

Village of Holden - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held in the Village Office on Monday, December 19, 2016

Present

Mayor Mark Giebelhaus, Councillors Bernie Marko, and Brian Mattice; Chief Administrative Officer: Katherine Whiteside
Public in Attendance: six, plus three delegations

Absent

Councillors Tyler Bartel and Carl Marsh

Call to Order

Mayor Giebelhaus called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm

Agenda

#1-12-16

MOVED by Councillor Marko that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

Minutes

#2-12-16

MOVED by Mayor Giebelhaus that the minutes of the November 21, 2016 regular meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

#3-12-16

MOVED by Councillor Marko that the minutes of the November 26, 2016 special meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

Delegations

Rodger Cole

1. Rodger Cole, of Eastern Alberta Rural Communities REACH Program, addressed Council about a funding program Through AB Economic Development called CARES. An regional application was submitted for Holden, Ryley and Beaver County in the first intake: November 30/16.

Mr. Cole is a consultant involved in the concept of REACH (Rural Enterprise Assistance & Coaching Hostel), which will provide services to small business in early stages. A pilot has been done in Camrose; now also in Wainwright. The intent is to work with entrepreneurs that are serious about starting a business; with training, coaching, and business planning. It is a ten to twelve month program that meets in the community. The CARES funding is 50% matching; and the application is for \$30,000 (total program value is \$60,000). Program would begin in February.

A. Honke

2. Arthur Honke spoke to Council about the possibility of purchasing a parcel of land from the Village. The land in question would be a 12 foot wide strip of the drainage swale lot that is located on the east side of Mr. Honke and Ms. Adam's property on 51 Avenue. A concrete driveway would be added for the entrance and parking of an RV.

RCMP

3. Sgt. John Powell, Tofield detachment of the RCMP, gave Council an update on crime statistics in the region, and on recent success in solving issues.

Financial

Cheque Listing

#4-12-16

MOVED by Councillor Marko approval of the cheque listing in the amount of \$60,274.11 numbered 20160546 to 20160602. Carried

Cash Statement

#5-12-16

MOVED by Councillor Mattice that the Monthly Cash Statement be received as information. Carried

Interim Budget

#6-12-16

MOVED by Councillor Marko that the 2016 Consolidated Budget be approved as the Interim Operating Budget for 2017. Carried

Unfinished Business

Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan updates were reviewed.

Policy: Board Appointments #7-12-16

MOVED by Councillor Mattice that the Policy-Procedure: Council Board Appointments be deferred to the next meeting. Carried

51 Aveune

A letter from M. Tomashavsky regarding further questions about the 2015 51 Avenue roads project was reviewed and discussion was held. Administration was directed to investigate a maintenance program for the road, including the best option for removing loose chips, and to respond to the letter.

Gazebo Park

A letter from M. Tomashavsky was reviewed with comments about a FOIP request that was processed to provide revenue and expense figures for work done on Gazebo Park. Council directed administration to set up a meeting for the resident to explain their concerns in person (with the Mayor present, if possible).

Delegation: CARES Funding

Council will wait until they have a copy of the application and other information before making a decision on this matter. Council will also discuss the project with Village of Ryley and Beaver County.

Delegation: Honke #8-11-16

MOVED by Mayor Giebelhaus that the Village proceed with gathering cost estimates to sell approximately 12 feet of the drainage lot on 51 Avenue to Arthur Honke and Sarah Adams. Carried

New Business

Community Forum #9-12-16

MOVED by Councillor Mattice that attendance at the community forum in Vegreville on December 18, 2016 be authorized for two Council members. Carried

NLLS #10-12-16

MOVED by Councillor Marko that Council approve the proposed 2017 budget for Northern Lights Library System with a per capita levy of \$5.07 for the Village of Holden, representing no change from the 2016 levy. Carried

Electoral Boundaries

Council discussed the fact that the Beaver region is currently represented by three separate MLA's in the provincial government. Council will consult with Beaver County and Village of Ryley before taking any action on this item.

I. White

A letter was reviewed from Ms. White, regarding her concerns with an unsightly property across the street from her residence. Council directed administration to keep working on the maintenance issues, in conjunction with the Community Peace Officer; and reply to the letter with assurance that the Village is aware and concerned about the issues, and will continue to take action.

General Discussion

New tablets were distributed to Council, in preparation for the transition to electronic agendas. Administration has recorded serial numbers, and the policy for their use has been passed by Council.

Councillor Reports

Councillor reports and board minutes were distributed by email. Discussion was held on BMS Steering Committee. Also noted that the Youth Engagement study has suggested having youth positions on more volunteer boards.

#11-12-16

MOVED by Councillor Marko that the Councillor reports be accepted as presented. Carried

CAO Report

The CAO report was distributed by email. An update on the Beaver Municipal Solutions steering committee direction was discussed.

#12-12-16

MOVED by Councillor Mattice acceptance of the CAO report. Carried

Correspondence

#13-12-16

MOVED by Councillor Marko that the correspondence listed on the agenda be received as information. Carried

In Camera

#14-12-16

MOVED by Councillor Marko that Council meet in camera at 9:30 pm. Carried

#15-12-16

MOVED by Councillor Mattice that Council return to an open meeting at 9:48 pm. Carried

Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Mattice that the meeting adjourn at 9:50 pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
