

MINUTES OF THE June 13th, 2023 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Willett, Councillor's MacCumber, Pain, Smith, Payne, and CAO Rolfe. Also present Hayden Wilde (Auditor) and Ross Ford (Milk River Water Users)

Meeting: Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Willett.

Agenda: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Delegate:

Ross Ford: Ross came to present on a new study that will be commissioned by the Milk River Water Users Association. The study involves creating more storage off stream so the irrigators have access longer in the season to irrigation. They are asking for \$10/acre foot per the amount the license holder has. Ross left after his presentation. Councillor MacCumber moved to pay \$1800 (180 x \$10), and to ask the Rec Board to contribute a share. Carried unanimously.

Hayden

Wilde: Hayden came to present the 2022 year end on behalf of MWG on behalf of Doug Wilde. He reviewed the findings and determined that the Village is holding a good financial position. Councillor Smith moved to accept the 2022 year end financial documents prepared by MWG. Carried unanimously. Hayden left after his presentation.

Minutes: Councillor Smith moved to accept the May 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried Unanimously.

Old Business:

CAO Report: CAO Report is attached. Councillor Payne moved to accept the CAO report as presented. Carried unanimously.

School

Building: The school repairs will be finished by Coutts Day

Strategic

Planning: Yards will be looked at this month by the bylaw officers.

Financial

Statement: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the May2023 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.

Accounts

Payable: Councillor Payne moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.

New Business

Bylaw 590&

591 taxes 2023: Mayor Willett moved for second reading of Bylaw 590, that being the bylaw to assess property taxes for 2023. Carried unanimously. Councillor Smith moved for third and final reading of Bylaw 590. Carried unanimously. Councillor Pain moved for 2nd reading of Bylaw 591, being the bylaw to assess Frontage Tax for 2023. Carried unanimously. Councillor Payne moved for third reading of Bylaw 591. Carried unanimously.

Summer

Meetings: Summer meetings will continue as usual.

Bell

Contract: Councillor Smith moved to accept the new contract proposed by Bell for allowing their antennas to be placed on the water tower for \$1806.74/year. Carried unanimously.

Dr Housing:

Councillor MacCumber moved to look at housing for Doctors in partnership with the other committees. Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Mayor
Willett: Did not have any meetings to attend.

Councillor
Payne: Attended the Ridge Country Housing Meeting
Attended the FCSS Meeting

Councillor
MacCumber: Attended the AHS update meeting
Attended the Milk River Watershed Meeting
Attended the Rec Board Meeting

Councillor
Pain: There was no quorum for the Handibus meeting
Attended the Library Meeting

Councillor
Smith: Attended the CMRSWC Meeting.
Attended the ORRSC Meeting.

Correspondence: None at this time.

Closed Session: Not Requested at this time

Adjourn: Councillor Payne moved to adjourn at 9:05 pm.


MAYOR


CAO

CAO Report – June 13th, 2023

1. School is still under construction; asbestos abatement is finished. I've been promised it will be ready for Coutts Day. Found out today that it will not be ready, but we will have access without any problems and they will finish next week.
2. Cathy has been very helpful in catching up the mowing. Ken has handed in his resignation effective June 9th.
3. The Property Tax Sale being worked on. Received permission from MA
4. Seniors Coffee went great, about 15 attended.
5. Attended a meeting in Milk River with MR CAO, Warner CAO, County CAO and Raymond CAO. MPE presented beginning steps to the study that will determine what will be needed to bring potable water from Raymond to Milk River, then distribute to us.
6. Coutts Day organizing is going well. Need someone to ride in the truck in parade
7. Nellie is doing great....Ridge Water has been very helpful as well.
8. We've had a few water/sewer issues lately and they have all been resolved.
 - pump at diamonds
 - curb stop at diamonds
 - roots in line 1st Ave S