

AGM May 27, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Ron Palmer at 10:00am
2. Introductions made by Ron Palmer:  
Dwayne Heimlick, Board Member  
Susan Schneider, Minute taker  
Harry McDonald, RM of North Qu'Appelle, Reeve
3. Motion to approve the agenda as circulated.  
Moved by Rod MacDonald  
Jan Spicer questioned why there would not be an election for Ron Palmer's position as the three years for which he was elected was up.  
Ron Palmer explained that the RM Act had been revised to change to the terms from three years to four years. Concern was expressed from several residents that the Hamlet had not been informed of the change.  
Jan Spicer suggested that Ron Palmer's position on the RM Council and the Hamlet Board was a conflict of interest.  
Ron Palmer called Jan Spicer out of order.  
Harry McDonald, RM Reeve, clarified no conflict of interest.
4. Motion to approve the adoption of 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Moved by Bev Paskaruk, seconded by Em Anderson     CARRIED
5. Chairman's Report – Ron Palmer  
Ron explained that the reason for having an AGM is to put forth the recommendations from the Hamlet to the RM. Board seeks the advise of the Hamlet residents. As an organized Hamlet we are required to have an AGM, otherwise we would revert back to an 'inactive' hamlet and we would not have any say as to what is done within the Hamlet. We are able to set our own budget and mill rate and are responsible for what happens in the Hamlet. The Board seeks approval from the residents in moving forward with projects.

2016/17 Hamlet Projects

Ron presented a slide presentation of a walk through the Hamlet outlining projects completed, projects currently being worked on and possible future projects.

- Signage – has been ordered, not yet received

- Recycling bin – has been ordered and will be placed on municipal land adjacent to the Katepwa Land Development property.
- Emergency preparedness – what equipment, personnel capabilities are in the community in the event emergency
- Progressive Dinner – an annual dinner initially held for permanent residents in early December is open to all property owners and is great opportunity to meet and socialize with others in our community.
- Delta Project  
Ron informed the residents that the creek was becoming overgrown and there is the potential in a high water year that the water would find alternate ways of getting to the lake is not cleaned out to allow for water flow.
- SaskTel equipment placement will be put behind the signage board on Margaret Street.
- Margaret Street and Lakeview Crescent sign board maps need replacement.
- Tent caterpillars are back again this year. U & K greenhouses has a product called BTK which when applied to trees with worms only kills the worms. Small bottle makes 33 gallons of spray.
- Recycling bin – Curtis Russell offered to keep the area clear of snow in the winter months.
- Pavement on Lakeview Crescent needs some repair to keep it in good shape. Taylor Street will need to be capped in the near future.
- Taylor Beach Public Reserve has had a fair amount of development since the last AGM. Shore area has been cleaned up and rocks placed last fall. Trees planted, bench and table installed, winter lake access developed but not meant for boat launching. The winter access area will be chained off during the summer months. The Hamlet now has three nicely developed green spots that beautify our community and great areas for kids to play on.
- Ron noted that Victor Street runs from Lakeview Crescent to Delage's and become Taylor Street at the curve in the road.
- Point repair has been completed with Rip Rap, underground cable removed. Tulik Construction suggested that trees would have to be removed for the placement of the rip rap. Wanda Smith Windsor did not want to see the trees moved so a volunteer group worked to place the fabric and the rocks bought in by Tulik during the winter months.

- Taylor Beach Public Reserve, Jim Paskaruk volunteer lead of the Taylor Beach Public Reserve project gave future details on the project to date. \$12,984.69 has been spent to date. In addition to the trees, shaping of the shoreline and seating areas, steps to the beach area, garbage stand and signage for the area still to be completed. It has also been suggested to have a basketball or volleyball area. Great community spirit with twelve residents came out on May 26<sup>th</sup> to plant trees, pick rocks, clean beach and re-seed grass.

Richard Brown asked if public reserve areas could be used for winter storage? Harry McDonald informed the residents that storage was not allowed on public areas.

Neil Groenewold asked who was eligible to put out docks and boat lifts at the public reserve areas? Ron Palmer indicated it was first come, first serve.

- Cold Mix .8km Invercauld
- Creek channel clearing
- Taylor Culvert Rip Rap

#### 6. 2016 Expenses Financials – Dwayne Heimlick

Jenny Hart was unable to attend the meeting today to present the financials. Dwayne outlined the income and expenditures for 2016/17. The line items for Board expenses and Hamlet Board meals were reserved in their presentation.

#### RM Crew & Equipment

- Richard Brown suggested that if an expense will not be incurred the budget be changed to reflect the decrease in expenditures and mill rate reduction be considered.
- Harry McDonald, RM Reeve, indicated that the RM will set the mill rate this year at the beginning of July.
- Taylor Beach Public Reserve expenditures need to be reviewed as they are not accurate with what has been expensed to date.
- Taylor Culvert did not have an expense in the fiscal year so line item needs to be corrected.

#### Municipal Services

- Increases in the majority of municipal services due to new revenue sharing agreement.

Richard Brown asked if other hamlets were seeing increases in their municipal services as well.

Ron Palmer confirmed increases to all hamlets.

Richard Brown asked what the SAMA expense was.

Richard Brown asked what the mill rate was in 2016.

Ron Palmer said rate was 3.4.

The 2016/17 financials reflect a surplus of \$63,374.50.

The 2017/18 budget reflects;

- Mill rate of 2.97% and base tax of \$30,700.00
- reserve of \$78,392.07 for pavement

There are a number of line items within the 2016/17 financial statement that need to be corrected.

Richard Brown voiced concern that the line item issues were not corrected before the AGM and presentation at the meeting.

Ron Palmer said he was not aware of the issues.

Questions:

Why will Board expenses be approximately \$1,100.00 less for 2017/18?

Ron Palmer indicated that as an RM councillor his expense for RM meetings would be picked by the RM in 2017/18.

Jan Spicer contacted the RM Administrator Marcy Johnson with regards to travel expenses for Ron Palmer to RM meetings. Jan was told expenses for non-councillors should not be reimbursed.

Bruce Olesen asked why we were concerned with these nickel and dime expenses for our representatives attending RM meetings.

Jan Spicer voiced concern that the Hamlet should not pay mileage for these meetings as Ron Palmer not a councillor.

Allan McDougall suggested we not micro manage the Hamlet Board and act as macro managers leaving these types of decisions up to the Board.

7. 2017 RM/Hamlet Share Agreement – Harry McDonald, RM Reeve

Harry indicated that the RM has struggled in the past with how to come up with a fair share agreement. There will no longer be a 60/40 split but share will be based on the assessed values of the improved properties.

Richard Brown agreed that this was a fair share agreement and questioned how it compares to other similar hamlets.

Harry McDonald indicated the same for all hamlets in the RM.

Richard Brown asked if the District of Katepwa the same.

Harry McDonald indicated they are a different RM and only the landfill assessment is the same.

Jim Paskaruk noted that the Hamlet of Taylor Beach has the lowest mill rate in the valley, comparing Sweet Grass which is at 6%.

#### 8. 2017 Budget and Projects – Dwayne Heimlick

- Taylor Beach Public Reserve – the project needs to be completed
- Cold Mix .8k Invercauld

Norm Johner asked why we weren't considering paving the road rather than the cold mix.

Ron Palmer indicated that the cost to pave the road was too costly.

Harry McDonald indicated that the RM pays the patching cost after completion.

Sandy Smith Windsor agreed with Norm Johner and suggested pavement.

Dwayne Heimlick agreed the cost to pave too costly for the Hamlet.

Harry McDonald indicated that the RM is not willing to cost share on pavement.

Shirley Hart asked what the results of the survey monkey was on the road pavement question.

Ron Palmer reported it was a 50/50 split on whether to pave or not.

John Smith Windsor stated the 56 highway has cold mix and we need to ensure it is done well.

Harry McDonald responded that the highway had a good base to which the cold mix was applied and then double sealed.

John Smith Windsor reminded the group that this road work all started as a preventative measure for dust control.

Ron Palmer noted that the road could be capped with pavement at a later time.

Harry McDonald suggested the Hamlet see how the cold mix works.

Sandy Smith Windsor suggested the Hamlet move forward with the cold mix .8km on Invercauld. The suggested was voted on and accepted. CARRIED

Kurtis Morin requested that the trees on Invercauld be trimmed and that the sluff in the road also be looked at.

Harry McDonald agreed to have the RM trim the trees but indicated that removing more of the dirt from the sluff could cause more harm.

## 9. Delta – Creek Channel Clearing

John Smith Windsor indicated that if the creek channel is dredged the silt will continue to move out into the lake along the Lakeview beaches and bay. He has been in touch with Sask Water and indicated that they need to assess the channel again before any further work. After many years in the Hamlet he is confident that the creek water will not find a new way to enter the lake. He also expressed an option that the Palmer and Lebersback properties should never have been developed due to the creek. He feels the creek channel should be left alone.

Dwayne Heimlick contacted Sask Water and was told a permit would be needed to assess the creek and dredge.

Richard Brown made a motion to remove Delta expense of \$4000.00 from the budget. Seconded by John Smith Windsor CARRIED.

Erin Canham noted that with SE winds the delta shifts silt towards to point and into the bay.

John Smith Windsor felt when the beaver dam upstream was blown there was nothing holding the water back.

Ron Palmer noted that the valley has been changed for thousands of years and the entire area is a result of silt moving down from the hills. The delta, a mini point, has now developed and that the area will continue to change.

## Bulletin Boards

Lynn Tulloch indicated her company could do the work on the signs for much less than indicated in the budget. Ron Palmer will meet with Lynn to further discuss plans.

John Smith Windsor feels no one uses the signs due to their placement.

## Emergency Program

Jan Delage suggested that it would be good to have a neighbourhood phone tree, text, email system in case of emergencies and dispatching information.

Dwayne suggested that they could do survey monkey to gather info.

Em Anderson felt it would be good to have a list of equipment that was available in the community for use in emergencies.

## Board Expenses

Bruce Olesen felt the Board Members should be paid for their expenses and that we should not expect them to pay for their travel, meals, etc.

Sandy Scott made a motion that the Hamlet pay the expenses of the Board Members.

John Smith Windsor made an amendment that the Board members itemize their expenses for approval.

The amended motion was CARRIED.

#### 10. Set Date and Place for 2018 AGM

Marcy Johnson, RM Administrator asked if the meeting could be held in early May so she could attend.

Several residents voiced concern about having too early and not having the seasonal residents in attendance.

Kurtis Morin moved to have the meeting on Saturday, May 26, 2018, seconded by Ron Kitchen. CARRIED.

Location TBA, Olesen's offered their home again.

#### 11. Other Business

Sasktel DSL Internet – several years ago Rick Pattison and Nathan Hollick met with Sasktel to discuss DSL internet service for the District of Katepwa. It was decided that the District would enter into an agreement with Sasktel at which time the Hamlet approached the District to discuss the opportunity for involvement in the project. It was decided that the Hamlet would need to commit \$30,000.00 to the project. \$27,000.00 was collected and accepted by the District of Katepwa to participate in the project. Work on the project started in May 2017 in Sandy Beach and service is expected in the Hamlet in October 2017. Interested residents made a \$900.00 donation to the District of Katepwa towards to the project for which they received a taxable receipt.

Curtis Russell noted that once the service was installed in the Hamlet those that did not commit to the project would be able to get service without having to make the \$900.00 outlay of funds.

A lot of discussion ensued with regards to the financial logistics of the internet service.

Norm Johner suggested a resolution to ensure service for everyone and that perhaps a budget item of \$27,000.00 to reimburse those that paid.

Richard Brown asked about getting service if not signed up.

Curtis Russel noted that the investors paid to ensure service to the Hamlet, those that did not sign up would not have to commit the \$900.00. He also indicated that he felt the service would enhance property values.

Rod MacDonald indicated he did not want to be a freeloader.

Bruce Olesen suggested a tax credit for those that paid the \$900.00

Sandy Smith Windsor did not opt into the project has a monthly phone/internet plan that works well.

Brian Holowatuk (not a representative of SaskTel) indicated that this type of internet service is not available in all locations in the province unless done through a community project such as this one. This is a good option to get 10 – 20gb download speed DSL internet to our community. We could not do without the partnering (piggy backing) with the District of Katepwa.

Doug Scott noted that those that made the \$900.00 commitment did receive a charitable receipt, what are the implications of that?

There was general discussion on how to deal with the DSL internet service within the Hamlet. Ron Palmer suggested that more information needed to be gathered.

Shirley Hart and Terry Schneider asked that the Board be tasked with looking into options and to report back at the next meeting.

Rod MacDonald moved the item to be tabled. CARRIED

12. Adjournment – 12:00pm BBQ followed