, Brost**

THAT Council acknowledge the lagoon release reports as presented.

CARRIED

**194/2024**

**Minutes: Sobchyshyn, Turchyn**

That the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 15, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- 195/2024**      **FINANCIAL STATEMENT/BANK REC: Paszt, Brost**  
THAT Council acknowledge the May 2024 Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliations for the Max 2, and Recreation Fund accounts as presented and filed respectively, acknowledging that the Max 2 bank rec still needs to be reconciled.  
CARRIED
- 196/2024**      **Cemetery Fund Statement: Pastl, Turchyn**  
THAT Council acknowledge the 2023 Cemetery Fund Statement as presented.  
CARRIED
- 197/2024**      **Bills to be Paid: Brost, Friesen**  
That the list of accounts for payment totalling \$116,325.61 paid by Cheques No. 31112 to 31141, Max 1 Cheques NO. 47-48 and online payments No. 692 to 698, Payroll totalling \$34,447.19 be approved.  
CARRIED
- 198/2024**      **Fire Hall: Brost, Pastl**  
THAT Council approve signing the financing of the loan to purchase the new fire hall with the addition of taxes and grants as additional collateral as the value of the building came in low.  
CARRIED
- 199/2024**      **Change Emails: Friesen, Turchyn**  
THAT Council approve new email addresses for the office pending pricing and funds available.  
CARRIED
- 200/2024**      **Lot Listing: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council approve listing a lot with Pauline Sunderland to pre sell the modular home to be sold by Paul Zacharais, acknowledging we will retain ownership of the lot until there is a confirmed sale.  
CARRIED
- 201/2024**      **Garage Requirement: Friesen, Pastl**  
THAT Council will allow the modular home to qualify for our development incentives without a garage being built.  
CARRIED
- 202/2024**      **Water/Sewer Line New builds: Brost, Sobchyshyn**  
That council approve paying for a new connection from the main line to the property line, the new property owner is responsible for the cost to connect from the property line into their house.  
CARRIED
- 203/2024**      **Lot Purchase - Hurion: Turchyn, Brost**  
THAT Council advise Hurion's that their proposal for the lot build exceeds our building bylaw timelines.  
CARRIED

- 204/2024 **ADM Train Engine: Pastl, Paszt**  
THAT council advise ADM that we will not be moving the train engine into Watson.  
CARRIED
- 205/2024 **Hummingbird Energy: Friesen, Pastl**  
THAT Council acknowledge Hummingbird Energy's proposal for grant writing to improve energy efficiency in our municipal buildings, and we will review when budget permits.  
CARRIED
- 206/2024 **Connect Energy: Pastl, Brost**  
THAT council acknowledge Connect Energy's proposal to provide energy billing.  
CARRIED
- 207/2024 **Abatement: Paszt, Friesen**  
THAT council approve abating \$600 of the base tax from Roll #450.  
CARRIED
- 208/2024 **Lot Purchase - Gerspacher: Brost, Friesen**  
That council approve the sale of three commercial lots to Christopher Gerspacher based on his proposed plan to build an automotive repair shop.  
CARRIED
- 209/2024 **LaPlume: Turchyn, Paszt**  
THAT Council offer the removal of Amanda LaPlume's sidewalk for the cost of the equipment and manhours when we are removing other sidewalks.  
CARRIED
- 210/2024 **Reports: Turchyn, Pastl**  
THAT Council acknowledge the verbal reports as presented.  
CARRIED
- 211/2024 **Melfort MLA Meeting: Brost, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council acknowledge the Melfort Meeting verbal reports as presented.  
CARRIED
- 212/2024 **MAYOR'S REPORT: Paszt, Friesen**  
THAT the Mayor's verbal report be acknowledged as presented.  
CARRIED
- 213/2024 **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Friesen, Pastl**  
THAT the Administrator's written report be acknowledged as presented and filed respectively.  
CARRIED
- 214/2024 **Bylaw 2024-04: Paszt, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Bylaw No. 2024-04 being a Bylaw to provide for Water and Sewer be given a First reading.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 215/2024 **King's Kafe: Pastl, Friesen**  
THAT Council approve adjusting King's Kafe water bill to follow our bylaw and policy and procedures.  
CARRIED

**216/2024**      **Water & Sewer Policy & Procedure: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council acknowledge the water and sewer policy and procedure to be reviewed and amended to ensure that it also aligns with our bylaw.

CARRIED

**Guest Glenn Mckenna left the meeting at 9:15 PM**

**217/2024**      **Chainsaw PPE Policy: Paszt, Pastl**  
THAT Council approve the new chainsaw PPE Policy as presented.

CARRIED

**218/2024**      **VISA/MC Service Charge: Paszt, Brost**  
THAT Council approve accepting VISA/MC payment with a service charge equivalent to our cost, and advise our residents of such and implement the policy after we have provided adequate public notice.

CARRIED

**219/2024**      **Correspondence: Paszt, Pastl**  
THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence as presented, including the OHS visit review.

CARRIED

**THAT COUNCIL ENTER IN CAMERA SESSION AT 9:30 PM**  
**THAT COUNCIL EXIT IN CAMERA SESSION AT 10:00 PM**

**220/2024**      **Next Meeting: Friesen, Paszt**  
THAT Council set our next meeting date to be July 10, 2024.

CARRIED

**221/2024**      **ADJOURN: Pastl**  
THAT we adjourn the meeting at 10:05 PM.

CARRIED

MAYOR *Norma Weber*

ADMINISTRATOR *Janice*