

**VILLAGE OF THORSBY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 12, 2012**  
**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  
Councillors: Joanne Osness  
Rick Hart  
Mitch Williams  
Cathryne Pharis  
CSM: Christine Burke  
Town Manager: Robert Payette  
Public Works Manager: Chris Legault  
Recording Secretary: Tracy Ellerington  
Delegations: Veronika Tuck  
Reporters: Coreena VandeCappelle, Thorsby Target

Agenda: TM Payette made an addition to Closed. Mayor Rasch made one addition to Calendar Of Events, G1 – Communities-In-Bloom Judging Date, one addition to Correspondence, F5 – Georges Invite, and one addition to Discussion Items, H2 – Unsightly Properties.

2012-228 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the agenda as amended.  
*Carried.*

Councillor Osness would like to amend the June 5, 2012 minutes to have names added to the recorded vote on motion 2012-216. Also, she would like to change the following paragraph;

Councillor Osness is concerned that signing the Agreement will impact the Grant that the Village has applied for.

to read:

Councillor Osness is concerned that if the village proceeds with the upgrade before we have grants in place we may not qualify for a grant.

2012-229 Moved by Councillor Osness to adopt the June 5, 2012 Regular Council Meeting minutes as amended.  
*Carried.*

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **1. Capital Projects Update – Village Office Building**

TM Payette informed Council that the Building Inspector completed his assessment of the village office and his opinion is that the building is structurally sound. Administration therefore recommends going forward with the roof repairs.

Council is not satisfied with a verbal report and would like more clarification, as well as a written summary of his findings.

Council directs Administration to put out an RFP for the office building repairs. Council would like to see quotes for a pitched roof.

### **DELEGATION / PETITION**

#### **1. Veronika Tuck – Thorsby 1<sup>st</sup> Scouts**

Veronika Tuck is concerned with the rental rate increase at the Rec Centre. Last year the Scouts paid \$150.00 for the full year; this year they were charged \$250.00, without any formal notice of increase. For the following year she estimates, at the new rate of \$15.00 per hour, the rental will cost the Scouts around \$1500.00. She said that is unreasonable and would like Council to change this rate, as well as allowing the Scouts to pay only \$150.00 for the 2012/2013 year.

Council will discuss this at the next Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting and respond back to Ms. Tuck.

## **REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS/ BYLAWS**

### **1. Garbage Collection Recommendation**

Councillor Osness removed herself from the meeting.

Councillor Hart said that Bill Maryka has given 20 years of service to the Village and he deserves more consideration than just basing the decision solely on the cost of the service.

Councillor Williams stated that a 27.7% savings is a very large amount and council has a responsibility to the Village to keep the costs down. He would like the RFP as well as the purchasing policy redistributed to Council.

2012-230 Moved by Mayor Rasch to table this item for further discussion at the next Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.  
*Carried.*

Councillor Osness rejoins the meeting.

### **2. Animal Control Bylaw 2006-04 - Amendment**

Administration recommends Council amend the Bylaw to restrict apprehension of animals and livestock to dogs only, as well as to have the option to foster dogs and to limit the impound time to 3 days.

Council will table this item for further discussion at the next Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

### **3. Adoption 2012 Budget**

2012-231 Moved by Councillor Hart to adopt the 2012 Budget.  
*Carried.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1. By-law Enforcement Report for May 2012**

Mayor Rasch stated he has seen an improvement around town and thanks Officer McAllister for all her hard work.

2012-232 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept item 1 as information.  
*Carried.*

### **2. Standard Land Company**

Administration will get this information out to the residents.

2012-233 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept item 2 as information.  
*Carried.*

### **3. Action on Smoking & Health**

2012-234 Moved by Councillor Hart to accept item 3 as information.  
*Carried.*

### **4. Black Gold School Bus Drivers**

2012-235 Moved Councillor Hart to table this item for further discussion at the next Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.  
*Carried.*

### **5. Georges Invite**

Council directs Administration to send an invitation to the Georges to attend a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

2012-236 Moved Councillor Hart to accept item 5 as information.  
*Carried.*

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **1. Communities-In-Bloom Judging Date**

Mayor Rasch informed Council that the judging will take place in Thorsby on July 6, 2012.

Councillor Osness would like to add the 39/20 Alliance meeting to June 25, 2012 To the Calendar of Events.

Councillor Williams would like Administration to update Council via email with a PDF form of the Calendar.

CSM Burke added the Tax Sale to the calendar on June 25, 2012.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Summer Council Meeting Schedule**

2012-237

Moved by Councillor Hart to keep 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in July and August as Regular Council Meetings and make the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of July and August into Committee-of-the-Whole meetings which deal with Bylaw and Policies.  
*Carried.*

### **2. Unsightly Properties**

Mayor Rasch is upset by the number of properties that are not being maintained. He feels that Council and Administration should begin a campaign to encourage town beautification and also have the Bylaw Officer aggressively pursue these property owners in order to rectify the situation.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councillor Osness Upcoming  
- FCSS

Councillor Hart Upcoming  
- Leduc Foundation  
- Lion's Club Charter

Councillor Pharis Upcoming  
- CRB

Councillor Williams Upcoming  
- Lion's Club Charter  
- Chamber of Commerce  
- 39/20 Alliance

Mayor Rasch  
- Mayor's Caucus Meeting  
- CRB  
- Lion's Club Charter  
- Rec Board  
- 39/20 Alliance

2012-238

Moved by Councillor Hart to accept the reports as presented.  
*Carried.*

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **1. Cheque Register**

2012-239

Moved by Councillor Osness to accept the Cheque Registers as information.  
*Carried.*

2012-240

Moved by Councillor Hart to recess for 10 minutes at 8:45 P.M.  
*Carried.*

2012-241

Moved by Mayor Rasch to call the regular meeting of Council back to order at 8:55 P.M.  
*Carried.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

2012-242 Moved by Mayor Rasch the meeting go into closed session at 8:55 P.M.  
*Carried.*

2012-243 Moved by Councillor Hart to return to the regular meeting at 9:35 P.M.  
*Carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

2012-244 Moved by Councillor Hart to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M.  
*Carried.*

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Town Manager, Robert Payette

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Barry Rasch, Mayor

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Date Adopted