

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF CHIPMAN
February 13, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Mayor John Stribling called the regular monthly meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

In attendance were Councillors Stead and Stribling, and administrator Pat Tomkow.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M#13-2006 Stead: that the agenda be adopted as printed and distributed together with the deletion Item 8(c) Hickmore Estate letter.

Carried Unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M#14-2006 Stribling: that the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting held January 9, 2006 be adopted as printed and distributed.

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

a) Unightly Properties – Status Update

The administrator reported on Court proceedings held in Edmonton earlier in the day. It was noted that the Village was awarded \$1,500 costs including disbursements on the Baker action. The judge granted Mr. Baker a 10-day extension for clean up of the property. Should Mr. Baker fail to comply with the Court Order, the Village will be at liberty to enter the lands and carry out the work at Baker's expense.

With respect to the action commenced against Mr. Pentyluk, a Consent Order had been signed by the respondent which provided that by March 31, 2006 the subject property be brought into conformance and that \$800.00 in costs be paid to the Village not later than June 30, 2006.

M#15-2006 Stead: that Council accept the status update on the unsightly properties action.

Carried Unanimously

b) Fire Agreement – Status Report

Copies of the fire financial breakdown from Lamont County indicated that the Village would receive \$3,330 for year ending 2005. A final version of the fire report had also been provided and circulated with the agenda. The County is also requesting that the GL fire accounts be coded to coincide with the new agreement.

M#16-2006 Stribling: that the fire agreement report be accepted as information.

Carried Unanimously

Business Arising (Cont'd)

Councillor Stead reported on the inspection results of the new rescue van noting that overall cost around \$1,000 to make the vehicle road worthy. Administration requested a written quote before any work be undertaken.

c) Computer Software Support

Upon request from Council administration investigated the merits of alternative municipal software suppliers. It was noted that the majority of providers cater to larger organizations. To change software would require a \$10,000 purchase for new modules plus the cost of training. Annual software support would cost \$3,500 as compared to \$3,846 from Muniware the present software provider. The Vegreville Commission contributes half the cost of the Muniware program.

M#17-2006 Stribling: that the Village remain with the present software supplier as there is no reason to change.

Carried Unanimously

d) High Speed InterNet

M#18-2006 Stead: that this item be tabled to the next meeting.

Carried Unanimously

e) Insurance Costs - Fire Vehicles

Administration reported that to date there has been no response from Jardine Lloyd Thompson concerning \$500 increase for each fire vehicle and recommended that this not be paid until we get a satisfactory response.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

A preliminary statement of Operating Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending January 31, 2006 had been circulated with the agenda.

M#19-2006 Stead: that the Revenue/Expense report for the period ending January 31, 2006 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

M#20-2006 Stribling: that the accounts covered by cheque numbers 2006008 to 20060037 inclusive for the total sum of \$57,373.75 be and are hereby approved for payment.

Carried Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE for Information:

a) Safety Codes Council

Notice that Certificate of Competency as a Fire Safety Codes Officer for Councillor Stead expired. Reapplication fee \$100.

b) A.U.M.A.

Annual Conference will be end Friday evening. Further adjustments will be made to convention agenda to accommodate key activities.

c) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Green Municipal Fund has new energy sector funding opportunity to offer municipal governments and municipal energy utilities. Long-term low interest rate loans and grants available to support environmental projects in Energy, Waste, Water, Transportation, Brownfield Remediation and Integrated Community Planning. March 1st deadline for RFP's. Applications for feasibility studies/community plans accepted on a continuous basis.

M#21-2006 Stead: that reapplication for fire certification be approved and that the foregoing correspondence items be accepted for information purposes.

Carried Unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Vandalism of Public Buildings

Three incidents of vandalism occurred at the Chipman Curling Rink in January and the RC.M.P. are conducting an investigation into the matter. Administration listed the items destroyed and reported on the clean-up effort. Damages are in excess of \$6,000.00. The Village will be seeking restitution.

Discussion followed on the matter noting that Council will await the results of the police investigation.

b) Tax Recovery Public Sale of Land 2006

In accordance with Section 418(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* Council must offer for sale by public auction any parcel of land shown on its tax arrears list if the tax arrears are not paid and fix a date and time for the public auction.

M#22-2006 Stribling: that the public auction be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Village Office.

c) AUMA –Ambulance Transition and Stakeholder Consultation Survey

The AUMA continues to support transition of ground ambulance service to the Regional Health authorities with full provincial funding and with the necessary flexibility in service delivery to suit local needs.

AUMA is asking for a response to their survey questionnaire. Deadline is February 14th however late submissions may be accepted.

Councillor Stead indicated he will respond to the survey.

d) Alberta Management Alberta - Pandemic Workshop

Initiative undertaken by East Central Health Authority to facilitate inter-agency planning. Workshop to be held March 9th in Viking.

M#23-2006 Stribling: that Councillor Stead be authorized to attend the March 9th workshop in Viking.

Carried Unanimously

REPORTS:

a) Administrator's

A written report from administration addressed the following topics:

- Elk Island Schools has funding approval for Chipman School demolition and return of land back to the Village.
- ACRA (Alberta Capital Region Association) Membership. As County had already secured membership in ACRA we were advised that Chipman should seek membership on its own.

Administrator's Report (Cont'd)

- completed grant accounting for ICAP (Infrastructure Canada-Alberta Program) and SIP 1997 Streets Improvement Program.
- audit of Village records will take place the week of February 20th.
- signed required Alberta Transportation Permit for Guide Sign Industries to install new signage 1 km. from community limits.
- donation of 3 sets of theatre seating for National Hall received from purchaser of Solomon Hall.
- Regional partnership meeting held February 6th in Lamont. Initiatives discussed:
 - a. Solid Waste Transfer Station
 - b. Special Constable/Bylaw Enforcement
 - c. Utilities and Public Works Coordination
- Provincial Grant Funding of \$73,250 under Agriculture Initiatives Program approved for truck fill project.
- LGA conference March 15th – 17th in Red Deer. Administrator requested authorization to attend.

M#24-2006 Stead: that the administrator's report be accepted for information and that Council authorize administration to attend the LGA conference in Red Deer.

Carried Unanimously

b) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

i) Ambulance Board

Councillor Stead indicated that a meeting of the Board will be held the following week.

ii) Fire Department

No Items

iii) County of Lamont Regional Landfill Commission

No meeting held.

iv) County of Lamont Senior's Foundation

Next meeting to be held February 27th.

v) Capital Region Vegreville Corridor Water Services Commission

Noted that next meeting of the Commission will be held in Chipman February 16th.

vi) LEAP (Lamont Economic Alliance Partnership)

Councillor Stead reported on recent meeting. Seven minute video proposed for trade shows.

vii) Chipman Agricultural Society

Councillor Stribling reported that due to financial losses the Ag Society will be making changes to the annual fair venue.

viii) FCSS (Family and Community Support Services)

Next meeting scheduled to take place in March.

M#25-2006 Stribling: that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted for information purposes.

Carried Unanimously

QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

ADJOURNMENT:

M#26-2006 Stead: that the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 8:44 p.m.

Deputy Mayor, John Stribling

Administrator, Pat Tomkow