

The Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 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 Kris Boesch, Councillor, Division #6 Mason Resch, Councillor, Division #7 NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Steven Leippi, Councillor, Division #5 STAFF: Lynette Herauf, Chief Administrative Officer
ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Reeve Armond Gervais at 8:00am. The Public Works Department attended the meeting from 8:06am to 8:32am to provide a public works update.
MINUTES 254/24	LEWIS: THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting held Tuesday, June 18, 2024, be approved as circulated. Carried
ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL 255/24	SELINGER: THAT the List of Accounts for Approval as presented by cheques #18926 to #18990, and other payments totaling an amount of \$333,923.66, be approved for payment. Carried
RESCIND MOTION 230/24 256/24	LEWIS: THAT motion # 230/24 be rescinded. Carried
RURAL WELL POLICY 257/24	MOYSE: THAT the rural water well-electronic key fob system policy be updated and approved. Carried

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KIRSCH INVOICE 258/24	BECHARD: THAT approval be given to administration to issue a cheque for \$101,164.88 as a progress payment for the 2024 gravel crush.	Carried
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 259/24	BOESCH: THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the period ending June 30, 2024, be recorded as circulated to Council.	Carried
BUDGET 260/24	BOESCH: THAT we adopt the 2024 budget and a copy be attached to and form a part of these minutes. AND FURTHER THAT we apply a mill rate of 6.5 on all taxable assessments in the Municipality.	Carried
HAMLET ALLOTMENTS 261/24	LEWIS: THAT the amount of the organized hamlet allotments shall be 60 per cent of the general municipal taxes for the Hamlet of Davin, Gray, Kronau and Riceton.	Carried
BYLAW 2024-13 – SECOND READING 262/24	RESCH: THAT Bylaw 2024-13 being known as a bylaw provide for borrowing the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) by way of debenture for the purpose of financing the cost of building a new RM shop, Hamlet of Kronau shop and replacement of the Estlin Bridge, be read a second time.	Carried
BYLAW 2024-13 – THIRD READING 263/24	MOYSE: THAT Bylaw 2024-13 being known as a bylaw provide for borrowing the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) by way of debenture for the purpose of financing the cost of building a new RM shop, Hamlet of Kronau shop and replacement of the Estlin Bridge, be read a third time.	Carried
BYLAW 2024-13 – FINAL APPROVAL 264/24	BECHARD: THAT Bylaw 2024-13 being known as a bylaw provide for borrowing the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) by way of debenture for the purpose of financing the cost of building a new RM shop, Hamlet of Kronau shop and replacement of the Estlin Bridge, now be adopted, signed and sealed with the effective date of this bylaw to be when final approval is received from the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, Local Government Committee.	Carried

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DEBENTURE 265/24	SELINGER: THAT approval be given to the Chief Administrative Officer to accept the offer from the Saskatchewan Municipal Board to arrange for the debenture to be printed once approval is given from the Local Government Committee.	Carried
BYLAW 2024-15 – FIRST READING 266/24	BECHARD: THAT Bylaw 2024-15 being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 2020-05 being known as Bylaw to provide for consolidating the rules and regulations to run a municipal election, be read a first time.	Carried
BYLAW 2024-15 – SECOND READING 267/24	BOESCH: THAT Bylaw 2024-15 being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 2020-05 being known as Bylaw to provide for consolidating the rules and regulations to run a municipal election, be read a second time.	Carried
BYLAW 2024-15 THIRD READING 268/24	LEWIS: THAT Bylaw 2024-15 being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 2020-05 being known as Bylaw to provide for consolidating the rules and regulations to run a municipal election, be given three readings at this meeting.	Carried Unanimously
BYLAW 2024-15 – FINAL APPROVAL 269/24	SELINGER: THAT Bylaw 2024-15 being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 2020-05 being known as Bylaw to provide for consolidating the rules and regulations to run a municipal election, having been given three separate readings, now be adopted signed and sealed.	Carried
WORKPLACE VIOLENCE POLICY & PREVENTION 270/24	MOYSE: THAT the workplace violence policy and prevention plan be approved. AND FURTHER THAT training be set up for this winter, 2024 for all employees.	Carried
OUTSTANDING INVOICES 271/24	LEWIS: THAT the following invoices be written off: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safrane Construction Ltd. – Invoice #2022-00114 for \$18.00• Prairie Crane – Invoice #2023-00002 for \$10.44	Carried

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GRAVEL AGREEMENT 272/22	SELINGER: THAT approval be given to the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the gravel pit run and stockpile agreement from June 28, 2024.	Carried
RESCIND MOTION 176/24 273/24	MOYSE: THAT motion 176/24, be rescinded.	Carried
TAX ENFORCEMENT – PROCEEDINGS FOR TITLE 274/24	LEWIS: THAT TAXervice be authorized under s22(1) of The Tax Enforcement Act on or after July 18, 2024 to commence proceedings to request title with respect to the following described lands: Roll 854 BLK/PAR B-PLAN 101314785 EXT 9 Roll 1748 LOT 16-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN B3490 EXT 0 Roll 2796 LOT 3-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN B3490 EXT 14 LOT 4-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN B3490 EXT 0 LOT 5-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN B3490 EXT 0	Carried
SAMA – 2025 ASSESSMENT CHANGES 275/24	RESCH: THAT the SAMA 2025 assessment changes be recognized as to receipt and filed.	Carried
OYAMA PARK 276/24	LEWIS: THAT the request received from Oyama Park for a donation towards Halloween in the park on August 17, 2024, be denied.	Carried
ROAD BAN SIGNS 277/24	BOESCH: THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be given direction to order road ban signs for the main grids in the RM.	Carried
GRAVEL TRAILER TARPS 278/24	LEWIS: THAT the Manager of Public Works be directed to purchase and install tarps on the two Midland gravel trailers.	Carried

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RM NEWSLETTER 279/24	RESCH: THAT approval be given to send out the 2024 RM newsletter with the tax notices.	Carried
BUILDING OFFICIAL 280/24	MOYSE: THAT the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 appoint Charles Fiss as a Building Official with Professional Building Inspections Inc.	Carried
SPRAYING – CUSTOMER #631 281/24	BECHARD: THAT the letter received from customer #631 regarding spraying in the Hamlet of Kronau be recognized as to receipt and filed.	Carried
RMAA FALL MEETING 282/24	BOESCH: THAT approval be given to the Chief Administrative Officer and Finance Officer to attend the RMAA fall meeting on September 20, 2024 in Regina, with all expenses paid.	Carried
HIGH INTEREST SAVINGS ACCOUNT 283/24	RESCH: THAT the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 transfer \$1 million dollars into the SARM High Interest Savings Account.	Carried
HAMLET OF DAVIN AGM MINUTES 284/24	LEWIS: THAT the minutes of the Hamlet of Davin annual general meeting from June 20, 2024 be recognized as to receipt and filed.	Carried
CORRESPONDENCE 285/24	MOYSE: THAT we acknowledge the correspondence placed on the table for Council perusal and that the following list of correspondence from the July agenda and miscellaneous correspondence be filed and/or disposed of in the usual manner: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• APAS Updates• MLT Aikins – Legal Services for Municipalities• Plant Health Network Newsletter – Summer 2024	Carried
CLOSED IN CAMERA SESSION 286/24	LEWIS: THAT we recess and continue deliberations <i>In Camera as a Committee of the Whole</i> at 11:43am, as per section 120(2)(b) of <i>The Municipalities Act</i> for a discussion on human resources.	Carried

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Councillor Lacey Selinger declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 11:43am.

RECONVENE
287/24 MOYSE:
 THAT the time being 12:06pm, we come out of the closed session. Carried

EXIT INTERVIEW
288/24 BECHARD:
 THAT the exit interview and recommendations received from Knibbs HR Consulting on July 9, 2024 be recognized as to receipt and filed. Carried

KNIBBS
CONSULTING
289/24 BOESCH:
 THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be given approval to sign the HR Retainer Services Contract with Knibbs HR Consulting, Carried

ADJOURNMENT
290/24 RESCH:
 THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:45pm. Carried

Armond Gervais, Reeve

Lynette Herauf, Chief Administrative Officer