

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA
 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY January 10, 2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA MUNICIPAL OFFICE
 5135 – 50TH STREET, VILNA AT 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Leroy Kunyk
 Councillor Paul Miranda
 Deputy Mayor Tammy Lynn Thompson (virtually)
 Loni Leslie, Administration

ABSENT: Earla Wagar, CAO


GALLERY Donna and Bob Orleski, Hank Keller and Linda Yurdiga

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kunyk called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. AGENDA:

RES: 001-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Agenda be accepted.

CARRIED



**-VILLAGE-OF-VILNA-
 REGULAR-COUNCIL-MEETING-AGENDA-
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024-----5:30 P.M.-**

**1.-> AGENDA-
 Additions/Changes-**

2.-> DELEGATION-

3.-> MINUTES-
 a)-> November-8, 2023-

4.-> BUSINESS-ARISING-FROM-MINUTES-

5.-> REPORTS:-

6.-> BUSINESS:-
 a.-> Expand-Scheduling-Times-for-Regional-Committee-Meetings-
 b.-> Potential-Appointment-to-Regional-Fire-Transition-Committee-
 c.-> Water-Conservation-
 d.-> Regional-Fire-&-Rescue-Resolutions-

7.-> BYLAWS-AND-POLICIES-

8.-> FINANCIAL-
 a)-> Accounts-paid-December-1--31, 2023- → → → → **\$212,686.16-**
 i.-> A/P-Dec-1--31, 2023--(067-080)- → → \$161,706.82-
 ii.-> EFT-Nov-1--30, 2023--(2023094-2023114)-\$-31,140.49-
 iii.-> EFT-Payroll-December-2023- → → \$-19,840.85-

9.-> CORRESPONDENCE:-

10.-> NEXT-MEETINGS:-
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11.-> CLOSED-SESSION-
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12.-> ADJOURNMENT--

2. DELEGATIONS: None

3. MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting December 13, 2023

RES: 002-024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13th, 2023 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5. REPORTS

a) Mayor Kunyk

December 21, 2023 – Evergreen Regional Waste Commission - ZOOM

- Waste cell construction scheduled for Spring 2024;
- Standards are getting stricter, what is allowed to be shipped and what can be buried;
- Theft of copper, Freon units and batteries is increasing;
- Bonnyville has installed Phoenix Fence, with AI technology;
- Athabasca Landfill has approximately 10 years left, do no plan to build or expand;
 - Indicated that they will haul to Evergreen;
- Beaver River considering hauling to Evergreen
- Bonnyville is considering waste to energy.

January 9, 2024 – Regional Fire & Rescue

- Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee is working with TSI Solutions Inc. to create a region fire service for the Smoky Lake Region.
- They are asking the province for funding to assist in rural firefighter training
- They are also asking for tax incentives for firefighters

b) Deputy Mayor Thompson

December 15, 2023 – Smoky Lake Foundation

- A memo was directed to staff regarding street parking, indicating that Foundation staff, AHS staff and visitors are not to park on the street.

c. Councillor Miranda

January 8, 2024 – Vilna & District Agricultural Society

- Charlie Leskiw announced that he would be stepping down as Chair, effective February 5, 2024 the AGM;
- Volunteer Appreciation is scheduled for January 19th
- Fireman’s Ball is scheduled for February 10th
- Cowboy Fest – July
- They have received a grant to renovate the hall kitchen.
- Curling ice is being installed.

d. CAO Report

BALANCE Current Taxes December 31, 2023

56,004.40

	ARREARS	\$108,547.09
	<u>TOTAL TAXES OWING</u>	\$164,551.49
	<u>Interest & Penalties</u>	
Less Village property (Tax Recovery)		(\$24,839.99)
		\$139,711.50

ADMINISTRATION

- We are preparing for the 2023 audit of our accounts.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works is checking the sidewalks to determine which areas will require maintenance in the near future.
- Lumber was purchased to replace sections of the downtown sidewalks.

WATER RESERVOIR

- The results from the meeting with Associated Engineers we as follows:
 - Consider Solar Power
 - 28/63 Commission tower will have to be moved
 - Materials shall be cast-in-place concrete, reinforced steel, steel structure and metal decking.
 - Superstructure will be steel frame with roof metal deck support on open web steel joists or steel beams. Main floor slab supported by exterior walls and columns.
 - Monorail/crane system above pumps to assist with installation.
 - Electrical – install a back-up generator rather than using our existing gas powered pump to power the hi-flow pump, with an auto transfer switch
 - Increase power supply from 208V – 3 phase to 600V – 3 phase;
 - Install constant speed pump rather than our variable speed pump to keep the average pressure at 45#. Pumps will have capacity of 65#.
- We will have to consider where the excavated soil will be stored until moving into fill current reservoir site.
- Scheduling of switching from old to new reservoir will need to be reviewed.

RES: 003-024 Moved by **Councillor Miranda** that the reports be accepted as information. **CARRIED**

6. BUSINESS

a. Expanding Scheduling Times of Committee Meetings

RES: 004-024 Moved by **Mayor Kunyk** that the Village of Vilna recommend that scheduling for Regional Municipal Committee meetings be discussed at the Committee Level where acceptable dates be identified for meetings. **CARRIED**

b. Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee – Regional Fire Transition

RES: 005-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda the Village of Vilna appoint Mayor Kunyk to represent the Village on the Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee, Regional Fire Transition Committee. **CARRIED**

c. Water Conservation – Water Shortage Plan

RES: 006-024 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that Administration be directed to develop a Water Shortage Plan that will identify actions that can be taken should the water availability decrease. **CARRIED**

d. Regional Fire & Rescue Resolutions

RES: 007-024 Moved by Mayor Kunyk That the Village of Vilna support the resolution from the Smoky Lake Region Fire & Rescue Services Committee by advocating to Alberta Municipalities; that a resolution be presented at the next Alberta Municipalities Conference to address “Declining Fire Services Across Rural Alberta” whereas adequate provincial funding be provided for rural firefighter training, and whereas provincial tax incentive be provided for rural firefighters, and whereas the Insurance Underwriters Association adjust their mandated equipment replacement parameters to accommodate rural firefighting services equipment. **CARRIED**

RES: 008-024 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that as a recommendation from the Smoky Lake Region Fire Services Committee, consideration be given to Municipal Property Tax incentives for Firefighters living and serving within the Village. **CARRIED**

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

8. FINANCIAL

a. Accounts paid December 1 – 31, 2023	\$212,686.16
i. A/P Dec. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023 (067-080)	\$161,706.82
ii. EFT Dec. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023 (2023094-2023114)	\$ 31,140.49
iii. EFT Payroll December 2023	\$ 19,840.85

RES: 009-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the accounts paid between December 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. MEETING SCHEDULE

- a. January 9 – Regional Fire and Rescue TSI Presentation – SL Curling – 9:00 a.m.
- b. January 10, 2024 – Yolo and Council 5:30
- c. January 15, 2024 – Muni-Corr, 10am (change due to Ukr. Christmas)
- d. January 16, 2024 – Regional Housing Ad Hoc Working Group – 9:00 a.m.
- e. January 16, 2024 – Regional Emergency Management, 1pm

- f. January 16, 2024 – RCMP – Smoky Lake Community Engagement, 6pm
- g. January 17, 2024 – HUB – 10:00 a.m. - Vermillion
- h. January 18, 2024 – Evergreen Regional Waste Commission – 10:00 a.m.
- i. January 23, 2024 – NLLS General Board Meeting – Zoom 10am
- j. January 29, 2024 – Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee – 9:00 a.m.
- k. January 29, 2024 – Regional Emergency Management Committee – 1:00 p.m.
- l. January 29, 2024 – Joint Municipalities, Waskatenau – 5pm
- m. February 7, 2024 – NAAGO
- n. February 10, 2024 – Firefighters Dine & Dance
- o. February 12, 2024 – MuniCorr – 10:00 a.m.
- p. February 14, 2024 – Council – 5:30 p.m.
- q. February 15, 2024 – Coffee with a COP – 10:00 Village Office
- r. February 22, 2024 – COPS – 7:00 p.m. – Village Office
- s. February 23, 2024 – Northern Lights Library – 10:00 a.m.
- t. February 29, 2024 – Pool Hall Society meeting

RES: 010-024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Meeting Schedule be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

DISCUSSION FROM THE GALLERY

- A discussion with the gallery brought forward topics around
- People driving quads through the Village (Traffic Bylaw)
 - Bylaw Enforcement Budget
 - Property Maintenance (Unightly Premises)
 - Unpaid taxes.

11. ADJOURNMENT

RES. 011-024 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 10th, 2024 be adjourned at 6:35 p.m. **CARRIED**

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