

# Hamlet of Riceton

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## AGM Meeting Minutes for May 12<sup>th</sup> 2026 Held at Riceton Rec Center

Present: Kyle Tiefenbach, Tracey Avery, Lindsey Brown, Hailey Brown, Robbie Brown, Ken and Cindy Ellert, Jeff and Kathleen Coleclough, Mike and Tara Paton, Howard and Penny Weibe, Robert Kobsar and Oreshia Stengel

Board Members: Bob Wog, Robert Pitchko, Curtis Avery

RM: Armond Gervais (Reeve), Scott Moyse (Division Councillor)

### **Call to Order: 7:04pm**

Motion to Adopt the Agenda by Lindsey Brown, seconded Kathleen Coleclough

**Reading of the Minutes from 2025 by Curtis Avery** – motion to adopt the minutes as read by Mike Paton second by Howard Weibe.

**Reading of the Financials by Rob Pitchko** – motion to adopt by Jeff Coleclough, seconded by Hailey Brown

Discussion on financials– Tara Paton asked about depreciation of equipment - Rob stated the RM handles this.

Howard Wiebe inquired as to Account 535-930-600 Other for Town Shop – one charge had been billed to the incorrect account for \$1950.00.

Lindsey Brown asked about Garbage Account and Howard Wiebe mentioned his garbage bin was damaged and he called Loraas to get new bin – Armond advised that is the correct procedure.

**New Business:** Ken Ellert brought up Water and Sewer billing being changing to twice a year instead of once a year with taxes, without any notification to the rate payers. Armond stated it was changed due to high volume of invoices at the same time.

Oreshia Stengel inquired as to re-cycling - Rob noted the topic had been discussed in the past and majority of residents did not want the additional cost - Rob also advised on the addition wear and tear on roads due to twice as many big trucks. Howard Wiebe suggested making a motion to select a location for a single bin. General consensus was not to go forward with recycling at this time.

Tara Paton inquired as to 'beautification' of main street eg: flower pots/beds. Various ideas discussed as to locations and who would maintain, as well as putting up Christmas lights. Armond mentioned there are grants available for student help such as Kronau does. Rob suggested home owners adopt a flower pot in front of their home to maintain for the summer.

Hailey Brown brought up a concern for dogs at large, and coming into her own yard where her dog is on a leash. Rob states if there is a problem then residents should document the time and place, take pictures as evidence, and submit to the Hamlet Board which will then forward the information to the RM and CSO's. Armond mentioned if the dogs in question are not from within the Hamlet, then the RM

should be informed as soon as possible to be able deal with the issue. Rob stated it is hard to do anything if there is no formal complaint, as past experience has shown.

Penny asked for clarification as to what happens to a house that is abandoned, or run down - Rob advised that as long as the property taxes have been paid then there is not much we, as the hamlet board, can do to remedy the concern. If the property owner 'walks away' then the Hamlet and RM are stuck with the costs of cleaning/rectifying the problem.

Tara Paton asked about a better town sign for Riceton, various suggestions followed.

Rob brought up the conflict of interest for the hamlet board members to be paid for town work eg: mowing - Armond stated he was unaware that town work was being paid for by EFT. Being paid for duties as a hamlet board member, ie: indemnity, is allowed. Armond stated our job as hamlet board members is to manage the financials of the hamlet, not to be paid for town maintenance. Discussion about options or ways to go forward.

Howard Wiebe moved that the Hamlet Board present a proposal to the RM to have the Hamlet Board members paid a flat rate as a supervisor role for their efforts to improve and maintain the community, seconded by Tara Paton.

Tara Paton raised the question of water drainage and any past land surveys performed. Rob advised on cleaning/weed trimming around culverts last fall and that a couple culverts had been opened with steam cleaning this spring. Hamlet Board is working on a proposal to be sent to the RM regarding work to improve drainage out of town.

Rob brought up the town water and the municipal well. Hamlet board looking into possibility of having survey/planning performed at the same time as the RM for the municipal well. The municipal well is having a concern with the well casings.

Jeff Coleclough and Rob Pitchko advised on the procedures for the town water house in regards to a power outage and the generator kept in the town shop with a Gen-link.

Rob brought up ATV's in town and the bylaws. There has not been a large problem with ATV's / dirt bikes but there have been a couple instances of speeding / driving on private property without permission.

Kyle Tiefenbach asked as to the roll of the CSO's and why they are paid if the RCMP are called. Armond advised that the CSO's role is to enforce RM bylaws only.

Howard Wiebe asked as to the remaining terms for the hamlet board members. Curtis advised that Rob's term ends in 2027, and Curtis' term ends in 2028, and Bob's term ends in 2029.

Lindsey moved to adjourn at 8:54pm