

**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 May 15, 2024 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
LOCATED AT 300 MAIN STREET.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Norma Weber  
Councillors: A. Friesen, R. Paszt, L. Sobchyshyn  
Via Zoom: J. Turchyn  
Regrets: G. Pastl, M. Brost  
Public Works: James Dominey  
CAO: Lani Best

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum being present, Mayor Weber called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**153/2024**      **AGENDA: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

**Councilor Turchyn declared interest on item D. 14 Lot Purchase and will leave the meeting for that discussion.**

**154/2024**      **ASSISTANT Supervisor's REPORT: Paszt, Friesen**  
THAT the assistant supervisor's written report be accepted as presented and filed respectively.

CARRIED

**155/2024**      **WATER REPORT: Sobchyshyn, Turchyn**  
THAT the water reports be accepted as presented and filed respectively.

CARRIED

**156/2024**      **FPS Sewer Line: Sobchyshyn, Paszt**  
THAT Council acknowledge service line connection at Dusty Roads was the most likely cause of the issues, and it has been repaired by TSL.

CARRIED

**157/2024**      **Schoettler Sewer Line: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council approve digging up the service connection for the sewer line at Jeannette Schoettler residence.

CARRIED

**158/2024**      **Minutes: Paszt, Turchyn**  
That the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 8, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- 159/2024**      **FINANCIAL STATEMENT/BANK REC: Sobchyshyn, Friesen**  
THAT Council acknowledge the April 2024 Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliations for the Max 2, and Recreation Fund accounts as presented and filed respectively.  
CARRIED
- 160/2024**      **Bills to be Paid: Friesen, Paszt**  
That the list of accounts for payment totalling \$117,050.78 paid by Cheques No. 31071 to 31111, and online payments No. 680 to 691, Payroll totalling \$30,929.31 be approved.  
CARRIED
- 161/2024**      **Civic Center/Pfeisl Fense: Sobchyshyn, Friesen**  
THAT Council approve sharing the expense for repairing the fence between Pfneisl property and the Civic Center.  
CARRIED
- 162/2024**      **Co-op Sidewalk/Apron: Turchyn, Friesen**  
THAT Council approve the replacement of the sidewalk by Midway Co-op Parking lot and doing the apron work for the entrance and billing Midway Co-op for the additional labor and cement.  
CARRIED
- 163/2024**      **Step Ladder: Friesen, Paszt**  
THAT Council acknowledge the availability of a 16 foot step ladder but have no need to purchase such.  
CARRIED
- 164/2024**      **Projector Screen: Sobchyshyn, Turchyn**  
THAT Council approve the purchase of a tripod projector screen for \$50.00 from Murray Radoux.  
CARRIED
- 165/2024**      **Lot Purchase - Smith: Paszt, Sobchyshyn**  
That council acknowledge Smith's interest in purchasing the lot beside them for building a garage, and advise him if he is unable to purchase the other lot from Gerald Pfneisl. Approval of the lot sale would be pending his building submission and building permit application.  
CARRIED

**Councilor Turchyn declared interest and left the meeting. 8:15**

- 166/2024**      **Lot Purchase - Turchyn: Paszt, Friesen**  
THAT Council accept Turchyn's offer to purchase Lot 5 Block 15 Plan 101967071 for \$3000.00 without tax concession, based on the building they have presented to build. Council will hold the lot until Turchyn's are ready to apply for a building permit, and at that point will complete the sale.  
CARRIED

**Councilor Turchyn returned to the meeting at 8:30**

- 167/2024**      **Lot Purchase - Hurion: Sobchyshyn, Paszt**  
 THAT council approve the sale of lot 20 Block 6 Plan F4030 to Hurion's for \$1500.00 with no tax concessions pending submission of building plans for the garage which must at minimum be serviced with power, and the agreement to consolidate the two lots into one at their cost.  
 CARRIED
- 168/2024**      **Administrator Bond: Friesen, Turchyn**  
 THAT Council acknowledge the administrator's bond as presented.  
 CARRIED
- 169/2024**      **George Cuff: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
 THAT council approve the booking of George Cuff for a one day council orientation that will be opened up to other municipalities to participate in.  
 CARRIED
- 170/2024**      **Insituform: Friesen, Turchyn**  
 THAT council approve adding sewer lining to our 2025 budget and get estimates for starting on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Main Street N and Cameron Crescent.  
 CARRIED
- 171/2024**      **Beautification: Sobchyshyn, Friesen**  
 That council approve increasing our beautification budget for 2025 and develop a plan for main street and piccadilly square.  
 CARRIED
- 172/2024**      **Municode Building Officials: Paszt, Friesen**  
 THAT Council approve the changes to Municode's building inspectors for 2024, and attach the list to these minutes.  
 CARRIED
- 173/2024**      **Building Permit Applications: Friesen, Turchyn**  
 THAT Council approve changing the format of our building permit applications.  
 CARRIED
- 174/2024**      **Walking Path: Paszt, Turchyn**  
 THAT Council approve the walking path around Mel Molle park, acknowledging that the Rec Fund will pay for gravel, and that moving forward the Town will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep.  
 CARRIED
- 175/2024**      **2023 Audit: Friesen, Turchyn**  
 THAT Council approve the 2023 Audited Financial Statements as provided by HSA Chartered Accountants and presented by our CAO.  
 CARRIED
- 176/2024**      **Lot Purchase - Nicolai: Paszt, Sobchyshyn**  
 THAT Council approve the sale of a lot to Nicolai pending inspection of the building he wishes to move in, and his offer on the lot.  
 CARRIED
- 177/2024**      **Terms of Reference – Regional EMO: Paszt, Turchyn**  
 THAT Council approve signing the amended Terms of Reference with the additional participating municipalities, and revised annual costs.  
 CARRIED

**178/2024**      **SCAN: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council approve applying for assistance with Safe Communities and Neighbors to monitor illegal activities in Watson.

CARRIED

**179/2024**      **B&B Enforcement: Sobchyshyn, Turchyn**  
THAT Council approve hiring B&B Enforcement for bylaw enforcement at 6 hours per week plus mileage, with the requirement of only two warnings on any property, and enforcement of the Order to Remedy to ensure bylaw infractions are actually resolved. That council also review the building inspection services that B&B Enforcement offers.

CARRIED

**Councilor Turchyn was called to work and left the meeting at 9:37 PM**

**180/2024**      **Abatements: Paszt, Friesen**  
THAT Council approve the final abatements for 2024 as presented.

CARRIED

**181/2024**      **Reports: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council acknowledge the verbal reports as presented.

CARRIED

**182/2024**      **Library/Sylvite 4-6: Sobchyshyn, Friesen**  
THAT Council acknowledge the Library and Sylvite 4-6 verbal reports as presented.

CARRIED

**183/2024**      **MAYOR'S REPORT: Friesen, Paszt**  
THAT the Mayor's verbal report be acknowledged as presented.

CARRIED

**184/2024**      **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Friesen, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT the Administrator's written report be acknowledged as presented and filed respectively.

CARRIED

**185/2024**      **Correspondence: Paszt, Sobchyshyn**  
THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence as presented, including the OHS visit review.

CARRIED

**186/2024**      **Chainsaw PPE Policy: Paszt, Friesen**  
THAT Council create a PPE policy based on OHS recommended best practices for our operators to follow.

CARRIED

187/2024 **Next Meeting: Friesen, Paszt**  
THAT Council set our next meeting date to be June 12, 2024.

CARRIED

188/2024 **ADJOURN: Sobchyshyn**  
THAT we adjourn the meeting at 10:15 PM.

CARRIED

MAYOR 

ADMINISTRATOR 

List of Approved Building Inspectors with Municode for 2024.

- Clayton Meier -BOL332
- Ryan Thiessen -BOLSSS
- Travis Elkin-BOL580
- Shenah Cartier - BOL622
- Clint Vargo-BOL798
- Kelsey Rebryna -BOL 818