

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Heart's Hill No. 352 was held in the Municipal Office at 405 Grand Avenue, Luseland, Saskatchewan on October 5, 2023.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Gordon Stang called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Reeve Gordon Stang and Councillors Keith Rumohr (Div. 1), David Gette (Div. 2), Terrance Kohlman (Div. 3), Blaine Thrun (Div. 4 – late arrival), Jerome Kohlman (Div. 5), Herbert Reichert (Div. 6), Administrator Janelle Franko, and Assistant Administrator Brenda Gintaut.

**188/23-AGENDA:**

Moved by J. Kohlman THAT Council accept the agenda as presented.

Carried.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST: NONE**

**189/23-MINUTES:**

Moved by Reichert THAT Council approve the content of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 7, 2023.

Carried.

**190/23-DELEGATIONS:**

Moved by Thrun THAT Council acknowledge the presence and verbal/written reports:

**5:05 p.m. Daniel Fisher, Road Maintenance Foreman**

**6:00 p.m. Daniel Fisher Departed**

**5:30 p.m. Constable Jason Chen, RCMP**

**6:00 p.m. Constable Jason Chen Departed**

Carried.

*Councillor Thrun arrived at the meeting at 5:50 p.m.*

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**191/23-COMMUNICATIONS:**

Moved by T. Kohlman THAT the following items, having been presented, be filed or dealt with as indicated:

Ministry of Government Relations

S.A.R.M. (Sask. Association of Rural Municipalities)

Luseland and District Chamber of Commerce

Rural Ag Health & Safety

Agriview Magazine

Sask. Federation of Police Officers

Press Herald

Independent Energy Corp.

Targeted Sector Support Intake

Rural Dart

Rural Sheaf

Introduction Letter

Correspondence

Wildlife Damage Prevention Program

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Prevention Guide

Advertising Request

Correspondence

Carried.

**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES:**

**192/23-STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:**

Moved by Gette THAT Council accept the Statement of Financial Activities for the Month of September 2023 as presented by Administrator Janelle Franko, and List of Accounts for Approval comprising of cheques #7721 to and including #7743, and other payments 431887 to 20231005 totalling \$2,042,917.10 together with Paymate: Payroll Summary Report - Payroll 01- totalling - \$28,689.27 and Payroll Summary Report – Council 02 – totalling \$6,952.80, as attached for approval.

Carried.

**193/23-VACATION APPROVAL FOR ADMINISTRATOR JANELLE FRANKO:**

Moved by Rumohr THAT Council approve Administrator Janelle Franko taking October 13 afternoon off as unpaid vacation.

Carried.

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**194/23-REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

Moved by Reichert THAT Council accept the following written and verbal reports:

**Gravel Exploration:** G. Stang, D. Gette, H. Reichert & T. Kohlman

**Pioneer Haven:** K. Rumohr

**KLD Wellness:** K. Rumohr

**West Central Municipal Gov't Committee:** K. Rumohr

**Villa Marie:** H. Reichert

Carried.

**REEVE AND COUNCILLOR FORUM:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**195/23-OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT:**

Moved by Gette THAT Council extend an offer of employment to Shane Bardick as a full-time equipment operator, based on a three month probation, commencing November 1, 2023, at a rate of \$33.00 per hour.

Carried.

**196/23-PROGRESS CERTIFICATE #2-RNG RD 3275 ROAD RECONSTRUCTION IN W ½ 05-36-27W3:**

Moved by Reichert THAT Council authorize the progress payment in the amount of \$99,614.73 (GST + PST included) to Jeff's Grader Services of Lashburn, Sask., for progress work to date on Rng Rd 3275 Road Reconstruction Project along the E ½ 05-36-27W3; and further, THAT Administration be authorized to transfer \$178,099.22 from the Municipality's Road Construction Reserve to the Chequing Account to replace funds spent to date on this project.

Carried.

**197/23-UMAAS/RMAA WORKSHOP:**

Moved by J. Kohlman THAT Council approve Administration attending the UMAAS/RMAA Workshop on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, in North Battleford, Sask., at a cost of \$105 per person, plus mileage; and further, THAT Council approve the closure of the office for that day.

Carried.

**198/23-PORTABLE PICKLEBALL COURT AND EQUIPMENT:**

Moved by T. Kohlman THAT Administration be authorized to spend up to \$2,000 to purchase a portable pickleball court and equipment for use at various festivals in the area throughout the year, as the Municipality's contribution and participation in these events.

Carried.

**199/23-CANADA COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND (FORMERLY GAX TAX FUNDS):**

Moved by Thrun THAT Council acknowledge receipt of the 2023-24 Installment 1 in the amount of \$7,832.40 from the Canada Community Building Fund to be allocated toward the Paving of 6.5 kms of Rng Rd 3263 in 2024 (pending application approval).

Carried.

**200/23-CANADA COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND (FORMERLY GAS TAX FUNDS):**

Moved by Thrun THAT Council authorize Administration opening a Savings Account at the Luseland Credit Union for the purpose of depositing Canada Community Building Fund unallocated monies and tracking interest received; and further, THAT Council authorize the transfer of \$7,976.39 to the said Account from the Chequing Account, representing recent unallocated monies received.

Carried.

**201/23-2023 BUDGET TRANSFERS:**

Moved by Gette THAT Council authorize the following cash transfers from the Municipality's Chequing Account to their Reserve Accounts held at the Luseland Credit Union, in accordance with the Municipality's 2023 Budget:

- Future Expenditure Fund      \$ 100,000.00
- Debenture Fund                    \$ 900,000.00
- Road Construction Fund        \$ 200,000.00
- Gravel Fund                        \$ 200,000.00
- Paving Fund                        \$ 700,000.00
- Equipment Fund                  \$ 200,000.00
- Fire Equipment Fund            \$ 100,000.00

Carried.

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**202/23-SARM PROPERTY SELF-INSURANCE PLAN APPRAISAL:**

Moved by Rumohr THAT Council accept the recommended adjustments to the SARM Property Self-Insurance Plan building valuations and premiums based on the appraisal report provided by B. R. Gaffney & Associates.

Carried.

**203/23-DUCKS UNLIMITED CONSERVATION EASEMENT:**

Moved by Reichert THAT Council acknowledge the Ducks Unlimited Canada Conservation Easement notice for the SE 20-35-28W3 Ext.17 & Ext.18; and further, THAT they have no objections to this being registered.

Carried.

***9:09 p.m. Councillor Rumohr declared a conflict of interest and excused himself from the Chambers***

**204/23- DUCKS UNLIMITED CONSERVATION EASEMENT:**

Moved by J. Kohlman THAT Council acknowledge the Ducks Unlimited Canada Conservation Easement notice for the NW 35-34-26W3; and further, THAT they have no objections to this being registered.

Carried.

***9:10 p.m. Councillor Rumohr returned to the Chambers.***

**205/23-ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Thrun THAT this meeting does now adjourn at 9:11 p.m. this day.

Carried.

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Administrator