

April 8, 2016

The minutes of the Tax Payer's Meeting which was held in the Leask Community Hall Friday April 8, 2016 commencing at 7:00 PM. with Councilors Gordon Harris, Joan Rogers, Arthur Spriggs, Thomas Spriggs and Mayor Maurice Stieb, and Administrator Brenda Lockhart present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Maurice Stieb at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was well attended by Tax Payers and several topics and matters were discussed.

Staffing changes – information provided:

- New hires for Village announced
- New hires for the Leask Hardware Store announced
- Information provided on plans for certifying operators to continue to meet WSA regulations in the water treatment

Water Quality discussion:

- Concerns on recent noted change in quality
- Information provided on challenges with the wells, RO membranes and the action taken

Lagoon discussion:

- Information provided on changes to lagoon due to WSA regulations
- Plans for increasing capacity
- Work already completed to meet our 2017 deadline for upgrades
- Costs involved

Road Maintenance discussion:

- Concerns voiced on traffic speed on South Road Allowance and North Road to Super Grid
- Concerns with the amount and speed of heavy vehicle and farm equipment traffic on North Road
- Concerns on missing speed limit signs missing on South Road Allowance
- Discussion on dust control applied to roads early in the spring

Leask Hardware discussion:

- Council decision to purchase, pre discussion is tax payers and setting precedent to purchase other businesses
- Finances and costs of inventory, renovations etc
- Impact on taxes
- Benefits to town

Cemetery discussion:

- Restoration plans were discussed

Leask Community Hall discussion:

- Clarification provided to public on the changing of the name and why.
- Rental rates discussed and provided to the public

House numbers discussed

- Concern raised on the confusion with how the house number scheme works
- Confusing for visitors and emergency personnel

Trees discussed:

- Concerns voiced with black poplar trees in town and what can be done about those that are on private lots

Untidy lots discussed:

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- Concerns raised on untidy lots and whose responsibility it was to bring to council attention
- Information provided on process taken by Council under the Nuisance Bylaw to address untidy conditions

SAMA tax assessments discussion:

- Clarification was requested on the assessment process and on SAMAVIEW property listings on their website

Open Discussion:

- Confirmed minutes posted on website
- All Village Council meetings open to public
- Tax payer's suggestions for meeting agendas to be posted prior to meetings
- Tax payer's suggested similar meeting should be held yearly
- Tax payer's suggested a "work bee" organized for cemetery clean up
- Advised of changes to annual Spring Clean Up Day – free tipping will be on the next Saturday from the Clean Up

Adjournment at 9:30 PM

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR