

Organized Hamlet of Pasqua Lake

2021 AGM - August 14, 2021

Legion Hall, Fort Qu'Appelle

1. Opening

Chair Larry Bedel called meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

General welcome

Introduction of Hamlet Board

Announcements/Housekeeping

2. Adoption of Agenda

No Additions to the agenda

Motion to adopt agenda as presented - Rick Minett/Kathleen Reynolds. Carried

3. Minutes of May 4, 2019 AGM

Larry reviewed last year's minutes and noted discrepancies from what was sent out for the planned 2020 AGM and the copy sent out in 2021 Newsletter package.

No errors or omissions

Motion to adopt minutes as circulated made - Donna Lang/Rick Minett. Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes

A question was raised about a discrepancy in the minutes from a May 14, 2019 draft copy. Larry pointed out that the vote to approve the minutes was based on the current copy of the minutes as circulated.

A question was raised about an over expenditure in the 2017 budget and whether the board would go forward in asking the RM about that over expenditure. Larry noted that no follow-up is required.

5. Reports

a. Project/Activities – Attached - Tom Mullin provided an update on the Pasqua Lake Speed Reduction Strategy. A grant from SGI has made possible the purchase of four radar units and a flashing LED stop sign. Installation will likely begin by the end of August 2021. A ratepayer requested clarification on the purpose of the strategy. Tom explained that the devices will be used to collect data which can then be used to inform future speed reduction strategies. They will not have an enforcement function.

b. RM Councillor – Attached - Don Nasheim noted that approximately \$35,000 in tax dollars has been spent in response to claimed ethics violations which have been proven to be mostly unfounded.

c. Financial – Larry - Attached

Larry Bedel reviewed 2019 Actual column. Notes were available to ratepayers.

Motion to adopt 2019 Actuals - Kathleen Reynolds/Paul McLellan. Carried

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A ratepayer questioned a line item regarding drainage on Elm Street. Larry noted that the \$35,741.88 was allotted for paving in 2020. The headings in the left hand column is for 2021 contract projects not for 2020.

Motion to adopt 2020 Actuals - Kathleen Reynolds/Ken Hutchinson. Carried

Larry Bedel reviewed 2021 Budget. A question was raised about the gas tax projects and the work on Elm Street. Larry clarified that the actual projects approved for the Gas Tax funds was for the major road upgrades which included paving and fog sealing.

Motion to adopt 2021 budget as circulated - Donna Lang/Sherry Dukart. Carried

d. Village Investigative Committee – Stan Powell reported on the work of the committee in gathering information, circulating a petition and meeting with various agencies in support of having the hamlet become a resort village. Stan also reminded ratepayers that a public meeting will be held on Friday, August 20th at 2:30 in the Legion Hall at which all pertinent information will be presented. Anyone wanting more information can contact Stan Powell at powdev@sasktel.net.

Motion by Stan Powell that the work of the investigative committee be accepted and the petition be accepted as presented/Donna Lang.

Following this motion there was discussion from ratepayers who were uncomfortable with the purpose of the motion in that they felt they were voting to approve the move to village status before having the information that will be presented at the meeting on Friday, August 20. As a result, Stan Powell retracted his earlier motion.

Motion by Stan Powell that the ratepayers acknowledge the work of the investigative committee/ Donna Lang. Carried.

6. New Business –No new business

7. Election – Carla Taylor acting as election chairperson opened the floor for nominations for the four-year term vacant (2021 – 2025).

Stan Powell was nominated by Sherry Dukart

As there were no further nominations Stan Powell was elected by acclamation for the term 2021-2025

8. Notice of 2022 AGM – Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at Lutherland

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bert Barkwell at 11:47 a.m. Carried

The Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle elections took place on Monday, November 9, 2020 and I want to take this opportunity to thank the ratepayers of the Organized Hamlet of Pasqua Lake for your overwhelming support in electing me to represent you in Division 5.

As I quickly learned at the board meetings there is a small group within the Hamlet that are using social media to discredit and slander your duly elected officials of the Hamlet, the RM Administration and the councillors and Reeve on the RM Board. Every ratepayer should know that the RM spent a significant amount of your tax dollars in consulting fees and in administration time to answer to a swarm of ethics complaints launched by this group. After thousands of dollars had been expensed and hundreds of hours in administration time the Saskatchewan Ethics Commissioner ruled there was no basis for any of the complaints and threw out the entire complaint.

If this small group is desiring a public forum to voice their concerns in the future then they should be present at the Annual General meeting to answer questions from ratepayers rather than continue to masquerade as a concerned group of ratepayers on social media. Their actions caused the RM and you as Hamlet property owners significant expense and resources that will now have to be absorbed by all of you.

- The RM Council meetings are held 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month; exceptions are July, August & December. The meetings are open to the public for anyone interested in coming.
- I sit on the Finance and Personnel sub-committees.
- For efficiency, council & Committee meetings are now paperless for the most part.
- The RM has a new secure website, with improved functionality – <https://rmnorthquappelle.ca> the RM is always looking for suggestions to improve, items to include and photos to add;
- Spring 2021 RM Council has new email addresses- these can be found on the website, or by contacting the RM office;
- Council has updated its Harassment policy for Staff, Council and Committees, as well as an updated Council Code of Ethics bylaw.
- Also working on updating the RM's council Procedures Bylaw, Administration Bylaw and Building Bylaw to comply with Provincial regulatory amendments effective in 2022;
- Water Quality Concerns- RM sent a letter to the City of Regina in June 2021, expressing disappointment and requesting improvements to the City's emergency drainage plans; the above mentioned documents are available on the RM website.

Don Nasheim