

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2020 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

- Present: Mayor Willett, Councillor's Bohne, MacCumber, Smith, Payne and CAO Rolfe.
- Meeting: Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Willett.
- Agenda: Councillor Smith moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Minutes: Councillor Smith moved to accept the May 2020 regular meeeting minutes as presented. Carried Unanimously.
- Old Business:
- CAO Report: CAO Report is attached. Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the CAO report as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Unsightly Yards Bylaw: Discussion and gathering of further information to take place. Tabled for further information.
- Canada Day: Canada Day will continue with adjusted plans.
- Welcome Sign: Discussion on a new sign was held. Tabled for further information.
- Financial Statement: The May statement will be presented at the July meeting.
- Accounts Payable: Councillor Payne moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.
- New Business
- Bylaw 576 And 577
2020 Taxes: Councillor Bohne moved for 3rd reading of Bylaw 576 being the Bylaw to assess property taxes for 2020. Carried Unanimously.
Councillor Bohne moved for 3rd reading of Bylaw 577 being the Bylaw to assess frontage taxes for 2020. Carried Unanimously.
- HALO: Councillor Payne moved to send a donation in the amount of \$2000.00 to HALO Air ambulance to help keep it operational. Carried Unanimously.
- Meeting with MP Motz and MLA Hunter: Meeting will be June 26, information will be presented at the July meeting.
- Summer Meeting: No decision was made regarding taking a summer break from meetings. The July meeting will be held and the decision about August will be looked at then.
- Committee Reports:
- Councillor Payne: Attnded the FCSS ZOOM meeting
- Councillor Bohne: Had no meetings to attend
- Councillor MacCumber: Attended a meeting in Milk River with MLA Hunter
Attended 2 meeting with the Milk River Watershed
Attended 2 meetings of the Quad Healthcare committee and met with the Dr to discuss issues.
- Councillor Smith: Attended a Chief Mountain Waste Authority meeting via Zoom
- Mayor Willett: Attended the meeting in Milk River with MLA Hunter
Attended a meeting with Minister Madu
Attended the Quarterly SouthGrow meeting via ZOOM

Correspondence: None at this time

Closed Meeting: Not requested at this time.

Adjourn: Councillor Bohne moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm.


MAYOR


CAO

1. Covid-19 daily updates. Each day there is an update from the Provincial Operation Centre outlining the event in the Province. There is also an update twice per week from Garry Dzoiba (Field Officer South Region Alberta Emergency Management Agency). Also I am in touch with Ross from Ridge Regional Public Safety Services, as needed. Jamie from the County who is our Regional Director of Disaster Services along with the CAO's from our neighboring communities are also in contact as needed.

I have been in contact with the administration team of the new COVID-19 check point that AHS has set up when coming north through the Port. I have heard and looked into a couple complaints from locals, but none feel it necessary to make an official complaint, so none was made.

2. Water break in Montana. I attended a meeting with MLA Hunter, The County of Warner, and the Town of Milk River. I have also been in contact with Alberta Environment and Parks. To date there has been no announcement of a repair, or a temporary diversion. There is another meeting on June 26 that Mayor Willett and Dep. Mayor MacCumber will attend as well. MP Motz and MLA Hunter will both be in attendance. Topics will include the Water issue, Police Funding and HALO
3. Paving and street sweeping is done. Both went well.
4. We will continue to do the year end statements via scan and email. The accountant's office is not yet open and they are working from home. It's a bit time consuming but we will get it done. Municipal Affairs moved the deadline for the statements from May 1 to October 1, in light of the pandemic.
5. HALO Auction. I am an admin on the Border Communities Auction for HALO. Mostly doing what needs done on my own time. We're hoping to make a good sized donation. The auction ends on Saturday June 13, at 10 am.