

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEISEKER RATEPAYER'S MEETING HELD THURSDAY MAY 29, 1980 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE BEISEKER MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT

MAYOR: John L. Richter  
DEPUTY MAYOR: Dan Benoit  
COUNCILLOR: Con Carter  
COUNCILLOR: Ray Courtman  
COUNCILLOR: Ron Rice  
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR: Pam Whitnack  
OFFICE STAFF: Judy Hagel  
Mary Straub  
PUBLIC WORKS: Marvin Smith  
Alfred Hagel  
APPROXIMATELY: 72 Ratepayers

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Richter. Mayor Richter introduced the members of Council and staff members of the Village.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mayor Richter called for nominations for Chairman of the meeting, Gerry Wilkinson nominated Terry Miller. Marvin Smith seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Terry Miller was elected Chairman for the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE 1979 RATEPAYER'S MEETING

Minutes of a ratepayer's meeting held March 22, 1979 were read by the Municipal Administrator. Leonard Gieser moved, J. H. Schmaltz seconded the minutes be confirmed as read. Carried.

MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The report of the Municipal Inspector following the 1979 inspection was read to the meeting by Mayor Richter. Mayor Richter then outlined the steps taken to correct any items in the report which required attention. Dave Fegan moved, Adam Velker seconded the Municipal Inspector's Report be accepted as read. Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Richter then gave his report to the Ratepayer's Meeting. He mentioned the activity in the Village during 1979 with the many capital projects and increased building permit values and indicated that there had been 48 Council meetings in 1979 which were very well attended.

Leroy Whitnack moved, Judy Hagel seconded the Mayor's report be accepted as presented. Carried.

1979 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A report on the 1979 Financial Statement was given by the Municipal Administrator. Leroy Whitnack asked that an explanation be given of how the funds for fire protection are disbursed. It was indicated that these funds are forwarded to the N.E. Rocky View Fire Association as the Village of Beiseker contribution to purchase and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment.

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1979 FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT (Continued)

J. H. Schmaltz inquired of the amount of bad debt arising from water/sewer accounts. Mrs. Whitnack replied that the collection procedure was very good since water is either disconnected or the outstanding balance is transferred to the tax account.

Gladys Carter moved, Len Gieser seconded, the report be adopted as presented.  
Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR D.E. BENOIT

Deputy Mayor Benoit reported on the completion of the Watermain Replacement Projects and the Water Reservoir project. He commented on the deficit in the water operating fund and advised those present of the increase in water and sewer rates effective May 1, 1980.

Discussion followed on the need for the increase in water rates.

Allen Fuller moved, Leo Schmaltz seconded the report be accepted as presented.  
Carried.

COUNCILLOR R. F. COURTMAN

Councillor Courtman reported on the 1979 Summer Works and Summer Recreation programs and the plans for the summer of 1980. He commented on the activities of the Beiseker Recreation Board and reminded the meeting that the Municipal Library was again operating.

Willy Reber moved, Ernie Melnyk seconded the report be accepted as presented.  
Carried.

COUNCILLOR C. C. CARTER

Councillor Carter reported on the work completed under the Streets Assistance Program in 1979. He advised the meeting of progress with the Main Street Paving Project and indicated that due to problems with approvals from the Local Authorities Board, this project would likely not proceed until 1981. Councillor Carter reported on negotiations with Alberta Transportation for upgrading of North Road and indicated that this project is scheduled for completion in 1980. A report on the Solid Waste Management transfer station was given.

Moe Otterson moved, Frank Moersch seconded, the report be accepted as presented.  
Carried.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS  
(Continued)

COUNCILLOR R. F. RICE

Councillor Rice reported on progress with the Neighbourhood Improvement Program and the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program. He commented on the dog control services and the allocation of Village Alberta 75 funds. A report was given on the Census carried out in 1979 and 1980.

Robert Klappe moved, Louis Hagel seconded the report be accepted as presented.  
Carried.

PAM WHITNACK - MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Pam Whitnack reported on the net effect of the Municipal Debt Reduction Program on the financial status of the Village and advised the meeting of the total debentures retired and the total current debentures.

Comment was made of the drastic increase in the Village equalized assessment in the past two years and the drastic affect this increase has had on the general requisitions. Mrs Whitnack reported on various areas of land development within the Village and indicated that the costs to install utility extensions to service these areas is being covered by offsite levies and acreage assessments and not by the Village at large. Mention was made of the passing of the new Land Use Bylaw.

Wayne Straub moved, Adam Velker seconded the report be accepted as presented.  
Carried.

MAYOR J. L. RICHTER

Mayor Richter reported on the AHC Industrial Park development, the lot sales in the Beacon Heights residential subdivision and plans for a possible future commercial subdivision on Marathon property. The Mayor advised that AGT extended flat rate calling to Calgary would be available by December 1981 at the earliest. Some of the problems faced by Council in the preparation of the 1980 budget were mentioned and the ratepayers were advised to expect an increase in taxation in 1980. A list of capital project planning priorities as set by Council was given.

- 1980 - Marathon Subdivision
- North Road Upgrading
- Land Acquisition - Well #7
- Purchase of Municipal Equipment
  
- 1981 - Main Street Paving
- Beacon Heights Subdivision - Phase II
  
- 1982 - Fire Hall, Office and Library Expansion
  
- 1983 - Lagoon expansion
- Storm drainage project.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS  
(Continued)

MAYOR J. L. RICHTER (Continued)

Leroy Whitnack questioned when was a realistic date for construction of the Fire Hall since it had been on Council's list for some time but other projects always seem to come first. He also questioned why the lagoon needed to be expanded since this project had just been completed within the last 5 to 6 years.

Mayor Richter replied that there was definitely some discussion even amongst Council which project had greater priority - the Paving project or the Fire Hall construction but it was the intention of Council to proceed with the fire hall project as soon as financially possible. In reply to the question regarding lagoon expansion, Mayor Richter indicated that it was indeed unfortunate that the lagoon had not been designed for a larger population when it was built since the extra cost would have been covered by the Provincial Government, however this was not done and plans must be made for expansion sometime in the future.

Judy Hagel moved, Leroy Whitnack seconded the report by Mayor Richter be accepted as presented.  
Carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION  
AND QUESTIONS

Mr. E. Melnyk asked if Council had a noise pollution bylaw or had any intention to pass such a bylaw. Mayor Richter replied that no noise bylaw was in effect and Council had no immediate plans to pass a bylaw of that nature.

Mrs. Elsie Martin and Mrs Lottie Lount each expressed concern over the lack of activity at the house at the corner of seventh street and second avenue and commented on the mess left on the lot. Mayor Richter replied that we were unable to locate the owner at present so it was difficult to take too much action.

Mrs. Elsie Martin also questioned if any bylaws were in existence to require that individuals keep their private property clean and tidy. Mrs. Whitnack replied that the general nuisance bylaw had provisions for this and asked Mrs. Martin to supply details of the problem following the meeting.

Mrs. Gladys Carter asked if it would be possible to include the 4 to 6 year olds in some part of the summer recreation program this year. Following discussion of the matter, Gladys Carter moved, Judy Hagel seconded that the summer works supervisor, Miss Lianne Enderton, be asked to investigate the possibility of expanding the summer recreation program to include 4 to 6 year olds with the help of parent volunteers.  
Carried.

Mrs. Margaret Reding asked for someone to review the street condition in front of her property at ninth street and first avenue and perhaps place some gravel at this location. Councillor Carter said he would check the site for Mrs. Reding

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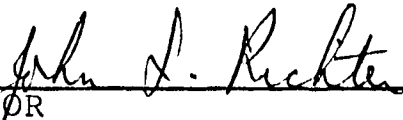
GENERAL DISCUSSION  
AND QUESTIONS  
(Continued)

Mrs. Lottie Lount moved, that Council be given a vote of thanks for the work they have accomplished and for their progressive and co-operative attitude.  
Mrs. Gladys Gieser seconded the motion.  
Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Leroy Whitnack moved, J. H. Schmaltz seconded the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Coffee and donuts were served.

  
MAYOR

  
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

SPECIAL MEETING - WAIVER OF NOTICE

We, the undersigned hereby waive notice of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Village of Beiseker held Thursday, May 29, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. at the Beiseker Memorial Hall for the purpose of:

- 1) informing Ratepayer's of the Village of Beiseker 1979 Financial Statement
- 2) discussion and other business

MAYOR: John S. Rechte

DEPUTY MAYOR: Daniel E. Benant

COUNCILLOR: [Signature]

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR: Pamela Whitnack

VILLAGE OF BEISEKER

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