

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF CHIPMAN
April 10, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Jim Palmer called the regular monthly meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

Two members of the public were in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M#43-2006 Stead: that the agenda be adopted as printed and distributed together with the following additions under other business:

- Second Reading By Law No 513-2006 ATCO Franchise Agreement
- Chipman Car Crafters 'Show and Shine'

Carried Unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M#44-2006 Stribling: that the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting held March 13, 2006 be adopted as printed and distributed.

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATION:

Staff Sgt. Chuck Jackson of the Fort Saskatchewan R.C.M.P. detachment appeared as a delegation to present policing statistics for the area to hear Council concerns regarding police service in Chipman.

Mayor Palmer stated that the issue for the Village remains lack of support from the police service citing recent incidents and requests that have not been addressed. SSgt. Jackson stated that response should be reasonable and that he would follow up on village files.

The attendance of Constable Constantine last fall raised expectations with the offer of village office space to the RCMP on a 24-hour basis. S. Sgt. Jackson indicated that a dedicated line and internet access would be required to effectively utilize office space. Mayor Palmer stated that this was something the village could accommodate.

SSgt. Jackson reviewed police crime statistics for the area indicating that he would like to work with Council and attend the June meeting.

SSgt. left the meeting at 8:27 p.m. and was thanked by Mayor Palmer.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

a) High Speed Internet

Councillor Stead reported that MCSNet has made application to Bell Axia but has not as yet received an approved agreement.

The administrator was instructed to make inquiries to Bell Axia concerning agreement status.

b) Lagoon Berm Repairs

The agreement for the Lagoon Berm Repairs has been signed and returned to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation. Under the terms of the agreement, the village will be reimbursed 75% of eligible project costs up to \$42,750. The project may be undertaken on a Contract or Day Labour Basis.

It was noted that Council is working to finalize a project plan.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

A comparative of Operating Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending March 31, 2006 had been circulated with the agenda. The report indicates a shortfall of \$22,805.97 for the period. It was noted that this statement reflects current operations only and does not include 2005 grant receivables or capital projects.

M#45-2006 Stead: that the Revenue/Expense report for the period ending March 31, 2006 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

M#46-2006 Stribling: that the accounts covered by cheque numbers 20060074 to 20060108 inclusive for the total sum of \$29,143.20 be and are hereby approved for payment.

Carried Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE for Information:

a) Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Hon. Rob Renner

One-time funding of a \$50,000 unconditional grant will be provided by Alberta Municipal Affairs to assist municipalities with limited financial resources. A News Release from the department notes that 123 municipalities will share \$10M.

Council directed that these funds be utilized in the Streets Improvement Project Budget.

b) Alberta Municipal Affairs Emergency Management Alberta

Letter to the Director of Disaster Services regarding emergency preparedness week May 7 – 13th. This year's focus family preparedness and managing first 72 hours after an event.

c) CAN MEDIA – History Books

Volume I New Series 'Canada in the 20th Century' will be sent by Can Media for review and purchase decision, similar to process used for 'Alberta in the 20th Century'.

d) Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

Copy of required Notice with respect to application for new Franchise Agreement. Notice published in March 14th edition of the Lamont Leader stating that objections to the application are to be submitted to the EUB by March 27, 2006.

e) College and Association of Registered Nurses

Nurses' week will be celebrated May 8-14 2006 across Canada.

f) Alberta Health and Wellness

Minister's letter of March 3, 2006 enclosing summary document regarding a new Health Policy Framework.

g) Lamont County Regional Inventory of Historic Resources

Recommendation to Lamont County Heritage Board, by heritage consultant Judy Larmour, for placement of the St. Bonaventure Roman Catholic Church on the County Region Inventory of Historic Resources a process to be carried out in consultation with the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

M#47-2006 Stribling: that the correspondence items be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS:

a) 2006 Roadwork and Sidewalk Projects

Mayor Palmer reported that roadwork would proceed as per 2005 pricing and that Allied Paving is preparing a quote for curb replacement and installation of new curbs and sidewalks on 47th Avenue. Once the numbers are finalized a local improvement plan will be prepared and notice served to property owners abutting 47th Avenue.

M#48-2006 Stribling: that Chipman Council proceed with the development of a Local Improvement Plan for curbs/sidewalks to be funded on a 60/40 basis utilizing Street Improvement Grant Funds with the remainder of the project funded by the municipality at large.

Carried Unanimously

b) Lamont County – Urban Weed Control Program

Applications to be submitted to the County office by May 26th.

M#49-2006 Palmer: that this item be tabled to the May Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

c) Volunteer Week – Ad Requests

With the approach of National Volunteer week, local newspapers are soliciting ads from municipalities and local organizations.

It was agreed that Chipman would acknowledge its volunteers in the local newsletter published by Cindy Lindemann.

d) Alberta Emergency Management - Pandemic Workshop

One-day disaster social services workshop to be held May 4th in St. Paul.

M#50-2006 Stribling: that Councillor Stead and/or Toni Nygren attend the session in St. Paul.

Carried Unanimously

e) Bylaw No 513-2006 – Franchise Agreement ATCO Gas

M#51-2006 Palmer: that Bylaw No. 513-2006 authorizing an agreement between the Village and ATCO Gas to confer a franchise for delivery of natural gas within the municipality be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

f) Chipman Car Crafters 'Show and Shine'

Request list for annual show and shine event. It has been the practice of the village to accommodate the Car Crafters in their annual event and provide extra services.

REPORTS:

a) Administrator's

A verbal report from administration noted the following:

- 2006 Energize Workshop October 26-28 Jasper Park Lodge.
- Receipt of partial PFRA grant funding (\$28,517) approved for truck fill project.
- Status of properties to be offered for public auction April 18th.
- Lamont County Trade Show attendance booth.

M#52-2006 Palmer: that the administrator's report be accepted for information.

Carried Unanimously

b) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

i) Ambulance Board

No meeting scheduled.

ii) Fire Department

Need to write policy setting out level of service based on OHS rules.
Chipman may have to focus on containment and suppression only.

iii) County of Lamont Regional Landfill Commission

Councillor Stribling advised that the Commission will hold its Meeting April 12th at the County Office.

iv) County of Lamont Senior's Foundation

Next meeting to be held April 24th.

v) Capital Region Vegreville Corridor Water Services Commission

Commission Chairman Palmer updated information on ½ Million Gallon Reservoir proposed by Lamont County and the policy review scheduled for April 11th at the offices of the Commission solicitors Reynolds Mirth in Edmonton.

vi) LEAP (Lamont Economic Alliance Partnership)

Councillor Stead reported on upcoming trade shows.

vii) Chipman Agricultural Society

Councillor Stribling reported that due to financial limitations, the Ag Society decided exclude cattle penning from this year's events.

viii) FCSS (Family and Community Support Services)

Tony Nygren reported on the volunteer management course she and Susan Campbell attended in Vegreville and gave a brief outline of liability issues faced by organizations using volunteers.

M#53-2006 Palmer: that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted for information purposes and that course expenses be covered by the village.

Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Mayor, Jim Palmer

Administrator, Pat Tomkow