

A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE VILLAGE OF ST. LOUIS
HELD IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE
MARCH 10, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTEND:

Councillors present Sonny Vandale, Bonnie Kuppenbender, Denis Patrick, Les Rancourt and Administrator Robin Boyer.

43-09 Patrick: That Mayor Petit be excused from this meeting and that Deputy Mayor Rancourt chair the meeting.

CARRIED

AGENDA:

44-09 Vandale: That the agenda as presented be approved.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

45-09 Patrick: That the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

46-09 Kuppenbender: That the financial reports for the month ending February 2009 be acknowledged.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

47-09 Patrick: That the accounts payable list for March be approved in the amount of \$33,278.22.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

48-09 Vandale: That the following correspondence being read be filed.

Catterall & Wright – Requesting a meeting with Council and Sask Environment to get the process rolling on the lagoon project.

Meyers Norris Penny – Copies of the Village 2008 Financial Statements are available. Council must sign off on one copy and return to MNP.

Municipal Employee Pension Plan – Information received on Retire with Ease workshops that will be offered in 2009.

Ministry of Environment – Notification that the Village can host a Household Hazardous Waste Days collection and should contact Product Care by March 31, 2009.

Prince Albert Regional Economic Development Authority – They will be hosting a presentation on Business Retention and Expansion in Prince Albert on March 31, 2009.

Government of Saskatchewan – Confirmation of payment of our first installment of Federal Gas Tax Funds for 2008-09 in the amount of \$7,365.96.

Barry Swain – Received complaint letter regarding loud barking dogs in his neighborhood. Administrator will send out notices to respective pet owners.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Notification received regarding the second intake of applications for the Building Canada Fund. We have already applied to intake one of the program.

Municipal Employee Pension Plan – Information received proposed rate increases required to maintain the plan. They are proposing a general member contribution rate increase to 6.4% from 5.4% which will be employer matched, if accepted.

North Central Transportation Planning Committee – Invitation for the Village to purchase a membership (\$270) for 2009.

Saskatchewan Government Insurance – Notification that we are eligible to receive a 10% discount on all vehicle registrations we have through the Business Recognition incentive program.

Government of Saskatchewan – Confirmation that our Lagoon Project will be eligible for \$1,812,800 in Grant funding through the Building Canada Fund. We will receive a formal funding agreement shortly.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Confirmation that our Lagoon Project will be eligible for \$82,400 in grant funding and \$824,000 in financing through the Green Municipal Fund Program. The grant funds are dependant on taking the financing and the terms of financing will be provided to us shortly in a funding agreement the Village will have to accept by April 23, 2009. This program only offers the financing over 10 years, which may be a huge obstacle to accepting these terms.

CARRIED

49-09 Patrick: That Council move past next agenda items to see visitors from the Municipal Board at this time.

CARRIED

VISITORS – SASKATCHEWAN MUNICIPAL BOARD (Wade Armstrong, Gord Hubbard, David Wilkin):

50-09 Patrick: That Council decide on their strategy for re-payment of any debt that will be created with respect to the Lagoon Project and forward a final application to the Municipal Board for approval. The Administrator should gather information from local financial institution and Saskatchewan Financing Corporation regarding terms and interest rates.

CARRIED

51-09 Kuppenbender: That Council move back to regular agenda items at this time.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT READINGS:

52-09 Patrick: That Council acknowledges the February 2009 Water Treatment Plant Readings as being complete and accurate after their review of said documents.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

CASUAL MAINTENANCE PERSON AD:

53-09 Vandale: That the draft ad for a casual maintenance person be approved as presented and be placed in to the next edition of the community newsletter.

CARRIED

DRAFT BUDGET & 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN:

Council will review and make any recommendations by the April regular meeting of Council.

54-09 Kuppenbender: That a new computer system be purchased for the Village as per the presented quote obtained from Munisoft, and be included in the 2009 Budget.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

ADVERTISING SIGNS AT RODEO GROUNDS:

55-09 Patrick: That this item be tabled to a further meeting of Council.

CARRIED

SOUND SYSTEM AT COMMUNITY HALL:

56-09 Vandale: That this item be tabled to a further meeting of Council.

CARRIED

PUBLIC MEETING – RE: LAGOON FINANCING:

57-09 Patrick: That the Administrator provide information to Council with respect to options for re-payment terms of any loan for the Lagoon Project. This information will be presented to the rate payers at a public meeting to be set by the Administrator for as soon as all pertinent information can be obtained and prior to the April Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

SUMMER STUDENT FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

58-09 Kuppenbender: That the Village apply for a summer student on behalf of the Historical Society and file all necessary payroll information as required. The Historical Society will make any payments to the Village as required.

CARRIED

RENTAL OF COMMUNITY HALL FOR CATERING PURPOSES:

59-09 Patrick: That the Community Hall not be rented to Irina Kotelko on a casual basis for the purposes of operating a catering business.
CARRIED

RESOLUTION – LIONS CLUB SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT:

60-09 Vandale: That the Village of St. Louis approves the issuance of a Community Event Liquor Permit to the:

St. Louis Lions Club

For:

St. Louis Rodeo Days

To take place at the St. Louis Rodeo Grounds in St. Louis Saskatchewan for the dates and hours (maximum of 12 hours / day including dance if applicable):

July 4, 2009 12 PM – 8 PM

July 5, 2009 12 PM – 8 PM

CARRIED

OTHER:

61-09 Kuppenbender: That the Village enter into an informal agreement with Sask Highways to clean a small portion of Highway No. 2, along the guard rails and Highways will provide the Village with some cold mix asphalt repair or highway sand mixture.
CARRIED

62-09 Vandale That the Village contact the School and the RCMP to see if they can provide an informational course on ATV and Snowmobile safety for the children of the community.
CARRIED

ADJOURN:

63-09 Deputy Mayor Rancourt: That this meeting adjourn.
CARRIED

Deputy Mayor – Les Rancourt

Administrator – Robin Boyer