

TOWN OF BIENFAIT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Office at Bienfait, Saskatchewan

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Bonokoski
Councillors Ivan Boyer
Shirley Wheeler
Les Christensen
David Johnson
Gerald Resler
Melissa Rensby
Administrator Jessica Franklin

24/01/10-01 Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Mayor Ken Bonokoski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

24/01/10-02 Delegate

24/01/10-04 Minutes:

Rensby/Christensen

THAT the minutes of December 13, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council shall be approved as presented.

Carried

24/01/10-05 Reports:

Resler/Boyer

THAT the following reports be accepted as presented:

- a. Verbal Reports
- Council Reports

Carried

24/01/10-06 Financials:

a. Bill List No. 1

Boyer/Wheeler

THAT Bill List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #11248 – cheque #11275 in the amount of \$300,720.03 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

b. Payroll List No. 1:

Rensby/Boyer

THAT Payroll List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #10446 – cheque #10450 in the amount of \$16,980.12 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

c. Payroll List No. 2:

Boyer/Wheeler

THAT Payroll List No. 2 as indicated by cheque #10451 – cheque #10455 in the amount of \$8,486.86 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

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24/01/10-07 Unfinished Business:

a.) GFL Environmental Inc. Agreement

Resler/Johnson

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall submit the proposed GFL Environmental Inc. Agreement for approval; AND the Agreement shall clarify the purchase of the scale to be split between the Town of Bienfait and GFL Environmental Inc. The overall cost of the scale is two hundred fifteen thousand one hundred forty-five dollars (\$215,145.00) plus applicable taxes. The agreement shall also be on a three (3) year term with a proposed monthly payment to the Town as follows:

2024	\$13,579.58	= 10% increase from previous year
2025	\$14,394.35	= 6% increase from previous year
2026	\$15,258.01	= 6% increase from previous year

Carried

24/01/10-08 New Business:

a.) Bienfait Coalfields Historical Museum Report – December 2022

Wheeler/Rensby

THAT the Bienfait Coalfields Historical Museum report be acknowledged and kept on file indefinitely.

Carried

b.) Loop – Website Renewal Contract

Resler/Rensby

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall renew the one (1) year Website Renewal Contract with Loop for the basic plan at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00).

Carried

c.) PBI Certificate of Appointment

Boyer/Johnson

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait, in accordance with the service agreement with Professional Building Inspections, Inc., the Town of Bienfait hereby resolves to issue a Certificate of Appointment for Douglas Mulhall, Virginia Shepley, Bobby Baker, Amanda Kaufmann, Walter Schroeder, David Kindred, John Dulle and Joshua Nitz, the Licensed Building Officials who is a resident of the Province of Saskatchewan.

Carried

d.) Board of Revision Appointment

Boyer/Johnson

THAT the firm of Western Municipal Consulting Ltd., of Meota, Saskatchewan, shall be appointed to provide Board of Revision and secretarial services to the Town of Bienfait to hear 2024 Assessment Appeals with the understanding that a two-hundred- and fifty-dollar (\$250.00) dollar non-refundable retainer is required.

Carried

e.) 2024 Appointments

Johnson/Christensen

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait 2023 Board Appointments hereby be approved and attached to and forming a part of these minutes.

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- f.) **Fidelity Bond**
Boyer/Christensen
THAT the Fidelity Bond be hereby approved for 2024 as presented.

Carried
- g.) **Canada Summer Jobs 2024 - Call for Applications**
Boyer/Resler
THAT the Town of Bienfait shall apply for the Canada Summer Jobs 2024 grant; and that the application shall request for three (3) summer students.

Carried
- h.) **Resignation – Carri Clark**
Boyer/Rensby
THAT the Town of Bienfait acknowledges the letter of resignation of Carri Clark dated December 29, 2023; AND that her last day of work shall be January 18, 2024.

Carried
- Assistant Administrator Job Posting**
Wheeler/Christensen
THAT after deliberation of the consideration of the Administrators concerns to wait until spring to discuss further the requirement to fill the position, Council requested the position be posted urgently on Saskjobs.ca, for a full-time position, at a rate of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour.

Carried
- j.) **Bienfait Fire Department Application**
Rensby/Johnson
THAT Council for the Town of Bienfait approves the Application for Brendan Stradeski to become volunteer fire fighter members of the Bienfait Fire Department.

Carried
- i.) **Bienfait Fire Department Invoice**
Christensen/Rensby
THAT due to Bylaw No. 2 (2022) Fire Department Establishment and Fire Protection; Any unpaid invoices at the end of the calendar year, may be authorized to add to the taxes of the property owned by the person charged directly for fire protection services. Therefore, Invoice No. 9149 in the amount of fourteen thousand forty dollars and seventy-two cents (\$14,040.72) shall be transferred to the tax roll of the property invoiced.

Carried
- m.) **Bienfait Fire Hall Ribbon Cutting**
Boyer/Johnson
THAT the Town of Bienfait and the Bienfait Fire Department plan to coordinate a grand opening in May or June of 2024.

Carried
- n.) **Creighton Lodge Comedy Night**
Boyer/Johnson
THAT the Town of Bienfait shall purchase one (1) table for the Creighton Lodge Fundraising 2024 Comedy Night on April 20, 2024, for a cost of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00); and that there be eight seats provided for council or employees who wish to attend.

Carried

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24/01/10-09 Correspondence:

Resler/Christensen

THAT the correspondence as listed on the agenda be acknowledged and filed for future reference.

Carried

24/01/10-10 Other Business:

Bienfait Fire Department Chequing Account

Resler/Rensby

THAT the Town of Bienfait approves writing a cheque to the Bienfait Fire Department for the remaining balance of the Bienfait Fire Department Chequing Account in the amount of five thousand twenty-three dollars twenty-four cents (\$5,023.24).

Carried

24/01/10-11 Adjournment:

Bonokoski/Resler

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



Administrator