

The Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Municipal Office - Lajord, Saskatchewan

ATTENDANCE	PRESENT: Armond Gervais, Reeve Martin Bechard, Councillor, Division #1 Scott Moyse, Councillor, Division #2 Todd Lewis, Councillor, Division #3 Lacey Selinger, Councillor, Division #4 Steven Leippi, Councillor, Division #5 Kris Boesch, Councillor, Division #6 Mason Resch, Councillor, Division #7 STAFF: Lynette Herauf, Chief Administrative Officer
ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Reeve Armond Gervais at 7:00am. The Public Works Department attended the meeting from 7:03am to 7:40am to provide a public works update.
MINUTES 291/24	BOESCH: THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting held Tuesday, July 9, 2024, be approved as circulated. Carried
ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL 292/24	LEWIS: THAT the List of Accounts for Approval as presented by cheques #18991 to #19054, and other payments totaling an amount of \$527,050.70, be approved for payment. Carried
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 293/24	SELINGER: THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the period ending July 31, 2024, be recorded as circulated to Council. Carried
TAX ADJUSTMENTS 294/24	LEIPPI: THAT the attached tax adjustments be approved due to an error in the minimum tax applied to municipal residential tax on AG. Carried
CUSTOMER #1000 – 293 EXEMPTION 295/24	MOYSE: THAT the 293-exemption request be added to the 2025 maintenance list to be applied and adjusted for on SE 31-16-16 W2. Carried

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BYLAW 2024-16 – BECHARD:
FIRST READING – THAT Bylaw 2024-16 being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 2020-02 being
296/24 known as a bylaw to provide for the establishment of the duties and
powers of the administrator and designated officials, be read a first time.
Carried

BYLAW 2024-16 – BOESCH:
SECOND READING – THAT Bylaw 2024-16 being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 2020-02 being
297/24 known as a bylaw to provide for the establishment of the duties and
powers of the administrator and designated officials, be read a second
time.
Carried

BYLAW 2024-16 – LEWIS:
THIRD READING – THAT Bylaw 2024-16 being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 2020-02 being
298/24 known as a bylaw to provide for the establishment of the duties and
powers of the administrator and designated officials, be given three
readings at this meeting.
Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2024-16 – RESCH:
FINAL APPROVAL – THAT Bylaw 2024-16 being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 2020-02 being
299/24 known as a bylaw to provide for the establishment of the duties and
powers of the administrator and designated officials, having been given
three separate readings, now be adopted, signed and sealed.
Carried

BYLAW 2024-17 – BECHARD:
FIRST READING – THAT Bylaw 2024-17 being known as a bylaw to provide for the closing of
300/24 a municipal street in the Hamlet of Kronau, be read a first time.

AND FURTHER THAT THE Chief Administrative Officer be given direction
to arrange for a public hearing on September 10, 2024.
Carried

BYLAW 2024-18 – LEIPPI:
FIRST READING – THAT Bylaw 2024-18 being known as a bylaw respecting supplementary
301/24 assessments, be read a first time.
Carried

BYLAW 2024-18 – MOYSE:
SECOND READING – THAT Bylaw 2024-18 being known as a bylaw respecting supplementary
302/24 assessments, be read a second time.
Carried

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BYLAW 2024-18 – THIRD READING 303/24	BECHARD: THAT Bylaw 2024-18 being known as a bylaw respecting supplementary assessments, be given three readings at this meeting.	Carried Unanimously
BYLAW 2024-18 – FINAL APPROVAL 304/24	SELINGER: THAT Bylaw 2024-18 being known as a bylaw respecting supplementary assessments, having been given three separate readings, now be adopted, signed and sealed.	Carried
WATER RATE POLICY 305/24	BOESCH: THAT the updated water rate policy, be approved.	Carried
RECREATION GRANT POLICY 306/22	LEWIS: THAT the updated recreation grant policy, be approved.	Carried
SUBDIVISION – SW 21-15-16 W2 307/24	LEWIS: THAT the subdivision application received from Community Planning for SW 21-15-16 W2 for a 10-acre parcel for residential use, be recommended for approval.	Carried
ADVANCE POLLS 308/24	SELINGER: THAT the advance poll for the 2024 municipal election be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the RM Office.	Carried
MUNICIPAL ELECTION – REMUNERATION – 2024 OFFICIALS 309/24	LEIPPI: THAT election officials participating in the 2024 municipal election be paid the following rates: \$300 per day Mileage rate - \$0.62/KM AND FURTHER THAT all municipal employees will receive their regular hourly rate for all hours worked during the election.	Carried
RICETON WELL USAGE 310/24	RESCH: THAT the request received from Jerry Schmidt for the use of the Riceton rural well, be approved.	Carried

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RAIL SAFETY WEEK
311/24

BOESCH:

WHEREAS Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 23 to 29, 2024;

WHEREAS, 229 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2023; resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 39 avoidable serious injuries;

WHEREAS, educating and informing public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

WHEREAS CN and Operation Lifesaver have requested the Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality.

Carried

SBAC LETTER OF
SUPPORT
312/24

BOESCH:

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to write a letter of support for the Saskatchewan Broadband Action Committee to Honourable Don Mc Morris, MLA and Premier Scott Moe to show the support of the SBAC in their initiatives to bring connectivity to our rural area/community.

Carried

CLOSED IN
CAMERA SESSION
313/24

LEWIS:

THAT we recess and continue deliberations *In Camera as a Committee of the Whole* at 9:05am, as per section 120(2)(b) of *The Municipalities Act* for a discussion on human resources.

Carried

Councillor Lacey Selinger declared a conflict of interest regarding item 25 due to her spouse being an operator with the RM and stepped out of the meeting at 9:17am.

Councillor Steve Leippi declared a conflict of interest regarding item 25 due to his brother being a seasonal operator with the RM and stepped out of the meeting at 9:17am.

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Councillor Lacey Selinger and Councillor Steve Leippi came back into the meeting at 9:55am.

Councilor Martin Bechard declared a conflict of interest regarding item 27 due to his spouse being the Financial Officer with the RM and stepped out of the meeting at 10:06am.

Councillor Martin Bechard came back into the meeting at 10:09am.

RECONVENE 314/24	SELINGER: THAT the time being 10:08am, we come out of the closed session.	Carried
PROPOSAL CBA 315/24	MOYSE: THAT the employer proposal for a new collective agreement received from Stephen Eger, HR Consultant with Knibbs and Associates, be recognized as to received and approved.	Carried
VACATION POLICY 316/24	BECHARD: THAT the annual vacation and rain day policy, be repealed and removed from the policy binder.	Carried
CAO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT 317/24	LEIPPI: THAT approval be given to the Reeve to sign the Chief Administrative Officer employment agreement as presented to Council.	Carried
FINANCIAL OFFICER 318/24	BOESCH: THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be given approval to sign the terms of employment letter to employee #7 as presented to Council.	Carried
STALE DATED CHEQUES 319/24	RESCH: THAT the following stale dated cheques be cancelled and re-issued: CH#18483 - \$9,239.42 CH#18619 - \$91.39 CH#18701 - \$60.00	Carried
HAMLET OF KRONAU MINUTES – JUNE 3, 2024 320/24	MOYSE: THAT the minutes from the Hamlet of Kronau Board meeting held on June 3, 2024, be recognized as to receipt and filed.	Carried

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HAMLET OF KRONAU MINUTES – JULY 8, 2024
321/24

BECHARD:
THAT the minutes from the Hamlet of Kronau Board meeting held on July 8, 2024, be recognized as to receipt and filed.

Carried

HAMLET OF RICETON MINUTES – JULY 8, 2024
322/24

MOYSE:
THAT the minutes from the Hamlet of Riceton Board meeting held on July 8, 2024, be recognized as to receipt and filed.

Carried

CTP FUNDING
323/24

BECHARD:
THAT the letter received from the Rural Integrated Road for Growth program regarding clearing the path corridor incremental maintenance funding advisory, be recognized as to receipt and filed.

AND FURTHER THAT approval be given to the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the statutory declaration.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE
324/24

MOYSE:
THAT we acknowledge the correspondence placed on the table for Council perusal and that the following list of correspondence from the August agenda and miscellaneous correspondence be filed and/or disposed of in the usual manner:

- Canada Emergency Preparedness & Climate Adaption Convention
- CPKC Environmental Risk – Dangerous Goods Density Study
- Greenall High School Modernization and Expansion – Engagement Session
- Ministry of Agriculture – RM Land Report – July 2024
- Provincial Program Grant Information
- Triple S Transport – Dust Control

Carried

ADJOURNMENT
325/24

RESCH:
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:28am.

Carried

Armond Gervais, Reeve

Lynette Herauf, Chief Administrative Officer

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2024 Tax Adjustments:

Roll Number	Amount
09 000	-\$74.31
30 000	-\$74.71
55 000	-\$79.45
73 000	-\$73.92
86 000	-\$74.31
96 000	-\$73.92
113 000	-\$73.92
120 000	-\$75.50
130 000	-\$73.92
144 000	-\$74.31
160 000	-\$80.24
202 000	-\$73.92
206 000	-\$73.92
238 000	-\$73.92
249 000	-\$82.22
257 000	-\$74.31
280 000	-\$74.71
289 000	-\$73.92
301 000	-\$73.92
312 000	-\$73.92
338 000	-\$73.92
353 000	-\$74.31
358 000	-\$74.31
372 000	-\$74.31
382 000	-\$73.92
384 000	-\$73.92

Roll Number	Amount
390 000	-\$73.92
398 000	-\$73.92
401 000	-\$73.92
405 000	-\$73.92
425 000	-\$73.92
440 000	-\$73.92
441 000	-\$73.92
447 000	-\$82.61
452 000	-\$73.92
463 000	-\$74.31
654 000	-\$73.92
656 000	-\$73.92
662 000	-\$74.71
783 000	-\$73.92
798 000	-\$73.92
812 000	-\$73.92
824 000	-\$73.92
875 000	-\$73.92
1072 000	-\$278.99
1286 000	-\$449.12
2910 000	-\$74.31
2893 000	-\$73.92
2760 000	-\$73.92
2904 000	-\$73.92
Total	\$4,312.57