

Hamlet of Riceton Annual General Meeting 2024

May 13th, 7pm, Riceton Rec Center

Present: Armond Gervais (Reeve), Scott Moyse (Division 2 Councilor), Hamlet Board Members Rob Pitchko, Bob Wog, Curtis Avery. Residents in Attendance: Lyndsey Brown, Tracey Avery, Jeff & Kathleen Coleclough, Howard & Penny Weibe, Ken & Cindy Ellert.

Call to Order @ 7:05pm

Previous AGM minutes read by Curtis Avery. Adopted by Jeff Coleclough, seconded by Ken Ellert.

Discussion on previous AGM Minutes:

- Residents noted most items have been addressed
- Drainage still requires attention behind Chris Anderson residence
- Culvert at Weibe residence needs work / replacement
- Shop door opener has been installed at town shop

Financials Discussed / Reviewed by Rob Pitchko.

- Garbage collection rate increased to \$250/year
- RM is available to perform maintenance eg: gravelling, grading roads
- Explanation of maintenance for town equipment
- LED street lights installed, no change in yearly fees from SK Power
- Mervin to continue to mow selected lots for \$250/year.

Kathleen Coleclough moved to adopt financials, Cindy Ellert seconded.

New Business:

- Dog Bylaws: Ken Ellert noted there have been dogs being walked without leashes. Rob to have the RM send out letters to the owners. Tracey advised to mark times, dates, and take pictures for CSO enforcement. Rob also recommends communicating with the owners. Stray cat concern – Rob advised we may have to look into trapping stray cats. Armond advised other hamlets have worked with local farmers to re-home stray cats.
- Water / Sewer: Changes to come from RM due to Sask Water regulations. Rob advised excessive consumption may result in water meters being installed – this would make it fairer to ratepayers who have lower consumption rates. The hamlet board opted to not increase the rates this year. An increase was recommended by the RM at our April meeting. The hamlet board may look into experimental metering to address over consumption by certain households. Ken would like to see the hamlet retain control of usage/pricing.

- Provincial Bylaw – hamlet board members may not be employed by the hamlet to work in the hamlet – this is a conflict of interest.
- Rob acknowledged Jeff Coleclough's work and diligence maintaining the hamlet water system. Cindy also thanked Jeff. Penny inquired/suggested that Jeff be given a raise. Armond advised it is up to the board members to determine when and how much of a raise.
- Hamlet board elaborated on preventative maintenance and having additional supplies on hand for future maintenance.

Elections:

- Curtis is up for re-election this year. Floor opened for nominations. Ken Ellert moved to cease nominations, Lyndsey seconded. Curtis Avery acclaimed as hamlet board member for a 4 year term.

Lyndsey Brown moved to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.