

The Regular Meeting of the council of Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217 was held at the Municipal Office on Tuesday May 5, 2020 commencing at 8:00 a.m., via teleconference.

Present were Reeve Corey Senft, Councillor Tomas Arthur, Dale Czemereres, Bill Huber, Twila Miller, James Slywka, Greg Van Luven

Administrator: Frank Kosa

**Call to Order:**

Reeve Senft called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Agenda:**

#066/20-ARTHUR:

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

**Minutes Regular Meeting:**

#067/20- MILLER:

That the minutes of the April 7, 2020 regular meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

**March Financial Report:**

#068/20 SLYWKA:

That the April financial report be accepted as presented.

Carried

**Accounts Payable:**

#069/20-CZEMERES:

That the accounts payable represented by cheque No.4394 to 4401, the on line payments and payroll 562-564 in the amount of \$44,503.11 be approved for payment.

Carried

**Delegation:**

**Council Reports:**

Division 1:

Councillor Huber informed Council that frost boils are appearing and the roads will need extra care for a period, and that later on the agenda are the tenders for a new mower.

Division 2

Councillor Van Luven stated there is a blow out on the road south of Lipton, and Jacksons have hauled in pit run and the road is graded and appears to be holding. Garnet Harman moved his fence off the road allowance and there is a soft spot to be repaired, north of 4-23-14-W2.

Division 3

Councillor Czemerer stated that the roads are in reasonable condition for this time of year as the frost is coming out. There are a couple of soft spots that may need extra attention.

Division 4

Councillor Slywka informed Council that the he had the grader operator bring up the shoulders on a couple miles on the Freeland, there is a ridge of grass and material that will have to be bladed to remove the extra material. He spoke to Jacksons and they did not acquire a set of jaws for crushing the rock, and he did not speak to Mr. Wagner regarding the rocks at the pit.

Division 5:

Councillor Miller stated that the roads are in decent condition at this time, however there are spots that will require gravel, and that she is working on her gravel map requirements for the year. There are some signs that should read the Strasbourg and read Township road 242. She trusts this will be corrected when the sign review is completed by the administrator.

Division 6:

Councillor Arthur the stated that on the Dysart North where the creek passes under the road, there appears to be a blockage in the culvert, either a beaver dam or an ice build up that hasn't let go. He will monitor it. There a couple of culverts that the mower operator clipped and they should be cut off. Administrator is requested to notify the public works personnel. There is a soft spot on the back road where Botkin's pit is located and perhaps we should contact Botkin to repair the spot as they brought in equipment last week.

Reeve:

Reeve Senft stated he spoke with Ryan Huber regarding the moving of the bush from the road allowance East of section 20-22-14-W2, and the matter will be dealt

with. He suggested that Councillor Van Luven speak to the property owner.

**Council Reports:**

#070/20-VAN LUVEN:

That the Council reports be accepted.

Carried

**Appointment of Pest Control Officers :**

#071/20- SLYWKA:

That Council appoint Katey Makohoniuk, Joanne Kwasnicki, Betty Johnson, Lynne Roszell, Chelsea Neuberger and Collen Fennig as Pest Control Officers for the Municipality in relation to the Club root program.

Carried

**Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Stewards:**

#072/20-HUBER:

That the Rural Municipality of Lipton not participate in the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Stewards Inc..

Carried

**Letter to Pest Management Agency re 2% Strychnine**

#073/20-ARTHUR:

That the Municipality forward a letter to the Pest Management Agency requesting that they reinstate the use of 2% strychnine for the control of the Richardson ground squirrel.

Carried

**Dust Control Policy**

#074/20-CZEMERES:

That Council amend the Municipality's Dust Control Policy that on a major haul route for gravel that the cost of dust control be that the trucking firm pay 1/3, the adjacent farmer pay 1/3 and the Municipality pay 1/3, and other property owners who are not on a gravel haul route pay 50 percent of the cost and the Municipality will pay 50% of the cost. Further that the wording in the Gravel Haul Agreement be amended to reflect the cost share for dust control.

Carried

**First quarter Police Report :**

#075/20-ARTHUR:

That Council accept the first quarter policing report being January 1 to March 31, 2020 as presented.

Carried

**Callback of Mower Operator :**

#076/20-HUBER:

That the mower operator be called back on June 1, 2020.

Carried

**Apply to Saskalert for Registration as a User:**

#077/20-VAN LUVEN:

That the Municipality make an application to register with Saskalert, and the Administrator be the first party and Councillor Van Luven be the other registered participants.

Carried

**2020 Operating and Capital Budget:**

#078/20-HUBER:

That the Municipality approve the 2020 Operating and Capital Budget attached to and forming part of these minutes.

Carried

**2020 Tax Rates and tax factors:**

#079/20-VAN LUVEN:

That the uniform tax rate for the municipality for the year 2020 be 8.84 mills, with the tax rate factor being .9810 for agriculture, 1.3000for commercial and 1.3900 for residential.

Carried

**Employee Reviews for 2020:**

#080/20-CZEMERES:

That the 2020 employee reviews be deferred to March of 2021, as the reviews

were completed in August of 2019.

Carried

**By-law 2020-02-establishing discount rates for 2020 on Municipal Taxes:**

#081/20-ARTHUR:

That By-law 2020-02, being a bylaw to set the discount rate on Municipal taxes for the year 2020 be given first reading, with the discount rates being 6% for August, September and October and 2% in November, no discount in December.

Carried

**Second Reading of By-law 2020-02:**

#082/20-CZEMERES:

That second reading be given to By-law 2020-02.

Carried

**Authorization for third reading of by-law 2020-02:**

#083/20-MILLER:

That authorization be given for third reading to by-law 2020-02.

Carried Unanimously

**Third reading to By-law 2020-02:**

#084/20-HUBER:

That third reading be given to by-law 2020-02.

Carried Unanimously

**First Reading to by-law 2020-03 to establish discount rates for Municipal Hail Taxes:**

#085/20-VAN LUVEN:

That first reading be given to by-law 2020-03, being a bylaw to set the discount rate on Municipal Hail Taxes as follows: August 6%, September 5%, October 4% and November 2% as set forth in the Municipal Hail Act.

Carried

**Second reading to bylaw 2020-03:**

#086/20-HUBER:

That second reading be given to bylaw 2020-03.

Carried

**Authorization for third reading to by-law 2020-03:**

#087/20-MILLER:

That authorization be given for third reading to bylaw 2020-03.

Carried Unanimously

**Third reading to by-law 2020-03:**

#088/20-CZEMERES:

That third reading be given to bylaw 2020-03.

Carried Unanimously

**Purchase of Small tools for Shop:**

#089/20-MILLER:

That a budget amount of \$1,500 be allocated for small tools for the shop.

Carried

**Purchase of Mower and Sidearm:**

#090/20-SLYWKA:

That the tender from South Country for the purchase of a Schulte XH1500 mower and a Schulte FLX1510 Sidearm in the amount of \$49,500 be accepted.

Carried

**Correspondence:**

#091/20-VAN LUVEN:

That the correspondence be noted and filed.

Carried

**Administration Report:**

#092/20-MILLER:

That the administration report be accepted as presented.

Carried

**Adjourn:**

#093/20-VAN LUVEN:

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Carried

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Reeve:

Administrator:

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, June 2 , 2020 at 8:00 a.m.**