MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WYNYARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

Present:

Council: Staff:

Mayor Albert Boylak CAO Jason Chorneyko

Councillor Tracy Jordan Director of Leisure Services Dana Stefanson

Councillor Greg Kostyk Councillor Fern Swinburnson

Absent:

Councillor Jason Bartoshewski Others:

Councillor Jerome Karakochuk Zoom Attendees.

Call to Order:

Mayor Boylak called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

#500/24 Minutes:

Jordan – that we adopt the minutes of the previous regular meeting of September 17, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED

#501/24 Lottery Licence Applications:

Swinburnson – that we approve the following lottery licence applications:

#14/24 WCHS Senior Football -50/50 – Laurie Froehlich - \$5

#15/24 SRC Fall Supper – 50/50 – Laurie Froehlich - \$5

#16/24 St. Mary's RC - 50/50 - Anne Zaluski - \$5

\$17/24 Wynyard Hospital Auxiliary – Raffle - Margaret Solvason - \$5

CARRIED

#502/24 Vouchers:

Kostyk – that we approve the following vouchers for payment as recommended by the General Government Committee and attached hereto:

General Vouchers:

#14329 (Early Chq)	\$	100.00
#14330 to #14360	\$1,176,111.52	
EFT:		
Frito Lay	\$	476.78
Receiver General	\$	12,002.49
Redhead Equipment	\$	2,438.95
Scotiabank Visa	\$	457.70
Payroll Vouchers:		

CARRIED

30,596.71

#503/24 Watermain Grass Landscaping:

AUTO DEPOSIT

Jordan – that, for people along 7th Street East who undertook their own grass planting and landscaping after the watermain replacement, we waive the infrastructure fee for one billing period.

#504/24 CAMA Membership:

Swinburnson – that we authorize the CAO to take out a membership in the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators at a 50% discounted amount of \$160.00.

CARRIED

#505/24 Tax Title Property (TTP):

Jordan – that we place TTP at $414 - 4^{th}$ Street East for sale by tender as required by *The Tax Enforcement Act*, and that we include our other TTP and Land For Resale in the advertisement.

CARRIED

#506/24 Common Grounds Coffee House:

Kostyk – that we refer the issue of what to do with the equipment from the Common Grounds Coffee House to the General Government Committee.

CARRIED

#507/24 Town Investments:

Swinburnson – that we renew our matured \$500,000 investment with BMO into a 364-day Redeemable Short-Term Investment Certificate.

CARRIED

#508/24 CAO Chorneyko's Report:

Jordan – that we receive CAO Chorneyko's Report as presented.

CARRIED

#509/24 Tax Abatement/Adjustment Policy:

Kostyk – that we approve Policy GG2024-003, The Tax Abatement/Adjustment Policy, that clarifies qualified properties undergoing tax abatements and/or adjustments and attached hereto.

CARRIED

#510/24 Complaints/Comments Report:

Jordan – that we receive the Complaints/Comments Report as presented.

CARRIED

#511/24 Animal Control Officer's Report:

Swinburnson – that we receive the September 2024 Animal Control Officer's Report as submitted by Andy Labdon.

CARRIED

#512/24 RCMP Report:

Kostyk – that we receive the September 2024 RCMP Report as submitted by Sgt. Wlasichuk.

CARRIED

#513/24 – House Demolition Proposal:

Swinburnson – that we refer the issue of demolishing the buildings of two tax title properties to the Public Works Committee.

#514/24 Town Superintendent Melsted's Report:

Jordan – that we receive Town Superintendent Melsted's Report as presented.

CARRIED

#515/24 Move Meeting "In-Camera":

Kostyk – that we halt the meeting and move "in-camera" to discuss HR topics.

CARRIED

The meeting is halted at 7:33 PM and the Zoom meeting is placed on pause.

Mayor Boylak calls the meeting back to order at 7:39PM.

#516/24 Hire Landfill Operator:

Kostyk – that we hire Byron Lowenberger as the Town of Wynyard Landfill Operator at a rate of pay as per the document attached hereto.

CARRIED

#517/24 Curling Rink Flooring:

Kostyk – that, in regards to Resolution #488/24, we confirm upgrading the Curling Rink basement flooring at a cost of up to \$5,232.00.

CARRIED

Councillor Swinburnson declares a conflict of interest due to a personal relationship and leaves Council Chambers at 7:44 PM.

#518/24 Curling Rink Ice Technician:

Jordan – that we change the Curling Rink Ice Technician salary from \$3,500 per month to \$3,000 per month.

CARRIED

519/24 Curling Rink Staffing:

Kostyk – that we approve changing the staffing structure at the Curling Rink by having the Cooperative Place staff operate the canteen and bar and increase the duties of the Cooperative Place Kitchen Supervisor to include the Curling Rink duties.

CARRIED

Councillor Swinburnson returns to Council Chambers at 7:47 PM.

#520/24 Parks and Recreation Facilities Foreman Position:

Swinburnson – that we table the creation of a Parks and Recreation Facilities Foreman position to the next Council meeting.

CARRIED

#521/24 Director of Leisure Services Report:

Jordan – that we receive Director of Leisure Services Stefanson's Report as presented.

#522/24 Repeal Wynyard Planning District Bylaws:

Swinburnson – that, with the receipt of the Minister's Order approving the dissolution of the Wynyard Planning District, we instruct the CAO to draft a bylaw to repeal all Wynyard Planning District Bylaws.

CARRIED

#523/24 2025 Tax Exemption:

Swinburnson – that we exempt the 2025 property taxes for $205 - 1^{st}$ Street East as per policy.

CARRIED

#524/24 Sell Sheepsfoot Packer:

Kostyk – that we accept the offer from Darren Bowen to purchase the sheepsfoot packer, "as is", for a price of \$350.

CARRIED

#525/24 Wynyard Memorial Airport Grant:

Jordan – that we agree to give an operating grant of \$1,000 to the Wynyard Memorial Airport Board.

CARRIED

#526/24 Sell Recycling Bins:

Kostyk – that we accept the offer from Gordon Schacker to purchase two blue recycling bins, located at the Landfill, at a price of \$50.00 per bin.

CARRIED

#527/24 Correspondence:

Jordan – that we receive and file the correspondence as per the list attached hereto.

CARRIED

#528/24 Mayor Boylak's Report:

Jordan – that we receive Mayor Boylak's Report as presented.

CARRIED

#529/24 2025 Tax Exemption:

Jordan – that we exempt the 2025 property taxes for 221 Bosworth Street, and, if applicable, for 223 Bosworth Street as per policy.

CARRIED

#530/24 General Government Committee Report:

Swinburnson – that we receive the General Government Committee Report as presented by Councillor Jordan.

#531/24 Councillor Swinburnson's Report:

Kostyk – that we receive Councillor Swinburnson's Report as presented.		
	CARRIED	
#531/24 Adjourn:		
Kostyk – that we adjourn the meeting. (8:11 p.m.)	CARRIED	
Mayor		

Chief Administrative Officer