

**Rural Municipality of Laird No. 404
Council Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2018**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Laird No. 404, held in the council chambers of the Administration Building, Waldheim, SK on Thursday, November 8, 2018.

Present: Reeve Terry Knippel, Councillors: Ron Boldt, Sheldon Willems, Arnold Neufeldt, Ken Fehr, Lorne Grunau, Luise Willems and Administrator Paulette Wolkowski.

Absent:

The Reeve called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

220-18 Oaths of Office R. Boldt That we acknowledge receipt of Oaths of Office from Arnold Neufeld, Ken Fehr and Luise Willems.
Carried.

221-18 Agenda: L. Willems That the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried.

222-18 Minutes: L. Grunau That the minutes of the regular meeting of council held October 11, 2018 be approved as previously circulated.
Carried.

Accounts for Approval:

223-18 K. Fehr That accounts paid in the amount of \$123,779.92 and payroll in the amount of \$30,098.26 be reviewed and approved.
Carried.

224-18 R. Boldt That the accounts in the amount of \$80,450.68 be approved for payment.
Carried.

225-18 Financial Statement: S. Willems That the statement of financial activities and bank reconciliation for the month of October 2018 be approved as presented.
Carried.

226-18 In Camera L. Willems That we move "in camera" to discuss Human Resource issues @ 9:30 a.m.
Carried.

The following were in attendance: T. Knippel, L. Willems, R. Boldt, A. Neufeldt, K. Fehr, S. Willems, G. Penner (from 9:35 - 10:00 a.m.), A. Hildebrandt (10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.) P. Bergen (10:15-10:35 a.m.)

227-18 Resume Mtg A. Neufeldt That we move "out of camera" and resume the regular meeting @ 10:50 a.m.
Carried.

228-18 Correspondence R. Boldt That the correspondence as previously circulated be acknowledged and filed.
Carried.

Visitors: **Ammy Janzen and Maureen Driedger - Waldheim Library Branch @ 10:50 a.m.**

Visitors arrived @ 10:50 a.m. to explain the projects of the local library and the need for extra funding for salaries.
Visitors left @ 11:15 a.m.

Chelsea Baraniecki - Division 5 - Plant Health Officer @ 11:00 a.m.

Visitor arrived @ 11:15 a.m. to offer her help if we should find/hear of Club Root in our municipality. She explained the process of reporting and provincial assistance to the land owners.

Visitor left @ 11:30 a.m.

New

Business:

- 229-18 Corman Park Rd Maint** K. Fehr That we authorize the Reeve and Administrator to sign a Road Maintenance Agreement with the RM of Corman Park with the following revision: remove from Clause 5 "with prior permission" as per the attached, which forms a part of these minutes.

Carried.

- 230-18 Christmas Supper** S. Willems That we pay for the Annual Christmas Supper held on Monday, December 10, 2018 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon.

Carried.

Council breaks for lunch at 12:00 noon and resumes meeting @ 12:45 p.m.

Councillor Boldt leaves meeting @ 12:00 p.m.

Road Foreman arrives @ 12:45 p.m. to provide a verbal report on activities.

George reports that they have picked numerous rocks this fall; the seasonal guys will be laid off next Friday; actions taken after two break ins at RM Shop. He inquired about looking for a truck to replace the old "rat truck" and what the budget would be. He also would like to start looking for a new semi-tractor truck for next year and wondered what year and amount council recommends. Discussion held in regards to purchase of pit run for future gravel supplies.

- 231-18 SARM Property Ins** R. Boldt That we ask the Road Foreman to review the replacement cost mobile equipment coverage for the SARM Property Self Insurance renewal documents and adjust as necessary.

Carried.

Councillor S. Willems leaves meeting @ 1:55 p.m.

Road Foreman leaves meeting @ 2:00 p.m.

- 232-18 Road Foreman Report** K. Fehr That we approve the Road Foreman's verbal report.

Carried.

- 233-18 Purchase Pit Run** L. Grunau That we purchase 20,000 tonne of course pit run from Waldheim Sand Products @ \$9.00 per tonne delivered to our pit on the NW 17-42-6 W3 payable in 2019.

Carried.

- 234-18 SARM Liability Ins** A. Neufeldt That we renew the SARM Self Liability Insurance coverage and keep the Excess Self Liability Insurance coverage at three (3) million dollars.

Carried.

- 235-18 Committee Appointments** A. Neufeldt That the Committee Appointments for the balance of 2018 and the whole of 2019 be as Schedule "A", which is attached and forms a part of these minutes.

Carried.

- 236-18 Christmas Hours** K. Fehr That the office hours over the Christmas period be: December 24th - close at noon; December 25-26 - closed; December 27-28th regular hours; December 31st - regular hours; January 1, 2019 closed. That the office be closed to the public January 2 - 3, 2019 to enable staff to complete the closing of the books for 2018. That the hours be advertised in the Clarks Crossing Gazette and the RM website.
- Carried.**
- 237-18 Arena Grants** T. Knippel That the RM of Laird contribute to the arenas located in the municipality in the form of an unconditional grant for 2018: Waldheim Recreation Centre \$3,500.00; Laird Arena \$3,000.00; Hepburn Arena \$4,000.00.
- Carried.**
- 238-18 Valley Reg Park Grant** L. Willems That we give the Valley Regional Park, Waldeheim, SK \$6,000.00 for the 2018 operating grant.
- Carried.**
- 239-19 Asset Mgmt Info Collector** L. Grunau That we hire Art and Ruth Thiessen as Asset Management data base collector's at Arts regular salary and Ruth on a contract basis, which will be decided upon at a later date.
- Carried.**
- 240-18 Cancel Taxes** K. Fehr That the RM has taken title to Lot 15, Blk 2, 101898995, Sarilia, Estates through Tax Title proceedings effective October 30, 2018. That we cancel the remainder of 2018 taxes (Nov-Dec) for municipal \$57.18, school \$23.08. That the property be offered for sale and advertised in the Clarks Crossing Gazette immediately.
- Carried.**
- 241-18 T of Hepburn Arena Funding** L. Willems That we reply to the Town of Hepburns request for increased funding for arena updates in the amount of \$32,250.00 that we are not able to contribute 43% of capital asset costs to upgrade the Hepburn Arena. We cannot start a precedent of this type when there is two other arena's in this municipality.
- Carried.**
- 242-18 Waldheim Yearbook Committee** L. Grunau That we advise the Waldheim Yearbook Committee that the RM does not have the funds in the budget.
- Carried.**
- 243-18 Waldheim Library** A. Neufeldt That we advise the local Waldheim Library Branch that the RM will take their funding request into consideration during the 2019 Budget deliberations.
- Carried.**
- 244-18 Adjourn** K. Fehr That this meeting adjourn @ 3:40 p.m.

T. Knippel, Reeve

P. Wolkowski, Administrator