

Riceton AGM Meeting May 6th, 7pm, at the Riceton Rec Center

Attendance: Armond Gervais (RM Reeve), Scott Moyse (Division 2 Councillor), Lindsey Brown, Tracey Avery, Bill & Cindy Wilkinson, Kelly & Alice Maloney, Chris Anderson & Sarah Hurtado, Henry Redekopp, Howard & Penny Weibe, Robbie Brown, Jeff & Kathleen Coleclough, Ken & Cindy Ellert.

Call to Order: 7:01pm

1) Previous Minutes Read by Curtis Avery

Kathleen moved to adopt the minutes as read, Cindy seconded.

Discussion on previous Minutes: Hamlet board reported that Howard Weibe's culvert has been installed, RM/highways had cleaned up culverts going across the highway, Armond Gervais spoke regarding mowing along the highway and stated the RM will mow the ditches this coming summer to alleviate concerns due to the contractor mowing late in the year. Rob Pitchko spoke regarding Dog Bylaws and mentioned there is an ongoing problem with dogs running at large – recommended approaching neighbors and having a conversation; if no verbal resolution then document and take pictures and contact RM and/or Hamlet Board. Rob Pitchko spoke regarding CSO's and community interaction. Rob also responded to the previous inquiry of a raise for Jeff ie: Board members Rob and Bob assisted with more of the duties. Residents happy with the generator at the Town Water House used to maintain water pressure in the event of a power outage.

2) Financials Read by Rob Pitchko

Ron spoke regarding Water/Sewer rates and billing. Residents present agreed they are happy with the current rates. Board discussed wages for Hamlet work and Board indemnity for meetings, spoke regarding repair to hydraulic lines on the skid steer after a broken bracket and damaged hoses. Discussed fuel. Spoke regarding 'working' for the hamlet, the hamlet board had submitted a proposal to have the board members paid a flat monthly rate but was denied by the RM, Armond stated the RM lawyer that the proposed method was not as 'good' as the current way of submitting hours. Hamlet Board looking into different options.

Move to adopt by Cindy Wilkinson , seconded by Jeff Coleclough.

3) New Business

Petition for driveway snow-blowing had been presented to RM, the RM went to their lawyers to discuss and during this time there was an incident in Kronau with a garage door, after discussing with the RM lawyers they concluded that the RM and all Hamlets are not allowed to be on private property with RM / Hamlet equipment or to contract for services on private property with RM / Hamlet equipment due to liability concerns. Going forward if there is a function at the Rec Board and the lot needs to be cleaned then the Hamlet will clean the parking area as the Rec Center and Firehall are community buildings. Rob advised residents of current snow blowing procedures and order of routes. Discussion regarding an unformal / unofficial complaint from another hamlet to the RM regarding snow blowing of driveways in Riceton – this raised awareness of the concern which resulted in original discussion with the RM.

Cindy asked how to contact the Hamlet Board in case of questions or a complaint. Residents can email the Hamlet board in advance to register a complaint or attend a meeting. The Hamlet email address is RicetonHamlet@Outlook.com

Kelly Maloney raised question of how the board members can be 'paid' for work in the community and if there is a 'middle man' to facilitate this, Armond states the RM is trying to get an answer from SARM.

Chris Anderson asked if residents would get paid if they use their own equipment to clear roads – Rob responded that currently we have a few residents who are compensated for mowing lawn. Residents are free to mow lawn in adjacent lots if they chose to for the good of the community but they are responsible for any liability that may happen – this includes while snow blowing.

Hamlet Board would like to have the RM stock pile some clay at the Lagoon for maintenance/bank repairs, and also for some road base/gravel stock pile. Rob asked that residents contact the Hamlet Board if they wish to use some of the gravel instead of just taking some.

Rob reminded those in attendance that when equipment running, eg snow blowing streets, residents are advised to keep children and sleds/shovels out of the streets or snow banks. It is a major safety concern for both the residents and the equipment operators.

Chris & Sarah asked about a culvert for better drainage behind their lots.

All board members have been certified to run the appropriate equipment in the Hamlet.

Hamlet has purchased a new Zero Turn John Deere 60" Mower and the Kubota mower / snow blower will be up for tender.

Howard Weibe suggested having other people able to run equipment instead of only the board members who are now certified.

- 4) **Elections this year:** Bob Wog's 4 year term is up. Bob is letting his name stand for the position/term. Floor opened to nominations – none received. Lindsey Brown moved to cease nominations, Ken Ellert seconded. Bob Wog is acclaimed to a 4 year term as Hamlet Board Member.

Move to Adjourn by Cindy Ellert

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36pm