

# Minutes from Annual Rate Payers Meeting October 8, 2008

## PRESENT:

Mayor Mayer, Councillors B. Leier, Forbes, Parent, Village Clerk Samantha English and approximately 68 residents of the community & surrounding area.

## CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present Mayor Mayer called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and welcomed the delegation which included Corporal Chris Boardman from the Fillmore Detachment of the R.C.M.P., Reeve George Leier and his wife; and Leonard Leier and his wife.

215/08

Corporal Boardman provided a policing report.

The Village of Sedley is served by the community detachment of Weyburn R.C.M.P. which entails the area 3 miles N. of Sedley, south to Stoughton, east of Corning and west on Highway 33.

Year to date in 2008 there have been 57 calls for service in the Sedley area. These calls were for a variety of reasons some of which included a traffic accident, 911 calls (accidentally dialed), assault, mischief over \$5,000, bylaw enforcement (not specified) and driving while disqualified.

216/08

Sharron Hoffart commented that it seemed to take police a long time to arrive on the scene of a recent accident in the country. As a result of the delay, the driver, who was obviously under the influence of alcohol was not charged. Corporal Boardman was not able to comment specifically on this incident, but indicated the delay was likely due to lack of resources and the large area served.

217/08

Clair Bast inquired about the DARE program. This program used to be offered to Sedley School and would like to see the program re-initiated to student attending Sedley School. Corporal Boardman indicated he would take this request back for review.

218/08

**Councillor B. Leier** gave a review of the Village's financial status. He also reminded the delegation of the availability of funds under the Sedley Loans Co-operative (Small Business Loans).

219/08

Shari Sokochoff inquired as to the type of investments the Village invested.

The Village only invests in GICs.

220/08

Tom Ireland inquired as to the definition of prepaid expenses.

An example of prepaid expenses is annual fees for software, etc.

221/08

**Councillor Parent** provided an update on Animal Control. He indicated we believe we have a grasp on dogs running at large and barking. The number of complaints received in the Village Office has dropped significantly. We will continue to diligently enforce our animal bylaw and other bylaws.

Should you have a complaint, please contact the Village Office, in writing or contact the Fillmore Detachment of the R.C.M.P.

222/08

**Councillor Parent** also provided an update on Utilities.

Water:

Annual Revenue – approx \$46,700 – this is from water / sewer charges as well as pump house sales

Annual expenses – approx \$41,600 – expenses include water testing, chemicals, heat & power

Sask Environment indicates our testing results consistently meet bacteriological standards for Canadian drink water quality. They test for total coliform, E. Coli,

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free chlorine, total chlorine and turbidity. Details from individual analysis reports can be found at [www.saskwater.com](http://www.saskwater.com).

In 2008 we contracted Blue Sky Management, an engineering firm specializing in infrastructure management to perform an analysis of our water / sewage infrastructure.

The following are highlights of the DRAFT report from Blue Sky Management:

### Water Supply

- The current pump is maxed out at 500 gpm (gallons per minute).
- Each well alone cannot meet peak day requirements.
- Recommend installing flow meters at each well facility.
- Recommend begin tracking the turbidity of ground water coming in and going out
- Currently living within our means, future developments need to proceed with careful consideration of water supply
- Well is currently not sealed or case is leaking

Future requirements:

- new well
- new pipe
- new water treatment plant
- have aquifer evaluated prior to any improvements

### Water Treatment

- Recommend 60" filters, but this size won't fit in current plant. The roof of the storage unit could be reinforced and install the bigger filters and house filtration on roof.
- Current treatment process is weak
- Flow meter cannot be installed on fire pump. It is doubtful the fire pump can pump 500 gpm
- When considering expansion, don't create dead end lines, try to create a loop

### Sewage

- An expansion of the lagoon is required in the near future
- Recommend installing a flow meter with data meter to create a database for lagoon development
- The Village could experience nominal growth without problems

### Other

- When final report is provided it will provide what the Village needs, how much it will cost and the recommended priority of each development
- Utility revenue should equal or be greater than expenditures
- Utility revenue should cover the costs associated with any loans taken for water / sewer infrastructure development

Other Utility Costs:

Street lights - \$6,400 / year

Heat / Power – \$11,100 / year (office, Fire hall, library, shop, youth centre)

Telephone - \$2700 / year (office, library, Fire Dept cell)

**223/08**

**Mayor Mayer** gave an update on Machinery and Equipment. This year there is not too much to report. We have purchased a new snow blower for the 2008 / 2009 winter season. To keep costs to a minimum machinery and equipment is maintained by the Village Foreman wherever possible.

**224/08**

**Councillor Forbes** provided an update on streets and sidewalks.

Many sidewalks within the Village have been repaired or replaced. It has been a challenge securing a contractor to perform the work, thus the delay. As a result of this challenge some sidewalks, specifically those requiring mud-jacking, will not be completed this year. We have received an estimate from a contractor and have scheduled the mud-jack repairs for early spring 2009.

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Mervyn Klein advised that the culvert in front of Sedley Autobody & Collision Centre should be straight not curved. To prevent problems he recommends the culvert be moved east approximately 15' to allow water to flow straight through.

Dust control for the Village was also brought forward. Earlier in 2008 we contacted the RM of Francis about dust control and they indicated they do not perform dust control.

225/08

**Councillor Forbes** also provided an update on the Sedley Fire Department. 2008 brought the retirement of Tim Hunter as Fire Chief. The Village thanks him for his service and dedication to the safety of our residents. The new Fire Chief is Wade Leier.

226/08

**Mayor Mayer** wrapped up the Committee reports.

We have noticed that the recycling bins are not being used correctly. We would ask that residents take extra care when depositing their recycling in the various bins and to ensure boxes are reduced to their smallest size so as not to take up so much room in the paper bin.

The Village has received notification from the South Saskatchewan Library Association that circulation at our Library is down considerably. This has caused our branch to be in jeopardy of closure. To ensure we are able to maintain our library branch everyone should consider checking a book out every two weeks.

It is with regret we accept the resignation of Dave Mayer as Mayor of the Village of Sedley. After 17 years of service, Dave has decided to move to Regina and as a result is ineligible to continue as Mayor. Dave's resignation is effective October 31<sup>st</sup>. A small token of the Village's appreciation was presented by Councillor B. Leier.

227/08

### **Questions / Comments of Delegation**

Bob Baker inquired as to the availability and price of Village lots.

There are currently no lots owned by the Village of Sedley available for sale. When lots were available they were sold at a price of \$100 per front foot. The average lot has a 50 foot frontage.

Leota Ireland made the comment that having a residential house on Main Street (Broadway Street) is inappropriate and detracts from the feel of Main Street.

The property in question has always been a residence although at one time it did contain the Post Office.

Graham Anderson requested that snow not be blown into his yard as he incurred damage last winter.

Council advised they would ensure the Village Foreman is advised of this desire.

228/08

**Mayor Mayer** adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.