

The Regular Meeting of the council of Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217 was held at the Municipal Office on Tuesday April 7, 2020 commencing at 8:00 a.m., via teleconference.

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

Administrator: Frank Kosa

Call to Order:

Reeve Senft called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

Agenda:

#052/20-VAN LUVEN:

That the agenda be adopted with addition of business item (f), Developing a policy for operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Carried

Dispense with the reading of the minutes:

#053/20-SLYWKA:

That the Municipality dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and approve them as circulated.

Carried

Minutes Regular Meeting:

#054/20- MILLER:

That the minutes of the March 3, 2020 regular meeting be amended as to resolution #044/20, by amending the time from 1:30 p.m. to 12:00 p.m be adopted as amended.

Carried

March Financial Report:

#055/20 CZEMERES:

That the March financial report be accepted as presented.

Carried

Accounts Payable:

#056/20-ARTHUR:

That the accounts payable represented by cheque No.4381 to 4393, and on line payments Man1 to 8 and Man1 to2, payroll 560-561 in the amount of \$36,775.32 be approved for payment.

Carried

Delegation:

Council Reports:

Division 1:

Councillor Huber informed Council that he completed a road inspection of the major roads in his division, the roads are in good condition for this time of year, he noticed that the grading has commenced for the year, and expressed concern that there is gravel being left on the shoulders, and inquired if the operator could bring in onto the road and do a four pass, as in his opinion the gravel will be lost. He stated that there are some checkered dead end signs missing or down on the roads where Lipton RM joins the RM Tullymet, and if the Public Works personnel could replace or place new ones for safety reasons.

It was noted that the Road and Bridge Committee will inspect the road and speak to the operator.

Division 2

Councillor Van Luven stated there was a frozen culvert due to the spring thaw and freeze period, however the second culvert carried the flow. He inspected the road east of Section 28-22-14-W2 for a plugged culvert, and that the Village required the drainage for the spring draining of the lagoon. He spoke to Daryl Huber regarding the bush on the road allowance. Mr. Huber was to discuss the removal of the bush with the party that rents his land. The site will be re-inspected later in the Spring.

Division 3

Councillor Czemerer stated that the grading season has started and the roads are in good condition, however the frost has not started coming out, the roads will be monitored.

Division 4

Councillor Slywka informed Council that the grader was working in his division and that a good job was being done. He suggested that perhaps with our road signage program, if signs could be placed by the rural cemeteries to assist in locating them for the public. The majority of the Spring run-off is over and there has been no major issues.

Division 5:

Councillor Miller stated that the roads are in decent condition at this time, however the frost has not started moving the road surfaces. There were some quads on the back roads causing damage when the thaw was on, it's difficult to enforce if next to impossible.

Division 6:

Councillor Arthur the roads are reasonable for this time of year and the grader has been out working moving gravel back onto the road and cutting some of the road edge.

Reeve:

Reeve Senft stated he spoke with Jackson's regarding crushing this Spring, and they were of the opinion in the Wagner pit there was approximately 30,000 yards and the pit would be depleted. They also mentioned perhaps of pulling gravel out of the Freeland pit that is in the water table and let it dry for a year prior to crushing. They also suggested moving the rocks from the Wagner pit to the Freeland pit for future use.

Council Reports:

#057/20-SLYWKA:

That the Council reports be accepted.

Carried

Sandy Hall payment of arrears of taxes:

#058/20- ARTHUR:

That Council postpone the tax enforcement procedure on the outstanding taxes on the Pt. NE-33-24-15-W2 to permit the owner to make monthly installments on the arrears, and should the payments not be made or missed, that the Tax Enforcement Procedure proceed and that the Municipality seek title to the property..

Carried

Municipality's response to the Ministry of Agriculture on the Catto ILO

#059/20-HUBER:

That in response to the Memorandum from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture inquiring if the Municipality had any regulatory requirements relating to the application for an Intensive Livestock Operation located at the NE-29-24-13-W2, that the Ministry be informed that the applicant is required to obtain a Discretionary Use Permit under the provisions of the Municipality's Zoning By-law 2002-2, in reviewing the background to the application it appears that the environmental concerns have been addressed and it is our

understanding that upon review of by other Provincial agencies, any other concerns will be addressed.

Carried

June 2nd being the date for the Public Hearing on the Catto ILO Application for a Discretionary Use Permit under Zoning By-law 2002-02:

#060/20-ARTHUR:

That due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the advisory for social distancing, that Council advertise the date of June 2nd, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. be set for the public hearing to be held at the Municipal Office. With the outcome of the pandemic unknown, the Municipality is requesting that any party that wishes to be a proponent of the application or is opposed to the application, their position and reason(s) be received in a written format prior to May 25th, 2020. The submissions may be mailed, e-mailed, as the office will be closed to the public. Should any party wish to speak at the public hearing, that they advise the Municipal Office and they will receive the necessary information to participate in a teleconference call at the hearing.

Carried

Road Bans in Municipality

#061/20-CZEMERES:

That Council the secondary weight road bans in the Municipality be removed for agriculture producers for the movement of their products for the year 2020, within the boundary of the Municipality.

Carried

Discussion on 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets :

#062/20-CZEMERES:

That Council open discussion on the 2020 Operating and Capital budget, that from the discussion all changes be noted, and direction for further information be obtained, and that it be brought forward at the May 5th Regular Meeting of Council in order that the budget be approved and tax rates set for the year 2020. Changes to budget and a copy of the amended budget be forwarded to Council

Carried

Revenue:

Line 450-110-100 – Revenue Sharing increase by \$10,425

Expenditures:

510-200-130 -Audit increase by \$300
530-210-100 – Dust Control increase by \$15,000
530-440-100 – Gravel/ increase by \$50,000
(to crush and purchase an additional 10k yds)
540-420-100 Pest Control Supplies increase by \$2,500
540-570-100 CLWSA decrease by \$1,500

Adjust discount on taxes, 6% for August, Sept and Oct and 2% Nov. & Dec increase
\$6,000 total estimated discount \$52,500

Operational Policy during Covid-19 pandemic :

#063/20-MILLER:

That the MUNICIPAL POLICY FOR COVID-19 OPERATION be as follows:

1. The office will be closed to the public, but we will do business by phone, our number is 306-336-2244 and by e-mail, our address is rm.217@sasktel.net The forms are also on our website. rm217.ca
2. For those who are seeking to purchase 2% Strychnine the process is to complete Provincial Purchase Agreement which will be in an envelope attached to the office door. Let us know how many bottles you require, we will place the order outside the door for you. You may pay by attaching the payment to the application or we will invoice you accordingly. The receipt will be mailed. Please complete the evaluation report and mail to the Province directly. The information is in the material with the evaluation report.
3. Should you wish to speak to a Councillor regarding an issue that may come up, you may call the office and we will forward your information to the Councillor, or you may contact your Councillor directly. Once you have discussed the issue with the Councillor by phone, further action may be taken, such as internet contact, if personal contact is required, it is the choice of the Councillor, but please note social distancing will be practiced.
4. Grader Operators have been instructed to have any taxpayer call the office should they have a concern or wish some additional grading of a driveway. They are not to meet with taxpayers during working hours, again, social distancing is of high importance, and we do have a responsibility to our employees.

Carried

Correspondence:

#064/20-VAN LUVEN:

That the correspondence be noted and filed.

Carried

Adjourn:

#065/20-VAN LUVEN:

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Carried

Reeve:

Administrator:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.