THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on September 24, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Present:

Reeve Amerongen, Councillors McDougald, Staerk, Stead and Chief

Administrative Officer Johnson

Excused: Deputy Reeve Honke

Reeve Amerongen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Reading and Confirming of Agenda and Minutes:

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

275/24 WHEREAS the agenda for this regular meeting has been reviewed by

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda shall be adopted as amended.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

276/24 WHEREAS the minutes of their regular meeting held on September 10, 2024, have been submitted to Council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these minutes be adopted as presented.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Financial:

Payment of Accounts

Moved by Stead and seconded by McDougald

277/24 WHEREAS the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Cheque No. 25196 to 25218

Electronic Payments EFT 8226 to 8250

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$79,059.13.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

278/24 WHEREAS the following items have been submitted for approval of payments:

Electronic Payments EFT 8251 & 8252

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,673.93.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 278/24, Reeve Amerongen requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

2. Financial Statements ending August 31, 2024

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

279/24 WHEREAS the financial statements ending August 31, 2024, have been circulated to Council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these financial statements are adopted as presented.

Against: None

CARRIED

Public Works: Update of September 16, 2024

Utility Report: August, 2024

Building Inspector Report: August, 2024

By-Law Officer Report: August, 2024

Reports of Committees:

Two Rivers Service to Seniors re: July, 2024 Financials, Annual Report, and May, June, July and August 2024 Board Reports; and

- Eastman Regional Municipal Committee re: minutes of July 29, 2024.

Verbal Reports of Committees:

Councillor McDougald reported on Community Futures Winnipeg River; and Reeve Amerongen reported on the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority Medical Retreat, Joint Meeting with the Rural Municipality of Reynolds and the Winnipeg River Watershed Meeting.

Communications:

- Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Executive Committee nomination information. Noted.
- Community Futures re: North Eastman Municipal Forum on October 21, 2024, in Whitemouth.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

280/24 **WHEREAS** the North Eastman Municipal Forum will be held in Whitemouth, on October 21, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth has agreed to hosting this event of approximately 50 participants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all members of Council are hereby authorized to attend this meeting;

AND BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

3. Justin Lacroix re: request to hook onto municipal water.

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

281/24 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water has been received from Justin Lacroix;

AND WHEREAS this property is located at 39 Third Street West in Elma, being Lots 1 to 4 of Block 1 of Plan No. 1413 WLTO, and identified by assessment roll number 40200;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this request be hereby approved; **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the appropriate fees be paid in full to the municipality for the connection, prior to the installation by the contractor.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

4. Association of Manitoba Municipalities 2024 Annual Fall Convention invitation.

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

282/24 **WHEREAS** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Annual Fall Convention will be held in Winnipeg, from November 25th to 27th, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all members of Council and the Chief Administrative Officer are hereby authorized to attend same;

AND BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT they be reimbursed as per municipal by-laws.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

- 5. Regional Beausejour Manager of Community Planning is now also the Acting Steinbach Regional Manager as well. Noted.
- 6. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: Brand Refresh, requesting video footage and photos from each Municipality in Manitoba. Councillors Stead and Staerk will request promotional photos/videos from the Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc., and Council members will share with Administration anything they may have for this purpose.
- 7. Manitoba Association of Watersheds re: Manitoba Watersheds Conference. Tabled.
- 8. Association of Manitoba Municipalities re: bulletin with updates. Noted.
- 9. Boreal Shores Art Tour re: thank you and update. Noted.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Lagoon minutes of meeting held on August 28, 2024. Tabled.
- Waterline South of Elma Manitoba Water Services Board Inquiry and update from the joint meeting with the Rural Municipality of Reynolds. Tabled.
 Moved by Staerk and seconded by McDougald
- 283/24 **WHEREAS** it is deemed beneficial to work jointly with the Manitoba Water Services Board and the Rural Municipality of Reynolds to study the feasibility of extending water from Whitemouth to the community of Prawda; **AND WHEREAS** this would benefit our ratepayers whom have requested water connections along the route;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the cost of \$30,000.00 for this feasibility study is shared 50% Manitoba Water Services Board, 25% Rural Municipality of Whitemouth, and 25% Rural Municipality of Reynolds.

For: All Against: None CARRIED

- 3. By-Law No. 758/24 re: utility rates awaiting Public Utilities Board response. Tabled.
- 4. Building By-Law Draft fees. Tabled
- 5. Watershed/Manitoba Environment and Climate Change meeting update from Reeve Amerongen during Committee Reports above.

New Business:

- 1. By-Law Enforcement (Alternate/s) referred to In Camera
- 2. Bursary Grant re: inquiry. Criteria to remain, with information being forwarded to the Rural Municipality of Reynolds.
- 3. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority re: thank you to Reeve Amerongen for participating in the 2024 Family Medical Retreat. Noted.
- 4. Whitemouth Fire Department re: Captain Cliff Friesen and Fire Fighter Blaine Stead attended the Search and Rescue in Shamattawa. Noted.

5. Rain Event – Disaster Financial Assistance Request

Moved by Staerk and seconded by Stead

284/24 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth has realized response and repair costs for the Heavy Rains experienced on September 16th, and September 17th, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth requests the Provincial Government provide Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) for this event;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth respectfully requests the Province to participate in this program as it has incurred public sector expenses as a result of this event.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

In Camera:

Moved by Staerk and seconded by McDougald

285/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recess the Regular meeting and go "In Camera" as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss the following item: Personnel

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters discussed are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by McDougald and seconded by Stead

286/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does hereby now re-open the meeting to the public.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Administration was directed to proceed to interview for the Alternate By-Law Officer position. Tabled.

Adjournment:

Moved by Stead and seconded by Staerk

287/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:16 p.m.

For: All

Against:

None

CARRIED

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer