The R.M. of Ellice - Archie Council met in regular session on Friday, August 14th, 2020 at the McAuley Municipal office.

Present:

Reeve: Barry Lowes Angelo Fouillard

Councillors: Melissa Pateman JP Chartier

Devon Gurniak Gab Huberdeau

Marla Dyke

CAO: Trisha Huberdeau

Regrets: Cheryl Kleemola

Reeve Barry Lowes called the meeting to order at 9:02 am

Foreman Report

*Roland: Municipal wells have been shocked and signs now posted “non-potable” water; need to make an application to AWWD to seal an old well – Roland to provide the office with details; Berm at Deschaumbaults still not done – have been waiting on MTS locates; MTS has marked the water main line repair project; posts at the fort will be going in today; taking holidays from Aug 24 – Sept 8th.*

*Jaret: needed to replace a culvert on a road allowance just E of T. Clubbs for Flannery access – culvert collapsed; Wade to apply more gravel for the 2 mile stretch on PR 256 and potentially PR 467 after J&R done trucking; Well at Manson needed the control box replaced, may need the pump replaced also; Potassium pump was replaced in the WTP; need another more specific locate from MTS on Rd 86N.*

**Agenda**

Resolution 181-20 (D. Gurniak / J. Chartier)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

**Minutes**

Resolution 182-20 (A. Fouillard / M. Dyke)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting held July 7th, 2020.

CARRIED

**Accounts**

Resolution 183-20 (G. Huberdeau / A. Fouillard)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Ellice-Archie approves the Bank Reconciliation and cheques #6381-6495 & Direct Deposits #239 - #240 totalling $236,327.48 for the month of July 2020 be passed and paid as presented.

CARRIED.

Resolution 184-20 (M. Dyke / D. Gurniak)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council approves the Budgetary Control Status Report as of July 31st, 2020.

CARRIED

Resolution 185-20 (A. Fouillard / D. Gurniak)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the indemnity and mileage for the Reeve and Council for the month of July 2020 be paid inclusive as the amount submitted.

CARRIED

**Committee of the Whole**

**Delegations**

**Unfinished Business**

Resolution 186-20 (G. Huberdeau / D. Gurniak)

WHEREAS council had awarded the Request for Proposals for the Public Works shed but the supplier has since pulled his bid from the RFP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the council hereby rescinds Resolution 165-20:

*“Resolution 165-20 (G. Huberdeau / D. Gurniak)*

*WHEREAS the municipality advertised a Request for Proposals for the construction of a public works shop;*

*AND WHEREAS the council has received multiple quotes and has thoroughly discussed them, and is in compliance with their Tendering & Procurement Policy;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council of the RM of Ellice – Archie authorizes the CAO to accept the bid from Fouillard Discount Ltd and Fafard Construction to proceed with the building of the shed, concrete and electrical to be awarded separately.”*

CARRIED

Resolution 187-20 (A. Fouillard / G. Huberdeau)

WHEREAS the municipality advertised a Request for Proposals for the construction of a public works shop;

AND WHEREAS the council has received multiple quotes and has thoroughly discussed them, and is in compliance with their Tendering & Procurement Policy;

AND WHEREAS Resolution 165-20 has hereby been rescinded;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council of the RM of Ellice – Archie authorizes the CAO to accept the bid from AFAB Industries Inc to proceed with the building of a Post & Beam Commercial building, concrete and electrical to be awarded separately.

CARRIED

Resolution 188-20 (D. Gurniak / M. Dyke)

WHEREAS the municipality advertised a Request for Proposals for the Water Main Replacement in St. Lazare from the Water Treatment Plant to the Village of St. Lazare;

AND WHEREAS the council has received multiple quotes and has thoroughly discussed them, and is in compliance with their Tendering & Procurement Policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council of the RM of Ellice – Archie authorizes the CAO to accept the bid from Canart Backhoe to complete the replacement of the Water Main in St. Lazare from the Water Treatment Plant to the Village of St. Lazare based on the understanding they will comply with Manitoba Water Services Board’s Standard Construction Specifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the funds for cost of this project shall be withdrawn from the Gas Tax Reserve as per Resolution 177-20.

CARRIED

Resolution 189-20 (M. Pateman / D. Gurniak)

WHEREAS the municipality has received multiple quotes for the plumbing work for the new Public Works Shed;

AND WHEREAS the council has received multiple quotes and has thoroughly discussed them, and is in compliance with their Tendering & Procurement Policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council of the RM of Ellice – Archie authorizes the CAO to accept the bid from Marquette Steamfitters to complete the plumbing work for the new Public Works Shed.

CARRIED

*Reeve B. Lowes declared a conflict of interest with Agenda Item #8.3 and left the room. Deputy M. Pateman stepped into the chair.*

Resolution 190-20 (M. Dyke / A. Fouillard)

WHEREAS the municipality advertised a Request for Proposals for the Repair of Gravel Road 86N between 169W and 167W;

AND WHEREAS the council has received multiple quotes and has thoroughly discussed them, and is in compliance with their Tendering & Procurement Policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council of the RM of Ellice – Archie authorizes the CAO to accept the bid C.K. Construction for the Repair of Gravel Road 86N between 169W and 167W.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the funds for cost of this project shall be withdrawn from the Gas Tax Reserve as per the 2020 Financial Plan.

CARRIED

*Reeve B. Lowes returned to the meeting and retained his seat as chair.*

Resolution 191-20 (D. Gurniak / J. Chartier)

WHEREAS the council had previously closed municipal buildings as a COVID-19 response;

AND WHEREAS the council has since developed a Phase 4 COVID-19 Site Plan stating all public health rules and regulations shall be adhered to should the municipal buildings be reopened for use;

AND WHEREAS the individual volunteer committees who manage the bookings for the McAuley Rink & Hall (McAuley Community Association), St. Lazare Arena (St. Lazare Athletics), Manson Community Rink (Manson Rink Committee) and the St. Lazare Community Hall (Community Hall committee) will be required to sign the COVID-19 Site Plan and produce a copy to the council prior to taking their first booking;

BE IT RESOLVED the council of the RM of Ellice – Archie agrees to reopen the municipal facilities previously closed as per their COVID-19 response given the community organizations stated agree to adhere to the current public health rules and regulations.

CARRIED

*Councillor D. Gurniak departed from the meeting (11:03 am)*

Resolution 192-20 (M. Dyke / J. Chartier)

WHEREAS the council has received a request from Birtle Health Centre regarding the residual funds in the account for the Birtle District Trust Committee;

AND WHEREAS the committee met to discuss the use of these funds, with our councillor Marla Dyke in attendance;

BE IT RESOLVED the council of the RM of Ellice – Archie has no objections or concerns with the funds in the amount of $8,107.10 from the Birtle District Trust Committee be used for the capital project to extend ceiling tracks in the Personal Care Home in Birtle.

CARRIED

Resolution 193-20 (A. Fouillard / J. Chartier)

WHEREAS JDB Project Engineering Inc has determined they require a geotechnical investigation to provide foundation recommendations for a new wastewater treatment facility in St. Lazare;

AND WHEREAS JDB Project Engineering has recommended TREK Geotechnical Inc for the completion of this work;

BE IT RESOLVED the council authorizes the CAO to accept the quote on July 17th, 2020 from TRECK Geotechnical Inc for the geotechnical work required for the project.

CARRIED

**General Business**

Resolution 194-20 (G. Huberdeau / A. Fouillard)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council authorizes the CAO to hire Sensus Partnership to complete the 2020 audit for the RM of Ellice – Archie.

CARRIED

Resolution 195-20 (M. Dyke / G. Huberdeau)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the RM of Ellice – Archie hereby approves the audited consolidated financial statements and take full responsibility for the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019.

CARRIED

Resolution196 -20 (A. Fouillard / M. Dyke)

WHEREAS the Manson Rink Committee has notified the council of a recent loss due to the rink losing hydro during an electrical storm in July;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council authorizes funding in the amount of $500.00 to the Manson Rink Committee.

CARRIED

Resolution 197-20 (M. Pateman / A. Fouillard)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the CAO to accept the quote on July 21st from 3CTech Ltd. for the Network and WiFi build at the RM office in McAuley and St. Lazare.

CARRIED

Resolution 198-20 (G. Huberdeau / A. Fouillard)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the CAO to accept the quote on July 21st from 3CTech Ltd. for the Network and WiFi build in the McAuley Arena in full.

CARRIED

Resolution 199-20 (A. Fouillard / J. Chartier)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the CAO to enter into a 36 month term with Westman Communications Group for fiber internet services for the municipal office in St.Lazare.

CARRIED

Resolution 200-20 (M. Pateman / A. Fouillard)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the CAO to pay the 2020 annual levy to Mid-West Planning District in the amount of $21,353.00.

CARRIED

Resolution 201-20 (J. Chartier / M. Dyke)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the CAO to grant $100.00 to the 14th Annual Birtle Riverside Golf Tournament.

CARRIED

Resolution 202-20 (M. Dyke / J. Chartier)

WHEREAS the COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in the community organizations within the municipality to not be able to continue with their normal fundraising efforts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approves of a grant in the amount of $1,000 to the St. Lazare Community Hall.

CARRIED

Resolution 203-20 (A. Fouillard / M. Pateman)

WHEREAS the transition to the new provincial Public Safety Communications Service (PSCS) for our fire departments has begun;

AND WEHREAS we have been notified that once transitioned, our FleetNet radios will be decommissioned and no longer active, contrary to what we were initially informed;

AND WHEREAS the budget for 2020 included only one portable APX2000 radio for each department, but now with the deactivation of FleetNet radios, each department will be in need of more equipment to be effective;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the CAO to order one portable APX2000 and one Mobile APX2500 radios for each the McAuley and St. Lazare Fire departments as per quotation PSE-0277, with funds to be withdrawn from the Fire Reserve.

CARRIED

Resolution 204-20 (M. Dyke / G. Huberdeau)

WHEREAS the 2020 Financial Plan included annual Recreation and Economic Development Grants;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the CAO to grant the following Recreation Grants for 2020: Manson Rink for $1,500, McAuley Community Association for $1,500 and the St. Lazare Athletics for $2,500;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the council authorizes the CAO to grant the following Economic Development Grants for 2020: CDC P’Tite Fourche for $8,000 and the McAuley Community Association for $8,000.

CARRIED

*Reeve B. Lowes declared a conflict of interest with Agenda Item #9.18 and left the room. Deputy M. Pateman stepped into the chair.*

Resolution 205-20 (A. Fouillard / G. Huberdeau)

WHEREAS the council has received 3 Applications for Undeveloped Road Allowance Policy Permits from Ja-Lyn Farms for Road 171W (NW-27-15-29 & NE-28-15-29), Road 171W (SW-34-15-29 & SE-33-15-29), and Road 89N (SW-34-15-29 & NW-27-15-29);

AND WHEREAS THE council has reviewed and discussed all applications presented for Ja-Lyn Farms;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approves the 3 Applications for Undeveloped Road Allowance Policy Permits from Ja-Lyn Farms for Road 171W (NW-27-15-29 & NE-28-15-29), Road 171W (SW-34-15-29 & SE-33-15-29), and Road 89N (SW-34-15-29 & NW-27-15-29) as presented and in accordance with the Undeveloped Road Allowance Policy adopted by council.

CARRIED

*Reeve B. Lowes returned to the meeting and retained his seat as chair.*

Resolution 206-20 (M. Pateman / M. Dyke)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council cancels Invoice #20.19 in the amount of $375.00.

CARRIED

Resolution 207-20 (G. Huberdeau / M. Dyke)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council changes the start time of the September 11th meeting at 7:00 a.m. with notices to be posted.

CARRIED

**By-Laws & Policies**

Resolution 208-20 (J. Chartier / M. Pateman)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council gives CAO authorization to draft By-Law #06-2020 SS Curbside Waste & Recycling pickup for McAuley and give public notice of the Special Service Plan Public hearing on Sept 11th.

CARRIED

Resolution 209-20 (A. Fouillard / M. Dyke)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council gives CAO authorization to draft By-Law #07-2020 SS Curbside Waste & Recycling pickup for St. Lazare and give public notice of the Special Service Plan Public hearing on Sept 11th.

CARRIED

**Citizen Complaints**

**Committee Reports**

**Communications**

FROM DISPOSITION

1. CC from Decorby/Layton to RCMP re: Wegner NOTED & FILED
2. RCMP Report Apr 1 – June 30 (Virden) NOTED & FILED
3. Building Permits:
4. #05-EA-20-A – B. Soder NOTED & FILED
5. Manitoba Hydro Bush clearing on Rd Allowance notification NOTED & FILED
6. Response from Minister Schuler office re: ICIP grant application NOTED & FILED

**Adjournment**

Resolution 210-20 (A. Fouillard / J. Chartier)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn. The RM of Ellice-Archie is to meet in regular session

on Friday, September 11th, 2020 at 7:00 am at the Municipal Office located in McAuley, MB.

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:21 PM

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Barry Lowes, Reeve Trisha Huberdeau, CAO