

MINUTES
TOWN OF MILESTONE
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday January 14th 2020

Municipal Council Chambers – 105 Main St Milestone

- Present The Mayor, Jeff Brown, called the meeting to order with the following councilors present:
- Mike Gallais,
Judy Moorhead
Rena Ohrt
Mike Sjodin
Greg Treleaven
- Absent None
- Minutes 1-20 **Treleaven-Gallais:** That the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on the 10th of December 2019 be approved as distributed and presented.
CARRIED
- Council 2-20 **Ohrt-Sjodin:** That we accept the Letter from Ian Wourms resigning his seat on council Resignation dated January 14, 2020 and
FURTHER to section 9(b) of The Local Government Election Act, council decides not to fill this vacancy until the next general election.
CARRIED
- Business Discussed the LESA Application as submitted to SUMA by the administrator and the Arising notification that our application was unsuccessful and the requirement(s) of our Landfill permit, the following was moved;
- 3-20 **Moorhead-Treleaven:** That the Landfill environmental assessment as per the Quote from Stantec be delayed until future grant opportunities become available.
CARRIED
- 4-20 **Sjodin-Treleaven:** That the following days requested for vacation from the Administrator be hereby approved: Dec 27, 2019, Jan 16 & 17, 2020
CARRIED
- 5-20 **Sjodin-Gallais:** That the Administrator and the Mayor be authorized to sign the Agreement between the Town of Milestone and Jim Moorhead dated Jan 14, 2020 outlining all financial employment obligations between the parties that expires on March 31, 2021
CARRIED
- Discussed the properties located at 622 Railway Ave and 131 Main St. Admin and PBI will determine the next steps to ensure all notification have been issues regarding hte demolition orders.
- Discussed the water bills, we will be switching to Quarterly bills and eliminating the annual billing for a number of reasons.
- Discussed the sewer issues at 123 Queen Street. Sewer backup was due in part to the tree roots on Queen Street. Public Works Staff has addressed the root issues on the street but the is the insurance claim at the property referenced above. Once the amount of damage has been determined, Admin will discuss covering some or all of the deductible.
- List of 6-20 **Ohrt-Gallais:** That the accounts as listed on Schedule “A” from check #5887 to Accounts #5937 in the amount of \$79,936.89 as annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment.
CARRIED
- Stat’t. 7-20. **Gallais-Treleaven:** That the interim statement showing cash receipts and disbursements Rec./Pay’ts. for the month of December 2019 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

The following tax collection report was given at this time.

Tax Coll To Dec 31 90%; 2018 – 88%; 2017 - 89%; 2016-88%; 2015 – 90%; 2014 – 93%; 2013 – 90%; 12 – 91%:(Current Only)

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- Council Indemnity 8-20 **Moorhead-Ohrt:** That the council indemnities for 2020 be set at:
Mayor.....\$100.00/diem for Regular, Special, Committee and Convention
Councilors.....\$80.00/diem for Regular, Special, Committee and Convention
Furthermore be it resolved that mileage be set at \$0.45/km.
CARRIED
- Regular Meetings 9-20 **Ohrt-Sjodin:** That the 2020 regular meetings of council be held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30PM in the municipal council chambers.
CARRIED
- Deputy Mayors 10-20 **Sjodin-Gallais:** That the deputy mayors for 2020 be appointed as follows:
January and February.....Councilor, Mike Gallais
March and April.....Councilor, Mike Sjodin
May and June.....Councilor, Greg Treleaven
July and August.....Councilor, Rena Ohrt
September and October.....Councilor, Judy Moorhead
November and December.....Councilor, Mike Sjodin
- further, that the deputy mayors during their respective terms of office, in addition to the mayor and administrator have signing authority for the town.
CARRIED
- List of Appointments That the 2020 list of appointments and custom work rates is tabled until the next meeting
CARRIED
- Water Analysis 11-20 **Sjodin-Ohrt:** That the weekly water chemical analysis as listed in the accounts be hereby acknowledged as received noting all report no organisms detectable.
CARRIED
- SUMA Volunteer F.F. Ins. 12-20. **Sjodin-Ohrt:** That the town renew the Volunteer Fire Fighters Insurance with SUMA for the period March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021 and the premium be paid.
CARRIED
- WSA Compliance 13-20 **Gallais-Ohrt:** That we acknowledge receipt of the Milestone Water Treatment Plant Compliance inspection report No00002367-06-00 dated Dec 18, 2019 as received and presented by the administrator and that a copy of the report be forwarded to Milestone Public Works staff.
CARRIED
- Grant Thornton 14-20 **Treleaven-Sjodin:** That the Mayor and the Administrator sign the letter of engagement from Grant Thornton for the 2019 Audit.
CARRIED
- WSA Permit 15-20 **Ohrt-Gallais:** That we acknowledge receipt of the Town of Milestone Permit to operate a Waterworks, Permit #00002367-07-00 dated Dec 30, 2019
CARRIED
- Other Discussion Discussed the XMAS lights competition
Audit date is currently set for Feb 21, 2020
- Correspondence The miscellaneous correspondence listed on the agenda was presented to council for their review and the same was filed for reference. A number of periodicals, newsletters, etc. were placed on the council table for council perusal.

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Adjourn 16-20 **Moorhead-Ohrt**: That we do now adjourn.

CARRIED

Mayor

Administrator

Meeting Commenced at 7:30 PM

Adjourned at 9:30 PM

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th 2020 at 7:30 PM