

Doug Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. 14 in attendance.

The minutes of the last fall meeting of September 20, 2016 were read by Doug Campbell. Minutes adopted as read by Kathy O'Hare; 2nd by Ed O'Hare, carried

OLD BUSINESS

1. Wastewater System Maintenance – After discussion re installing a lift station system, swabbing, and related costs it was decided to hold a separate meeting at a later date to discuss in greater detail, for now everything was OK
2. Drainage – Daniel Gory has repaired culverts and will be contacted by the board to clean up the mess and remove the cement.
3. Mowing – Mowing was tendered out, Rick Matthew is doing the Hamlet mowing.
4. Roads – Calcium was applied to First Avenue, Railway Avenue, Carlin Avenue and First Street East this summer. The roads to be gravelled will be Main Street and the road in front of the hall. Drifting snow is an issue on the corner or Carton Avenue, will look at this winter.
5. Water Billing: After discussion of increasing costs for water and sewage treatment, and location of water and lagoon fund, it was decided to hold water rates as is for now. The board will look into bulk rate comparable to Turtleford. Rick Matthews will look into pinhole leak in front of Gallaghers. Post Office parking lot has been gravelled to fix drainage problem.
6. Recycle Bins: It was decided that bins will remain and volunteers will keep the area clean.
7. Town Equipment/Maintenance – It was decided to allow money in the budget for town maintenance, details of the tender will be set by the board.
8. Old School: -It was decided that old school is hazardous and requires removal. The board will submit a letter and pictures to Prairie North health Region so building can be condemned. – submitted to Ken Startup of PNHHR, cost would be more than \$30K, Hamlet would be responsible for 40%, because of legal repercussions, it was decided to wait until RM owns it. For now hamlet will clean up outside, and board up all entrances to prevent children from playing inside.
9. Overgrown trees: A group will be organized to cut overgrown trees back to allow access to sidewalks.
- 11 Playground: - the playground has been neglected, equipment needs repairs, painting etc. A sign is to be put up "Use at your own risk".
- 12 RV Park – Awaiting RM approval to put to tender.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Sewer Rates – Rates again increasing, look into water & lagoon fund, leave rates alone
2. Playground Revitalization:- need work bee, repair basketball court cement, new nets, backboards, board to request trees and shrubs, for RV Park and playground, some eqpt repairs.
3. Street Maintenance – Leave Calcium Chloride on Main Street, draw up schedule for streets for next year.
4. Drainage –Post Office Drainage repaired, In front of hall, behind Cathy's remain as problems.
5. Follow up on School Status re condemning and tear down, make financial commitment.
6. Election of New Board Members:- Kathy O'Hare nominated Gillian Seward for the vacant 4 year term, 2nd by Ed O'Hare; Ed O'Hare nominated Ron Sinclair for vacant 1 year term (remainder of Cory's term). :Ed O'Hare moved nominations cease. Gillian Seward and Ron Sinclair join Ryan Ashdown (2 years remaining in term) as members of the Board. Linda De Marco was asked to act as Secretary to the board – accepted. Ron Sinclair agreed to be board member who can respond to Hamlet and RM during business hours.

7.-Mowing and yard tidy up. – schedule work party.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Not Available

Next Annual General Meeting will be held in May, 2017

Linda De Marco moved meeting be adjourned. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted

