

VILLAGE OF LINDEN
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 2010 at 7:00 pm
LINDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT

Annon Hovde	Mayor
Darwyn Moon	Deputy Mayor
Les Hibbs	Councillor
Florence Robinson	Councillor
Vanessa Van der Meer	Councillor (arrived at 7:40 pm)
Joanne Weller	Chief Administrative Officer

ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hovde at 7:00 pm.

1.1 AGENDA
#045-10M

Moved by Councillor Hibbs that item # 5.3 Small Community Conference be added and that the agenda for the February 22nd, 2010 meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

2.1 CONFIRM MINUTES
#046-10M

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 8th, 2010 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3.1 DELEGATES
7:05 pm

Public Works Foreman Dale Johnson and Public Works Assistant Vince Skretting entered the meeting. Council reviewed the written report distributed by the Public Works Foreman.

- cleaning sidewalks – public works has cleared approximately 70 sidewalks and driveway crossings after the first snow fall and only 4-5 after the last snow fall.
- a report of what outside staff have accomplished. Currently there are 2 full time staff, 1 casual (3 days per week), and 2 that are available on an as needed basis. The Foreman has accumulated approximately 250 hours of banked overtime and with the addition of extra staff the Foreman has been able to reduce some of the overtime. The Foreman now has time to work on updating log books, maintenance records, Alberta Environment compliance requirements while the staff take care of the day to day needs of the Village.

#047-10M

Moved by Councillor Hibbs that the public works report be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Change to Agenda Order
#048-10M

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that agenda item RFD 3.4 be the first item of business followed by the remaining items of the agenda.

CARRIED

3.4 Sidewalks/Alleys

The current bylaw pertaining to snow removal from sidewalks reads as follows:

- “2. the owner or occupant of any premises abutting a sidewalk shall clear away any snow, ice, dirt or other obstruction from the front and flank of the abutting sidewalk within 24 hours after the time such snow, ice dirt or other obstruction was deposited or formed on the sidewalk;
3. the Village of Linden is hereby authorized to provide for the clearing of sidewalks adjoin the property of non-residents and all other persons who for 24 hours neglect to clear them;
4. in the case of non-payment by the owner or occupant of expenses incurred by the Village to undertake the clearing, the expenses will be charged against the property as a special assessment to be recovered in the same manner as

with other taxes.

Council discussed who should be responsible for cleaning the sidewalk crossings of alleyways.

#049-10M

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that the Public Works Foreman be authorized to hire casual employees to clean alley sidewalk crossings as needed and that the alley sidewalk crossings be cleared of snow or ice in a timely fashion after it has fallen or formed on the sidewalks.

CARRIED

**3.2 (a) Public Utility Bylaw
#050-10M**

Council reviewed various rate scenarios.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that a flat rate of \$30.00 per utility service be charged plus \$3.60 per cubic meter of water consumed and that all other rates and charges remain unchanged.

CARRIED

**Public Utility Bylaw
#2010-01
#051-10M**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that #2010-01 being a bylaw of the Village of Linden to provide for the establishment and review of Water, Sewer and Garbage services, rate, adjustments, deposits other costs and penalty rates for overdue utility charges receive first reading.

CARRIED

#052-10M

Moved by Councillor Robinson that Bylaw # 2010-01 receive second reading.

CARRIED

**3.2 (b) Procedural Bylaw
#2010-02
#053-10M**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that Bylaw #2010-02 being a bylaw of the Village of Linden to regulate the proceedings and conduct of council and committee meetings and to rescind bylaws #06-88 and #08-99 receive first reading.

CARRIED

#054-10M

Moved by Councillor Hibbs that Bylaw #2010-02 receive second reading.

CARRIED

**3.3 Personnel Policy
#2010-01P
#055-10M**

Moved by Councillor Van der Meer that Policy #2010-01 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**3.5 Freedom to Read
Week Proclamation
#056-10M**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that the Council of the Village of Linden endorses the objectives of Freedom to Read Week and recognizes, reaffirms and defends the rights of the citizens of Linden individually to decide what they will or will not read; and calls on all residents to actively work to achieve these objectives, and in so doing ensure Linden continues to be a Freedom to read zone in which the freedom to read and the right to seek information will not be violated.

CARRIED

4.0 REPORTS

**4.1 Accounts Payable
#057-10M**

Moved by Councillor Robinson that the Accounts Payable Cheque # 20100089 to 20100114 and dated February 12, 2010 to February 18, 2010 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**4.2 Action List
#058-10M**

Moved by Councillor Robinson that the Action list be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**5.0 CORRESPONDENCE,
COURSES, MEETINGS**

5.1 Council Meetings March 8th and 29th (per motion February 8th, 2010 meeting)

5.2 FCSS Quarterly Report for December, 2010

**5.3 Small Communities
Conference
#059-10M** Moved by Councillor Robinson that 2 members of Council be authorized to attend the Small Communities conference to be held May 28th to 30th in Mannville, Alberta.

CARRIED

#060-10M Moved by Councillor Van der Meer that all correspondence be filed as information.

CARRIED

6.0 ADJOURNMENT Mayor Hovde adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.

MAYOR

CAO

APPROVED