

**Minutes from Regular Council Meeting
June 21, 2011**

PRESENT:

Mayor Leier, Councilors Parent, Klein, and Forbes and Administrator Samantha Gillies

ABSENT:

Councilor Anderson

081/11 A quorum being present, Mayor Leier called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

082/11 **Councilor Parent** that the agenda is adopted as presented with the following additions:

- Sedley Street Abatement
- Tax Rebate Incentive for Volunteers
- Speed Solution for Sedley Street
- Trees
- Backup Alarm for Lift Station
- Gratuity for DJ Catering
- Fire Hall Insurance
- Water Issues – Martin Crescent, Lift Station

Carried

083/11 **Councilor Forbes** that minutes from the Regular Council meeting held May 17th are accepted as presented and filed.

Carried

084/11 **Councilor Forbes** that correspondence is accepted as presented and filed.

Carried

085/11 **Councilor Parent** that the June Accounts for Approval totaling \$25,545.04 are accepted as presented.

Carried

086/11 **Councilor Forbes** that the Statement of Financials for the month ended May 31, 2011 be accepted and filed.

Carried

Foreman Update

The levels in the lift station have risen to the point that there is a threat of sewer backup into basements in the community. Vac trucks have been dispatched from Regina to haul from the lift station to the lagoon starting at approximately 8:00 PM June 21st.

The water level in the dugout near the convent is quite high. Foreman will pump it out. Foreman will purchase an auxiliary motor for the water plant and an alarm for the lift station. The alarm will notify the Foreman via page / text if the lift station pump(s) don't kick on when it is supposed to.

087/11 **Councilor Forbes** that the 1st Annual Community Clean Up day be re-scheduled for July 9th. New advertising to reflect that we will not accept paint. Residents can take paint to SARCAN for recycling.

Carried

Strategic Planning Update – Tracey Bakkeli

Over the past few weeks Tracey and the Administrator have been working on developing initiatives under the specific strategic goals identified by Council. A document called 'Planning for the Future' has been developed which could be shared with residents.

The initiatives and other documentation were reviewed by Council and some changes were made. These documents will be finalized at the July Council meeting.

088/11 **Councillor Parent** that in light of being approved for summer student grant funding, an Assistant Foreman be recruited.

Carried

089/11 **Councillor Klein** that the Office Caretaker be approached to add library caretaking to her duties. If not interested, the position will be posted.

Carried

090/11 **Councillor Klein** that the dugout near the convent should be drained as the water level is quite high; however, this will not be done at the Village's expense.

Carried

091/11 **Councillor Forbes** provided an update regarding the Youth Centre. Cement in front of the Youth Centre has been removed and made ready for new sidewalk to be installed. A culvert would help alleviate future water concerns. New carpet has arrived and will be installed. It was noted that although the Youth Centre was closed, the phone

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/Internet are still connected; fridge is on, and there is still food in the kitchen. Youth Centre President is to contact Mayor Leier or Councilor Parent for information.

Carried

- 092/11 Councillor Parent** that the levels in the lift station have reached critical levels as a result of a high water table and many residents pumping water from basements and after initiating solutions to reduce the levels in the lift station failed to produce the desired results. Queen City Sewer Services was called to remedy the situation by pumping out the lift station and hauling the effluent to the lagoon.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Sedley apply to the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by critical levels in the lift station on June 21st, 2011.

Carried

- 093/11 Councillor Klein** that the following policy statement be adopted:

Should a power outage exceeding 2 hours occur, the first course of action is to contact the Village Foreman. Prior to starting the auxiliary pump, check the level in the lift station. Once power is restored, auxiliary pump can be started until pressure is restored.

- 094/11** Council requested information from Kronau regarding the cost / square foot to build its' new fire hall. The cost was \$101 / sq ft. Sedley Fire Hall is currently insured for \$173,000.

Councillor Parent that the Fire Hall remain as currently insured until renewal (September 2011).

Carried

- 095/11** A resident of Sedley Street had indicated a concern with the speed of trucks on Sedley Street. The speed on Sedley Street will be monitored and a decision will be made later if required.

- 095/11** In previous years, residents of Sedley Street received a tax abatement due to the proximity of the seed plant.

Councillor Forbes excused himself from chambers at 9:50 PM declaring pecuniary interest.

- 096/11 Councillor Klein** that the residents of Sedley Street receive the same tax abatement as in previous years, but this would be the final year the abatement would be approved.

Carried

A resident suggested a tax rebate for community volunteers. This may encourage new volunteers in the community.

A municipal tax rebate is not an option; however, there is the option of issuing a donation tax receipt to volunteers. The volunteers hours would be logged in the minutes of each volunteer committee. The volunteer hours would be 'paid out' as minimum wage and a tax receipt issued. Further research on this option is required.

- 097/11 Councillor Klein** that the Sedley Fire Fighters Street Dance scheduled for August 6th, 2011 be approved.

Carried

Next meeting will be held July 26th, at 7:00 PM

- 098/11 Councilor Forbes** that the meeting be adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Carried

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR