

A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF ST. LOUIS
HELD IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE
JULY 14, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Acting Mayor.

ATTEND:

Councillors present Bonnie Kuppenbender, Denis Patrick, Acting Mayor Les Rancourt and Administrator Robin Boyer.

160-09 Patrick: That Councillor Vandale be excused from this meeting.

CARRIED

AGENDA:

160-09 Kuppenbender: That the agenda as presented be approved.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

161-09 Patrick: That the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

162-09 Kuppenbender: That the financial reports for the month ending June 2009 be acknowledged.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

163-09 Patrick: That the accounts payable for July be approved in the amount of \$46,385.60.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

164-09 Kuppenbender: That the following correspondence being read be filed.

ALS Laboratory Group – Information on water sampling services that they provide.

SAMA – Notification that the Village is compliant with respect to appraisal ranges for properties within the municipality as evidenced in a Primary Audit that was conducted. Also, SAMA will consider lobbying the government for further funding to the assessment services program and they request the support of all municipalities.

Enterprise Saskatchewan – Information received respecting application process for the Community Development Trust Fund that provides funding to communities affected by the economic downturn, particularly the forestry sector.

Government of Saskatchewan – Notification that the first installment of the New Deal Gas Tax Funds allotted to us for 2009-10, in the amount of \$14,859.55 have been paid.

UMAAS – Local Government Election workshops will be held in late August and early September.

165-09 Kuppenbender: That the Administrator attend the workshop in Prince Albert and the expenses be paid.

Information Services Corporation – Notification that an easement has been registered by Saskatchewan Power Corporation on title number 113546640 for lines to service new cellular phone tower parcel.

Canadian Union Postal Workers – Information received concerning the Federal Government considering ending the current moratorium on rural post office closures. They are asking all Councils to pass a resolution asking the Federal Government to preserve these rural post offices.

ATAP Infrastructure Management Ltd. – Notice of upcoming operator certification preparation courses.

Bendig & Klassen – Village solicitor has provided comments on some of the recent issues that the Village is facing. Administrator will read the letter to Council at this meeting.

SUMA – Notification that they will be hosting some seminars and workshops for 2009 financial reporting obligations. The closest one to us will be in Melfort on October 14. There is a \$30 cost to attend. Will Council give approval for Administrator to attend.

166-09 Patrick: That the Administrator attend the workshop in Melfort and the expenses be paid.

Saskatchewan Housing Corporation – Notification of the Village’s 5% operating share for 2008 for the St. Louis Housing Authority is \$476.79.

Prince Albert Parkland Health Region – Notice of their Annual General Meeting on September 9, 2009 in Shellbrook.

Sask River Basin – Report and plan of River Basin area received.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT READINGS:

167-09 Patrick: That Council acknowledges the June 2009 Water Treatment Plant Readings as being complete and accurate after their review of said documents.

CARRIED

168-09 Kuppenbender: That Council suspend agenda and move to item 11.

CARRIED

VISITOR – MARCEL LUSSIER – ST. LOUIS JAPAN KARATE CLUB:

169-09 Patrick: That the Village relinquishes ownership of the portable toilets to the St. Louis Japan Karate Club provided storage is maintained in a suitable location.

CARRIED

The Karate Club will provide regular annual updates as to the status of their fundraising events that utilize Village facilities and will consult with the Village before any permanent changes are made to any Village owned property. They will provide a permanent barricade on the pit dug for the ATV “mud fling” ensuring that no one can access it.

170-09 Patrick: That Council move back to regular agenda order.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

TRANSFER STATION:

Initial cost estimates for operating roll-off bins at a transfer station setting may not be any more economical than the existing service. Additional capital costs would have to be realized to construct a ramp and retaining wall. This item will continue to be explored but not given high priority at this time.

LAGOON PROJECT UPDATE:

Council was informed that the location of the proposed lagoon is nearly finalized but another site was being looked at to ensure ease of construction and that soil testing and sub-division and title transfer process has begun.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE TRUCK:

171-09 Kuppenbender: That the Administrator check to see if the unit that was previously considered is still available from Ken Campbell Sales in Melfort and check with Sonny Cochet for a rough cost to repair the deck and attach it to a new truck.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

SUMMER STUDENT FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Council was informed that the Historical Society did hire a summer student through the Federal Grant Program and that the Village will place the student on their payroll and accept the grant funding. Any other costs incurred by the Village will be reimbursed by the Historical Society.

STREET & SIDEWALK REPAIR & REPLACEMENT:

172-09 Kuppenbender: That the Village request bids for the replacement of approximately 300 feet of sidewalk as per presented list. That the Administrator check with maintenance to see how much of the preparation work can be done.

CARRIED

SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT:

Group requesting the permit resolution did not provide office with required information.

WATER PLANT POWER UPGRADES:

173-09 Patrick: That electricians Clarence Grenier & Marcel Trumier be contacted to see about a back-up generator system for the Water Treatment Plant in the event of a power failure.

CARRIED

OTHER:

174-09 Kuppenbender: That copies of the Bridge report presented by Acting Mayor Rancourt be photocopied and be made available for the community and that a note be placed in the newsletter about the report and the significance of the Bridge to our history.

CARRIED

175-09 Patrick: That MLA Delbert Kirsch be contacted to schedule a meeting with Acting Mayor Rancourt to discuss the Local Housing Authority concerns.

CARRIED

ADJOURN:

176-09 Acting Mayor Rancourt: That this meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Acting Mayor – Les Rancourt

Administrator – Robin Boyer