

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF CHIPMAN
January 5, 2007

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Jim Palmer called the regular monthly meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

In attendance were Councillors Stead and Stribling, Administrator Pat Tomkow and Executive Assistant Susan Campbell

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M#1-2007 Stead: that the agenda be adopted as printed and distributed.

Carried Unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M#2-2007 Stead: that the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting held December 11, 2006 be adopted as printed and distributed.

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

a) Water Sewer Policy

Council discussed final wording changes to the draft policy, agreed to revisions and asked that the Administrator submit a revised draft at the next Council meeting.

M#3-2007 Palmer: that this item be tabled to the February Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

b) Snow Clearing Policy

Council discussed final wording changes to the draft policy and agreement and asked that the Administrator submit a revised draft of both documents at the next Council meeting.

M#4-2007 Stribling: that this item be tabled to the February Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

c) National Hall Rental Agreement

Council discussed the terms of the draft Agreement, in particular the alternative provisions for insurance, as well as Schedule A – Cleaning Instructions. Council prefers the second insurance clause option, but asked that the Administrator provide further information before Council takes a final vote.

M#5-2007 Stribling: that agreed upon changes to the Agreement and Schedule be incorporated and accepted, and that this item be tabled to the February Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously

d) Kalya Country Advertisement – 2007

Council discussed the draft Advertisement and requested that reference be made to the lots developed and sold in 2006, as well as those to be developed in 2007.

M#6-2007 Palmer: that the Kalya Country Advertisement for 2007 be submitted with changes as agreed.

Carried Unanimously

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Operating Revenues/Expenditures to December 31, 2006

The administrator reviewed various statement items with Council, noting that cheques issued since December 31 (including payment in full for the Village's insurance coverage) will appear in next month's Statement.

M#7-2007 Stribling: to adopt the Statement as presented.

Carried Unanimously

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

M#8-2007 Stead: that the accounts covered by cheque numbers 2006-0489 to 2006-0536 inclusive for the total sum of \$129,156.41 be and are hereby approved for payment.

Carried Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE (Information Items):

a) Lamont County Regional Solid Waste Commission - letter advising that the 2007 requisition rate will increase by 20% (from \$3,760 to \$4,685, for the Village of Chipman).

b) RCMP Letter December 20, 2006 – Letter following up on meeting at AUMA, attaching list of action items.

c) AUMA – Digest of AUMA/AMSC Announcements

d) AUMA – list of AUMA Spring Regional Sessions and locations.

e) Alberta Municipal Affairs – Letter from the Minister announcing funding for emergency management training under the Municipal Sponsorship Program. Council asked that the Administrator seek clarification on whether the AMA funding is available to individual municipalities.

M#9-2007 Palmer: that the correspondence items be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Signing Authority Susan Campbell – Cheques & Permits

The Administrator advised that the necessary form has been prepared for submission, giving cheque signing authority to Susan Campbell effective January 4, 2007.

M#10-2006 Stribling: that the Administrator submit the form required to give signing authority to Ms. Campbell.

Carried Unanimously

REPORTS:

a) Administrator's Report

- confirmed that the Village has purchased 8 tickets (a table) for the RCMP Regimental Ball on February 24, 2007.
- tax penalties (18%) have been levied against arrears of \$62,415 on various village properties.
- next fire chief's meeting January 15th at 6:30 p.m. Lamont County Offices
- training opportunities offered by Municipal Affairs for Municipal Dispute Resolution

M#11-2007 Stead: that the Administrator's Report be accepted for information.

Carried unanimously

b) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

i) Ambulance Report

The proposed 2007 budget has been received, Lamont County Ambulance Board requisition to follow.

ii) Fire Department

No meeting

iii) Lamont County Regional Solid Waste Commission

See Correspondence item a) – letter advising of 20% increase in 2007 requisition rate.

iv) Lamont Seniors' Foundation

Ms. Deborah Hancheruk has begun work as the new manager of Beaverhill Pioneer Lodge.

v) Vegreville Corridor Water Services Commission

No report

vi) Chipman Agricultural Society

The Cutter Rally will take place on February 24 and Fair Days will be held on June 9, 2007.

vii) FCSS

No meeting

viii) LEAP

At the December 21 meeting, members discussed strategic plan goals and actions, in anticipation of January 12-13 community development training course. Next LEAP meeting to be held January 25 in Chipman Community Meeting Room.

M#12-2006 Palmer: that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted for information purposes.

Carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Mayor, Jim Palmer

Administrator, Pat Tomkow