

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
April 20, 2020 – 7:00pm
Village of Dutchess ZOOM meeting

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Councillors present: Mayor Tony Steidel
Deputy Mayor Kole Steinley
Councillor Ryan Kiedrowski
Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler
Councillor Tina Preston

Staff present: Yvonne Cosh CAO, Kent Torkelson PW Foreman & Sharon Zacharias
- Accountant

Mayor Tony Steidel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Motions

030-20 Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Village of Dutchess Council held on March 16, 2020 as presented.
Carried Unanimously

031-20 Mayor Steidel motioned to adopt the agenda as presented.
Carried Unanimously

Jeff Benson joined the Council meeting, via Zoom at 7:05 pm

Jeff presented the audited financial statement to Council.

032-20 Councillor Preston motioned to accept the 2019 audited financial statements as presented by Jeff Benson – Auditor – Johnston Morrison Hunter & CO.
Carried Unanimously

Jeff Benson left the Council meeting at 7:25 pm

Sharon Zacharias presented the final 2020 budget package to Council with the completed tax rate analysis and a completed tax rate bylaw.

033-20 Councillor Kiedrowski motioned to accept the final 2020 Budget Package as presented by Sharon Zacharias.

Carried Unanimously

034-20 Councillor Reid Mickler motioned to accept first reading of the Tax Rate Bylaw 484 – 20, as presented.

Carried Unanimously

035-20 Councillor Preston motioned to accept second reading of the Tax Rate Bylaw 484 – 20, as presented

Carried Unanimously

036-20 Mayor Steidel motioned to proceed to third and final reading of the Tax Rate Bylaw 484 – 20 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

037-20 Councillor Steinley motioned to accept third and final reading of the Tax Rate Bylaw 484 - 20 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

038-20 Councillor Preston motioned to adopt first reading of the Tax Rate Penalty Bylaw, 483 – 20 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

039-20 Councillor Kiedrowski motioned to adopt second reading of the Tax Rate Penalty Bylaw, 483 – 20 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

040-20 Councillor Steinley motioned to proceed to third and final reading of the Tax Rate Penalty Bylaw, 483 – 20 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

041-20 Mayor Steidel motioned to adopt third and final reading of the Tax Rate Penalty Bylaw, 483 – 20 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Sharon presented a quarterly financial update.

Old Business

042-20 Councillor Reid Mickler motioned to adopt first reading of the Utility Rate Bylaw, 485 – 20 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

043-20 Councillor Kiedrowski motioned to adopt second reading of the Utility Rate Bylaw, 485 – 20 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

044-20 Mayor Steidel motioned to proceed to third and final reading of the Utility Rate Bylaw, 485 – 20 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

045-20 Councillor Preston motioned to adopt third and final reading of the Utility Rate Bylaw, 485 – 20 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Sharon Zacharias left the meeting at 7:53 pm.

046-20 Councillor Steinley motioned to approach Little S in regards to Centre Street properties.

Carried Unanimously

047-20 Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to defer penalties on all residential and commercial utility accounts until October 1st, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

048-20 Councillor Preston motioned to defer penalties on all residential and commercial tax accounts until October 1st, 2020. This will include the Education property tax and the Municipal portion of the tax bills.

Carried Unanimously

New Business

049-20 Mayor Steidel motioned to accept first reading of the amended Land Use Bylaw 486 – 20.

Carried Unanimously

A date for public hearing on the amendments to the Land Use Bylaw will be tabled until May to allow for the public to be able to attend in person.

050-20 Councillor Reid-Mickler motioned to extend the current Strategic planning document for another 1 year.

Carried Unanimously

051-20 Councillor Preston moved by that we appoint Emma Van Steekelenburg, Donovan Kopp, Stratton Pickett and Lane Suchy, Todd Green, Will Schaap, Catherine Hok as Inspectors for the Village of Duchess pursuant to Section 7 of the Weed Control Act until such a time that their employment with the County of Newell ceases.

Carried Unanimously

AUMA's letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs was reviewed and approved.
The SAEWA briefing was accepted.

Council instructed Administration to direct the campground owners that their campgrounds must remain closed.

Councillors received the draft Regional Emergency Management agreement for review.

All tax arrears auction dates have been delayed.

The proposed MDP survey questions was given to Council to review.

052-20 Councillor Preston motioned to accept the consent agenda items.

Carried Unanimously

9. Consent Agenda items 9 - 16

Committee reports

* a copy of submitted meeting minutes will be retained at the office. ✓

- reports attached are identified by *

1. Mayor Steidel
 - a. Newell Regional Solid Waste Management
 - b. Fire
 - c. Mayors and Reeves

2. Deputy Mayor Steinley
 - a. Newell Foundation & Housing
 - b. Ag Society
 - c. ORRSC ✓

3. Councillor Ryan Kiedrowski

- a. Duchess Library
 - b. Canadian Badlands ✓
 - c. Recreation Parks Cultural
 - d. NRTA
4. Councillor Deborah Reid-Mickler
- a. Shortgrass Library – Shortgrass has a surplus that will go to e resources
 - b. Newell Regional Service Corporation
 - c. Joint Services ✓
 - d. Palliser Economic Partnership ✓ Economic Trade & Development is looking for shovel ready projects from communities.
5. Councillor Tina Preston
- a. FCSS / EXPO ✓ Bruce Snape will be stepping down in September
 - b. 911
 - c. SPEC
10. CAO report ✓
11. Public Works report ✓
12. Accountant report n/a
13. Recreation Centre report n/a ✓
14. CPO report ✓
15. Cheques 18012-18071 = \$97,537.30
 Prepays 990337 – 990345 = \$16,178.67
 for a total of \$113,715.97.
16. Information items

Next Council meeting
 Adjourn 8:46pm

via ZOOM

May 25, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Mayor Tony Steidel

CAO Yvonne Cosh