

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 2011
7:00 PM

Call to Order: The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Rasch, at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor: Barry Rasch

Councilors: Rick Hart
Joanne Osness
Cathryne Pharis
Mitch Williams

CAO: Harold Wynne

Recording Secretary: Marianne Belozer
Tracy Ellerington

Delegations: Betty Rondeau

Reporters: Coreena Vandecappelle, Thorsby Target
Bobby Roy, Leduc Representative

Agenda: Councilor Hart requested additions to Financial Reports, #2-Budget, #3-Tax Bylaw plus 3 Items for Closed Session. Councilor Pharis requested additions to Discussion Items, #1-Rec Board, #2-Status Update, #3-Grass Clippings. Mayor Rasch requested an addition to Discussion Items, #4-Clean-up and 1 item for Closed Session. Councilor Williams requested 1 items for Closed Session.

2011-111 Moved by Councilor Osness to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

2011-112 Moved by Councilor Hart to adopt the April 26, 2011 Regular meeting minutes as presented.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Betty Rondeau – Show and Shine is scheduled for May 21st. Asked that main street be blocked off, a special constable be present, if the Rec Center could be used in case of rain and if the event is covered under the village insurance policy.

Council Hart stated that Staff Sgt. Hooper, as well as Peace Officer Sloove will be present at the event. Betty was advised to make arrangements with Village Administration for blocking off the street and using the Rec Center. The C.A.O. stated that the event is covered under the village insurance policy.

2011-113 Councilor Hart made a motion of support for the Show & Shine.
Carried.

2. Melinda Pharis will present at the June 14th Council Meeting.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

1. Administration Reports

CAO Wynne went over Christine Burkes' report with Council

- Thorsby tax rates and bylaw is complete and Summer Villages' budgets are ready, but need to calculate tax rate and prepare bylaw
- Thorsby has completed a Great Plains internal audit. The Summer Villages still need tests run and coding completed
- Spectrum Accounting Solutions came in to train the new Municipal Clerk on utilities. Have discovered data and system problems with regards to the other IT consultants work
- Have received GST cheque and am waiting for grant money from MSI and AB Transportation
- Banking for the Summer Villages has been set up with Thorsby ATB. Need to transfer funds, print cheques and set up automatic deposits/withdrawals.

CAO Wynne went over his report with Council

- Attended meeting on April 27 of the Thorsby Seniors Club. Discussed use of Thorsby Community Hall by the Seniors Club
- Attended Sundance Beach Council Meeting. Council agreed to collaborate with Thorsby on application for partnership award
- Attended Council Committee-of-the-whole meeting on May 7. Discussed 2011 budget, taxation bylaw, business development incentives, dog bylaw, and town hall meeting on May 12
- Spring clean-up is May 28 & 29 with promotional campaign and dumpsters being provided
- Public Works Update – staff is doing street repairs and maintenance. There was a water line break on main street and the fire department is washing Hankin street tonight
- Attended the May 14 Rec Board meeting and provided updates. The Spring/Summer calendars have been sent out

2011-114 Moved by Councilor Hart to accept the Administration Reports as presented.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thorsby Recreation Board – Fountain pop at Community Hall

Council reviewed the correspondence item. There was a discussion about taking over responsibility and the costs. Councilor Osness gave direction for Administration to look at it and bring back a recommendation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Leduc County Region Ambulance Board Meeting on June 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Canadian Legion in Calmar.

Councilor Hart encouraged all Council members to attend this event to see if we are being represented well. All of Council will attend.

2011-115 Councilor Hart made a motion for item #1 to be accepted for information.
Carried

2. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Alberta Emergency Alert training sessions

2011-116 Councilor Hart made a motion that he takes the Emergency Alert training.
Carried.

3. Thorsby Elementary School Grand Opening

Mayor Rasch encouraged all council members to attend.

2011-117 Moved by Councilor Hart to accept items 2 and 3 as information.
Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Recreation Board

CAO Wynne informed council that the Rec Board Grant cheques have been sent out. Rec events are being planned – Appreciation Day in conjunction with FCSS, Community garage sale will be at the same time as Spring Clean-Up and the Program Guide outlines the other programs offered.

2. Status Updates

Child Care Module:

CAO Wynne stated that it is still not operational. Programming still needs to be organized. Councilor Hart asked if ownership has been transferred to Thorsby yet. CAO Wynne said the Agreement has not yet been completed by the lawyer.

Seniors Board:

Councilor Pharis asked if the Seniors Planning Board had been informed of the fact that the board had been dissolved. CAO Wynne said there was a letter being signed by the Mayor this day. Councilor Pharis personally apologized to the Seniors Board.

Election Bylaw:

Councilor Pharis asked that it be ready by June. CAO Wynne said that a review of the policy and bylaw is being done. This will be discussed further at the next Committee-of-the-whole meeting.

3. Grass Clippings

Councilor Pharis informed Council that she has received many phone calls regarding this issue. Council discussed problems of unsightly dumping and possible solutions. Councilor Hart stated that residents are responsible for their own clippings until a decision can be made. Councilor Osness directed council to get Administration to cost out bins for the Village.

4. Village Clean-up

Mayor Rasch informed council that Communities in Bloom will not be organizing the Village Clean-up this year. Unless another group steps forward there will be no clean-up. CAO Wynne suggested that the Village could promote the clean-up to get other groups interested.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Rasch

- Recreation Board Meeting on May 4th

Councilor Osness

- Library Board Meeting

Councilor Williams

- Chamber of Commerce meeting next week
- Leduc/ Nisku EDA Delegation Dinner

Councilor Pharis

- Recreation Board Meeting on May 4th

Councilor Hart

- Leduc Foundation Meeting
- Attended presentation at Thorsby Fire Hall on May 2

Councilor Hart asked council to give direction to Administration to send out a thank you letter on their behalf, to Norm Osness and Troy Mutch for all their efforts on procuring vehicles for the Fire Department.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Register 022615 to 022633

2011-118 Moved by Councilor Osness to accept the cheque register as information.
Carried.

2. Budget

Councilor Hart moved to accept 2011 Operating and Capital Budget.
Carried.

Mayor Rasch thanked Administration for time and energy spent on the Budget.

Bylaw #2011-3 Being a bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Village of Thorsby for the 2011 taxation year.

2011-119 Councilor Hart moved to give first reading to bylaw 2011-3
Carried.

2011-120 Councilor Osness moved to give second reading to bylaw 2011-3
Carried.

2011-121 Councilor Williams moved that bylaw 2011-3 be presented for third and final reading.
Carried unanimously.

2011-122 Councilor Pharis moved to present bylaw 2011-3 for third and final reading.
Carried.

2011-123 Moved by Councilor Hart to recess at 8:10 P.M.
Carried.

2011-124 Mayor Rasch called the meeting back to order at 8:25 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

2011-125 Moved by Councilor Hart that the meeting go into closed session at 8:25 P.M.
Carried.

2011-126 Moved by Councilor Hart to return to the regular meeting at 8:55 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

2011-127 Moved by Councilor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M.
Carried.

Harold Wynne, CAO

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Date Adopted