

VILLAGE OF THORSBY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 25, 2011
7:00 PM

Call to Order: The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Rasch, at 7:22 P.M.

Present: Mayor: Barry Rasch

Councillors: Rick Hart
Joanne Osness
Cathryne Pharis
Mitch Williams

CAO: Harold Wynne

Recording Secretary: Marianne Belozer

Delegation: Rod Klenk, Acting Commander, RCMP Thorsby-Breton Detachment
Dan Gosse – Soft Starters

Reporters: Coreena VandeCappelle, Thorsby Target
Dave Lazzarino, Leduc Representative
Linda Steinke, Pipestone Flyer

Agenda: CAO Wynne requested an addition to Discussion item #6 - 39/20 Team Building and Discussion item #7 - Other Council Committees.
Mayor Rasch requested an addition of Discussion item #8 - Rec Complex Hours, and one item for Closed Session.

2011-230 Moved by Councillor Williams to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried.

2011-231 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept the October 11, 2011 Regular meeting minutes as presented.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Ad in Target re: Water Taste and Odour

Has been placed in the Thorsby Target.

2. ARPA Award Presentation in Lake Louise

Rec Director Gibson and CAO Wynne are unable to attend. Mayor Rasch will be attending and CSM Burke will attend in place of the CAO.

3. Tour of Mundare Main Street

Mayor Rasch informed Council members that November 12, 2011 has been booked with the Mayor of Mundare for the tour, he is presently looking into securing a bus for transportation.

4. EDA Roadmap Steering Group

Mayor Rasch is hosting this meeting at the Community Hall on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

2011-232 Moved by Councillor Hart that Mayor Rasch act as the Village of Thorsby's representative on the EDA Roadmap Steering Group.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

1. Rod Klenk, Acting Commander, RCMP Thorsby-Breton Detachment

Mayor Rasch welcomed Corporal Klenk to the meeting of Council

Corporal Klenk opened his presentation to Council by giving a brief overview of his background and experience, stating that he has currently been transferred from Slave Lake and holds the position of Corporal in Breton and is currently acting Commander in the Thorsby Detachment as Sergeant Hooper is on medical leave.

Corporal Klenk gave the statistics for July 1 to September 30, 2011, stating that there was nothing alarming in Thorsby. Mischief and thefts are at a high, and people should take such preventative measures such as just locking their vehicles and putting valuables away out of plain view.

He advised he has changed the policing schedules, and is stepping up enforcement in the school zones and has a zero tolerance policy as far as seat belt infractions, speeding, distracted driving, etc. He advised he worked for three years in traffic enforcement and has seen a lot of horrific accidents that he wants to prevent. He stated that member visibility is very important because the general public feel safer.

He informed Council that Administration in the Thorsby Detachment was limited to one Clerk and that the workload was too much for just one person. He advised the Breton Detachment was able to hire a full time Clerk who has become invaluable and that this position was fully funded by Brazeau County. He is approaching the Thorsby region municipalities including Wetaskiwin, Leduc County, Warburg and Thorsby to propose a cost-share to be able to hire a full-time clerk in Thorsby.

Councillor Hart advised that for the last couple of years about \$3000.00 has been budgeted toward this initiative.

Councillor Hart also informed Corporal Klenk that Council was coming into the budget process for 2012 and that Council should give full consideration to this worthwhile initiative. He suggested Corporal Klenk speak directly with the Chief Administrative Officer to work out the details.

Corporal Klenk concluded his presentation by answering questions from Council members.

Mayor Rasch thanked Corporal Klenk for his attendance and welcomed him to the district.

Mayor Rasch stated this would be a good item to be added to the joint meeting of the 39/20 Alliance meeting.

2. Dan Gosse – Soft Starters

Mr. Gosse approached Council introducing himself and his business partner Larry Kennedy.

He handed the floor over to Mr. Kennedy who began his presentation with a prop showing how the single phase energy optimizing soft starter works. He explained the energy efficiency of the product and gave some saving examples.

Mr. Gosse said the soft starter gave a motor torque control, reduced vibration and heat buildup which reduces and extends the life of a motor. He advised that adding the technology to a simple motor promotes energy management and savings.

Mr. Gosse and Mr. Kennedy answered questions from Council members.

Mayor Rasch thanked the gentlemen for their attendance and said administration will keep in touch.

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/BYLAWS

1. Administration Reports

2011-233 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the Administration Reports as presented.
Carried.

2. Protective Services Monthly Report

2011-234 Moved by Councillor Osness to accept the report as information.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Minister of Municipal Affairs re: 2011 MSI Operating Grant approval

2. Intermunicipal Liaison Committee Representation – Leduc County

2011-235 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept items 1 & 2 as information.
Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Canadian Volunteer Fire Service Association News

Discussion commenced and Administration was directed to send Mr. Mutch a letter of congratulations on his appointment.

2. 39/20 Alliance Council Meeting

CAO Wynne advised Council that there were several items on the agenda for the meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at the Community Hall.

3. Enign – Single Phase Energy Optimizing Soft Starter

Addressed under Delegation.

2011-236 Moved by Councillor Williams to accept items 1 & 2 as information.
Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Wastewater Dumping Facility

Discussion commenced and this item was tabled for the next regular meeting.

2. Capital Equipment Purchases

2011-237 Moved by Councillor Hart that Council authorize the purchase of a Toro 4800 Sweeper and a Simon Man Lift.
Carried.

3. Roofing Projects

2011-238 Moved by Councillor Osness that Council approve the replacement of shingles on the Thorsby Community Hall and the installation of snow guards on the south end of the Recreation Complex Roof.
Carried.

4. Budget Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2011 was the date set for the first Budget Committee Meeting.

5. Annual Review of Summer Village Administration and Joint Meeting

Discussion occurred and Administration was directed to set up a joint Council meeting for possibly Wednesday, December 14, 2011.

6. 39/20 Alliance Council Team Building

CAO Wynne informed Council that the prospect of a joint 39/20 Alliance Council team building workshop has been placed on the November 1 39/20 Alliance meeting agenda. He asked Council if they had any items to be placed on the agenda to let him know.

7. Other Council Committees

Council discussed the setting up of a short term Health Services Committee, to work on getting a doctor based in Thorsby. They also discussed forming a Hall Committee and May Long Weekend Committee.

2011-239 Moved by Councillor Hart that Council form a Health Services Committee of Council.
Carried.

It was decided the terms of reference of this proposed Committee will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

2011-240 Moved by Councillor Osness that Committee of the Whole meetings be held on the 1st and the 3rd Tuesdays of every month, and the November 1st meeting will be instead held on November 29, 2011.
Carried.

8. Recreation Complex Hours

Mayor Rasch advised he has had some queries on extending the rec complex hours.

CAO advised this matter is being looked into by the Recreation Director.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mayor Rasch
- Rec Board
 - EDA Breakfast
 - Council Retreat
 - Chamber Meeting

- Councillor Osness
- FCSS Thorsby
 - FCSS County
 - Council Retreat

- Councillor Williams
- Chamber of Commerce

- Councillor Pharis
- CRB Housing Symposium

- Councillor Hart
- Leduc Foundation upcoming

2011-241 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the reports as information.
Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Cheque Register

2011-242 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the cheque register as information.
Carried.

2011-243 Moved by Councillor Hart to recess at 9:37 P.M.
Carried.

2011-244 Mayor Rasch called the meeting back to order at 9:45 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

2011-245 Moved by Councillor Osness that the meeting go into closed session at 9:45 P.M.
Carried.

2011-246 Moved by Councillor Hart to return to the regular meeting of Council at 10 P.M.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

2011-247 Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 10 P.M.
Carried.

Harold Wynne, CAO

Barry Rasch, Mayor

Date Adopted