



MINUTES OF THE RIVERSIDE ESTATES 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LIEU: VIRTUAL MEETING THROUGH WEBEX.

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 2020

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

A WEBEX recording was activated for the meeting and the WEBEX polling method was used to choose YES or No for voting and motions. People were asked to make a motion through the chat window; the motioner, the mover, and the seconder were all requested to use the chat window.

2. Introduction of the Hamlet Board

Emil Hallin - Chair, Roger Dilsner - Member-at-Large, and Gail Hoshowsky – Secretary/Treasurer have all agreed to stay on the board in their respective roles for this upcoming year.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented and the floor was opened for any changes or additional business items. There were no additions to the agenda. Marie Racine moved to accept the agenda; seconded by Shaun Stevenson. Majority vote in favour 75% (22/29); no answer 25% (7/29). Carried.

4. Approval of last year's minutes

Prior to this meeting, residents were invited to review the 2019 AGM Minutes available through the RM website. There were no changes or comments on the minutes from last year. Clayton Orosz moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Shaun Stevenson. Majority vote in favour 75% (21/28); no answer 25% (7/28). Carried.

5. Approval of financial statement

Gail Hoshowsky presented the financials. The 2020 financials were more or less in line with prior years. Revenues and expenses were better than 2019 and there was no factor change in the calculation of the

municipal tax allocation. Revenues were at \$128,376.42, expenses at \$3,022.05 and a net income of \$125,354.37 with a reserve surplus of \$524,239.37.

After presentation of the financials, there were no questions or comments. Tim Vandenhurk moved to approve the financials; seconded by Shaun Stevenson. Majority vote in favour 75% (21/28); no answer 25% (7/28). Carried.

6. Road project update

Roger Dilsner summarized the project and said that over all it went very smooth. Thanks to the RM and the contractor for their help and diligence.

- The RM was able to negotiate an even lower interest rate of 1.65% versus an initial 1.80%.
- Some project invoices are still pending, but the project is coming in at the low end of the estimate.
- There was less roadbed repair than expected.
- Crocus ditch sloping correction was also possible as part of the project as it utilized excess dirt that would have been hauled away (saving extra charges).
- All work is now deemed complete by Public Works.
- The seeding happened on the 16th; Public Works inspected on the 21st: only small sod lumps and small fragments of reclaimed asphalt in their estimation.

The estimate of the total project was at \$1.26M with \$1.023 spent to date:

- \$1.165M estimated to close contract (total contract items)
- \$0.095M for engineering

The original road financing options were compared to the current final road financing and it was obvious that the project resulted in a better than anticipated situation. In all cases, the hamlet had committed to use \$480,000 of its reserve funds towards the project and finance the balance.

Public Works would like to close the contract and release 10% holdback. They are asking if there are any further concerns from a hamlet perspective before they do that.

Discussion:

Although the Hamlet paid for the project, the bill is actually to the RM. The Public Works would like to close this contract but requests our approval to do so. The floor was opened to discussion. Clayton says everything looks great; Marie says thanks to all involved but questioned the seeding result and the asphalt clumps in the ditches; she watched the landscape company throw asphalt clumps up onto the lawn. Darrell says a considerable amount of larger asphalt pieces are present and make the mowing of ditch impossible. Jacquie is pleased with the result and wants to thank the board for managing this project. Shaun says that we should have the asphalt lumps cleared up before closing the contract, particularly as there is no snow on the ground. Jeff says it is easier to clean them up yourself. Lawrence says that it would have been nice to see the rocks swept back off the road after harrowing. Shaun says that there may not be any value to having the same company come back to clean up, but it is not good to have the large pieces in the ditches as it will ruin lawn mowers. He asked about the wording in the contract with regards to returning the landscape to its original state. Roger provided this in response:

Road contract section 13.3 "The excavated material shall be evenly spread along the adjacent side slopes. Rocks and asphalt concrete lumps having a dimension of 80 mm or more when measured in any direction and are protruding more than 80 mm from the surface shall be removed and disposed. The surface shall be smooth and evenly trimmed."

Residents are encouraged to take pictures of the clumps and send them to Emil.

MOTION: The 10% holdback be withheld until the ditch asphalt clumps are actually cleaned up.

Clayton Orosz moved the motion for acceptance and Marie Racine seconded it. Majority vote in favour 68% (19/28); not in favour 4% (1/28); no answer 29% (8/28). Carried.

7. RM news (Reeve, Administrator, Councillor)

Reeve Judy Harwood: I have been acclaimed and am again the Reeve for the next four years. There are elections coming up in Division 1 and Division 7. The RM had much development in the past year with 157 permits of \$35M and \$178K in permit fees, plus, a new office. The added space is very welcome and a big thank you to Adam for overseeing the construction. There was a huge fire in Division 7; it took days and days to get under control, had been started by a CN worker, CN stepped in to help out. It was very dry in that area; fortunately, no people, animals, or homes were lost. This past year has been an odd one and has been a struggle for most of us personally. Please take care and all the best to everyone. I can be reached through the website at any time.

Councillor Division 3 Lyndon Haduik: I am looking forward to being the Councillor for another four years. If anyone has anything to discuss, please feel free to contact me.

RM Administrator Adam Tittmore:

- A. Riverside water system is now making money although it is still in a significant deficit position. It is anticipated that this deficit will continuously decrease over the next several years to eventually be in a surplus position. The current strategy is to allocate 10% of water billings to long-term capital projects and replacements. Saskatoon and SaskWater are looking at a rate freeze for the coming year; we have not heard from Dundurn but anticipate something similar.
- B. \$30K cap set for fires – make sure that you have firefighting coverage along with fire loss on your insurance; assuming that you are doing things correctly, for example, if you burn during a ban, the RM will not self-insure.
- C. Are we looking at reducing the speed in the Hamlet to 40KM? If the Hamlet wants this, the RM will ask the chief of police for their input (sight lines, history of events, other info) and with this, a change in speed can happen rather quickly.
- D. Is there a plan to resurface Grasswood? This is on the Ministry of Highways; Adam can ask for five year capital plan to see if it includes anything for Grasswood. RM is planning some work on Grasswood near Highway 11/Gemini, but nothing directly adjacent to the hamlet.

8. Other business

- A. Tent caterpillars – we are probably safe for next year, but if there were enough people who wanted to test the eggs for a cost of +\$2,000, we can discuss this. The floor was opened for

discussion; no comments came forth so it appears not to be an issue for next year. We will not test.

B. Speed abatements:

- i. RM submitted an application to SGI for two speed measuring signs for free which can be set at strategic locations. We hopefully will hear in December or January as to whether the application was successful.
- ii. The RM normally does not put in speed bumps but can grudgingly put some in at \$3,000 each for a total of an annual cost of \$10,000. These bumps need to be fastened and unfastened every year.
- iii. Emil gave example of lane markings to reduce the drive lane distance, along with signs
- iv. A speed sign is \$1K plus install +\$6K so around \$8K total for one.

General discussion from residents was that speed bumps were not necessary, and that we should wait on the result of the application for the speed measuring signs. Although there seemed to be some speed issues to begin with, it appears that most people are respectful and the matter has subsided.

C. Status on the party mansion? Adam: a number of orders on the property prohibiting commercial use on the site have been given to the owner. There have been meetings with the Reeve, Corman Park police force, and the homeowner; scenarios were discussed and the owner said that he would cease operations. Some complaints still came forth. Complainers needed to sign statements so that they can be submitted to the Court of Queen's Bench for violation of the orders. We are still waiting for some of the statements before proceeding. If you do see something on the property, call the police who can witness the action for proof of violation; bylaw officers have been in regular contact with the owner; health authorities have also been involved.

D. Can we start a Riverside Facegroup group where people can ask for help with yard work, etc. from their neighbours? General discussion followed:

- i. people have traditionally posted on the mailboxes and through the mailing list.
- ii. Facebook does not meet standards of privacy but if someone wants to go ahead and create one, they can certainly do that. Not everyone would participate
- iii. One option is to purchase a website around \$10-\$12 monthly where it would be possible to create a secure and privacy aware site. This is not a bad idea but you need someone who will always maintain it. This website could also operate the mailing list, too.
- iv. WHATSAPP does not alleviate privacy.

Roger: we could look at a few options to see what we can come up with.

E. What about the grassland to the east of Poplar Road between the acreages and Strathcona? It could be a fire hazard, particularly in these dryer years. Adam: This is private land and we can make contact with the landowner. There may be two pieces and two landowners to contact.

9. Adjournment

Shaun Stevenson moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Residents "in attendance":

Emil Hallin	Marie Racine
Roger Dilsner	Violet Dilsner
Gail Hoshowsky	Carol Murphy
Darrell Johnson	Hugh Townsend
Jacque LaPointe	Tom Vangool
Jerome Meckelborg	Jerome Meckelborg connection #2
Jeff McKerrell	Michael Pomedì
Salam	Carol Ingell
Edmond Memire	Wendi Stoeber
Tim Vandenhurk	Sheilagh Steer
Michael Wyant	& Claire Underhill
Clayton Orosz	Shaun Stevenson
Murray Bentham	Lawrence Pirness
Bill Ellis	Gary Elias
Owen Mitchell	13066***53

Others "in attendance":

Reeve - Judy Harwood

Administrator: Adam Tittlemore

Councillor Division 3: Lyndon Haduik