

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF CHIPMAN
September 11, 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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M#83-2006 Stribling: that the agenda be adopted as printed and distributed together with the following deletion:

- Other Business item 8e) – Road closure new subdivision - deleted

Carried Unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M#84-2006 Stribling: that the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting held June 12, 2006 be adopted as printed and distributed.

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATIONS:

a) R.C.M.P. –

Staff Sergeant Jackson attended to give the Crime Stats report (Jan-June), provide an update on the Business Plan and have a general discussion with Council. He indicated that current issues are: youth, vandalism, drugs; the detachment is increasing its 'solve rate' and better communication helps with attitude change and improved relations with Chipman residents. He said that the RCMP is now doing performance plans and more consultation with communities and community issues, e.g. drugs. He encouraged the Village to be more vigilant about incidents.

b) Wayne Verhulp – request for variance to allow front driveway

Mr. Verhulp made further representations about being allowed to build a front driveway. Council did not agree to the variance. Council undertook to remove the culvert and gravel the back lane behind the Verhulp property, to enable parking at the rear of the house.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

a) 2006 Roadwork Project (update)

Council agreed to get as much work done as possible before winter. The Country may try to oil the roads.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Statement of Operating Revenues/Expenditures to August 31, 2006

M#85-2006 Stead: to adopt the Statement as presented.

Carried Unanimously

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

M#86-2006 Palmer: that the accounts covered by cheque numbers 2006-0212 to 2006-0368 inclusive for the total sum of \$160,462.49 be and are hereby approved for payment.

Carried Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE (Information Items):

- a) ATCO GAS – installation of gas main new subdivision.
- b) Lamont County – use of water tanker by County public works.
- c) CRTC – Chipman complaint re Telus service.
- d) TELUS – response & actions taken to resolve technical problems
- e) CRTC – response to Chipman re Telus quality of service Chipman.
- f) Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister – continuation of Municipal Sponsorship Program, application deadline October 16, 2006-09.
- g) Alberta Municipal Affairs, Assessment Services – assessment audit follow-up noting municipality has addressed recommendations contained in 2003 report.
- h) Bill Boskwick Emergency Management Alberta – suggests programming EMA Mutual Aid frequencies into fire dept. radios.
- i) Bill Boskwick – EPWS training – Lamont County Dec. 5th. Timing/location being finalized.
- j) ATCO GAS – Final Franchise fees paid under old agreement - \$5,681.92

M#87-2006 Stead: that the correspondence items be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) AUMA Conference Oct. 4-6
- b) Draft Policy – Water Sewer Services
Council reviewed the draft policy and requested the specific inclusion of reference to the owner being responsible for the portion of the line running from the main line **to the owner's property. [check MGA]** Council agreed to review the document, with amendments, at the next Council meeting.
- c) Complaint form
Council reviewed and approved the Complaint form as presented.
- d) Insurance Renewal – premium \$33,214.00 (increase of \$4,521.00)
Council requested the Administrator to look at other options, specifically AUMA/AAMDC and Reed Stenhouse, and report back at the next Council meeting.

REPORTS:

- a) Administrator's Report:
A brief report made reference to the following:
 - revised Chipman Brochure
 - Provincial Legislature notice fly flags at half at mast for funeral of Canadian soldier Sgt. Strichuk
 - outstanding taxes and penalties 2006 year
 - AUMA legal advisory by Bill Barclay –regarding issuance of Stop Orders
 - Lamont Fire Department Report C. Clifford
 - August 24th Fire Chief's Meeting in Lamont
 - updated provincial health policy framework from Minister Iris Evans
 - tire recycling grant programs status
 - 2006 changes to Local Authorities Election Act
 - Vegreville Commission Minutes of April 13th

M#88-2006 Palmer: that the Administrator's report be accepted for information.

Carried unanimously

b) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- i) Ambulance Report
Question put forward to Chair of Ambulance Board regarding invoicing for ambulance contract and re-scheduleing of board meetings.
- ii) Fire Department
Reported by Councillor Stead that fire hall has been cleaned and training courses have been scheduled. Question of County hourly rates paid for firefighting vs. actual time spent by fire department on fires. Consensus of Council that firemen should be paid for their actual time and this should not be a County decision.
- iii) Regional Solid Waste Commission Report
Councillor Stribling indicated that Lamont County may undertake completion of a new cell at the St. Michael landfill.
- iv) Lamont Seniors' Foundation
The matter of future senior housing within the County and the need to aggressively pursue grant dollars was a concern expressed by the Mayor.
- v) Vegreville Corridor Water Services Commission
Chairman Palmer reported on direction to pursue separation of the control system on the Vegreville side of the On-Line Facility for the purpose of obtaining a separate contract operator.
- vi) Chipman Agricultural Society
Councillor Stribling indicated that he was not available for meetings of the Ag Society. Information was presented regarding proposed changes in venue for the 2007 fair days.
- vii) FCSS
Councilor Stribling reported a successful summer program. A children's program took place in Chipman at the Curling rink.
- viii) LEAP
Councillor Stead noted that a meeting of the Board is scheduled for later this month.

M#89-2006 Palmer: that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted for information purposes.

Carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Mayor, Jim Palmer

Administrator, Pat Tomkow