



**The Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Council of the Village of Leask which
was held in the Leask Community Hall on
Wednesday, April 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

Mayor: JoAnne Lapierre
Deputy Mayor: Shea Donohue
Councilors: Valarie Priestley
Zach Walden
Delegates: Caitlyn Ericson
Faye Johnston
Acting Administrator: Tim Melnyk
ABSENT: Murray Donohue submitted resignation on April 23,2021

A. Call to Order:

The regular council meeting was called to order by mayor Joanne Lapierre at 6.25pm

B. Approval of Agenda

Valarie Priestly moved that the agenda be approved as it presented and read.

000/26 motion carried.

C. Approval of Minutes:

a. Regular Meeting of March 17th

Valarie Priestly moved that the minutes from the March 17th regular council meeting be approved

000/26 motion carried.

D. Delegations:

a. Catlin Erickson

has been accepted to build the fence accepting to the by-law 15 feet from sidewalk to 6 feet fence in height, no corner obstruction.

001/26 Shae Donohue - Aye
 Val Priestly - Aye
 Zach Waldner - Aye

 Joanne Lapierre - No

Motion Carried

Catlin Erickson had complaints of the mayor addressing people on line about the election, that the information was incorrect. She also had a complaint about the store having no financials for the public to read and that if you are on council that you should not be benefiting from that what is owned by the town. That it was a conflict of interest.

Motion Carried

b.) Faye Johnston

Faye Johnston is part of the emerald lake board. They where looking to get sponsor from the village of Leask so they can set there board with 5 members. The need of the council to interview the potential members. The council member would need to have time to spare up to 8 hrs.

Three minutes pre delegates.

H In camera needed.

E. Mayor & Councillor Forum

a. Motion for votes to be recorded on all motions (motion)

Shae Donohue made the motion that all motions have a recorded vote.

001/26	Shae Donohue	- Aye
	Val Priestly	- Aye
	Zach Waldner	- Aye
	JoAnne Lapierre	- Aye

Motion carried.

b.) Facebook

The access to the Facebook page for emergencies and public notices would need to be accessed by the CAO of the Village of Leask to make things go easier, but the mayor said she would rather shut the page down than give access to it to the administrator.

The motion to add Tim Melnyk CAO as admin of the Village Of Leask Facebook page and Remove Joanne Lapierre as admin of the web page.

000/26	Shae Donohue	- Aye
	Val Priestley	- Aye
	Zach Waldner	- Aye

Motion carried.

b. Hardware store (motion)

After consulting legal counsel and the municipal advisory office and as the Municipal Act, Section 112 reads "no member of council is eligible to be appointed as an

employee of the municipality or of any committee, business improvement district or controlled corporation of the municipality in which she serves as a member of council". Section 142(2) reads "where the public Disclosure statement requires the name of each corporation in which the member or someone in the members family is a director or a senior officer". Whereas Joanne Lapierre is currently employed as the manager of the Leask Community Hardware store, which violates Section 112 of the Act. Whereas Joanne Lapierre has also failed to disclose that she is a director of the Leask Community Hardware Store, which violates 142(2) of the Act. The motion to ask Joanne Lapierre for her resignation from the Village of Leask council.

Discussion was made regarding the information gathered that Joanne Lapierre refused to step down as mayor It needs to be noted that a member of the audience was verbally attacking one of the active council members the person noted to be the wife of Murray Donohue the councilor that stepped down prior to meeting.

The motion that we declare the office of mayor of the village of Leask, vacant and instruct our CAO to call a by-election for the position of mayor.

001/26 Shae Donohue - Aye
 Val Priestly - Aye
 Zach Waldner - Aye

Motion carried.

JoAnne Lapierre addressed the crowd regarding that of her accomplishments and then made it noted that rules are made to be broken.

JoAnne Lapierre left the meeting at this point.

The motion that we seek legal counsel from Roberson Stromberg Legal Firm on the matter of the Leask Community Hardware store as it applies to the Village Of Leask

001/26 Shae Donohue - Aye
 Val Priestly - Aye
 Zach Waldner - Aye

Motion carried.

The motion to require the board of directors of the Leask Hardware store to provide monthly financial statements as well as the minutes to the village council for review.

001/26 Shae Donohue - Aye
 Val Priestly - Aye
 Zach Waldner - Aye

Motion Carried

- c. Recognition of previous council? Tabled
- d. Cemetery, Headstones, bylaw for headstones east west. Tabled
- e. Garbage pickup. (motion)

The motion to move garbage pick-up from bi-weekly to weekly from now till oct. Recycle pick-up to remain the same scheduled with bi-weekly pickup.

001/26	Shae Donohue	- Aye
	Val Priestly	- Aye
	Zach Waldner	- Aye

- f. dogs off the leash, look at catcher and pound location. Tabled

Discussion and video and Facebook evidence and location of possible pound locations and other options

- g. Lines of communication with maintenance staff. (motion)

Discussion the maintenance manager to only communicate with the CAO

The motion to that the lines of communication between Village of Leask employees and the council be followed as laid out in the act, section 5. No citizen or staff member should be directed by a member of council. Their direction is to occur through council as a whole and the implementation of council's direction is delegated through the cao, who is to be directed by the bylaws and resolutions of the council.

001/26	Shae Donohue	- Aye
	Val Priestly	- Aye
	Zach Waldner	- Aye

Motion Carried

- l. use of street sweeper using bobcat from someone else. (motion)

The motion to prevent the possibility liability issue, our maintenance staff use the street sweeper that we already own.

000/26	Shae Donohue	- Aye
	Val Priestley	- Aye
	Zach Waldner	- Aye

Motion carried.

- J. Lumberyard building

Discussion about the yard being unsightly and needs to have a letter that reach out to owners to clean up property. Zach mentioned he had just purchased the property and his intentions was to clean up the property.

k. Unauthorized personal running equipment.

Discussion this was an issue that Gerold Lapierre and Murray Donohue not employees of the village driving the equipment and because of insurance and Liability only authorized employees can run the village equipment.

The motion that unauthorized personnel not to be running village of Leask equipment. Since this could result in a liability issue. There would be no insurance coverage for personnel who are not employed by the Village.

000/26	Shae Donohue	- Aye
	Val Priestley	- Aye
	Zach Waldner	- Aye

Motion carried.

L. Fire department, Bills, Bylaw for meetings with Rm. (Motion)

The motion that our CAO contact the RM of Leask 464 for a meeting between them and council over the fire department, the culvert by the lagoon and the arena. I hope of getting clarification on all concerns.

000/26	Shae Donohue	- Aye
	Val Priestley	- Aye
	Zach Waldner	- Aye

Motion carried.

N. Minutes on to website.

Discussion once the minutes have been located and approved, they will go up on website.

M. Councils' response to emergencies/ lines of communication

The motion that when there is an emergency with our infostructure in the future, information for the public be posted on the website, Village of Leask Facebook page, post office door, office door as well as setting up a phone, text or e-mail list.

000/26	Shae Donohue	- Aye
	Val Priestley	- Aye
	Zach Waldner	- Aye

Motion carried.

N. Free dump days. Dump days, Permit, Tabled.

Discussion regarding Saskatchewan environment visited site and need pictures and information and that we need to get dump operational.

O. Budget meeting date.

Schedule for May 3, 2021

P. Culverts, Lagoon, pumps, wells.

Discussion regarding of culvert was too high and the lagoons can not be used properly and the cost is \$4900.00

Q. Meeting frequency. (Motion)

The motion that there be 2 meetings per month 1 week Wednesday and the Third Wednesday of the month.

000/26	Shae Donohue	- Aye
	Val Priestley	- Aye
	Zach Waldner	- Aye

Motion carried.

F. Reports:

a) Foreman Report. Grading streets, Garbage, ditch cleaning, street sweeping.

Kelly Smith

Line break by the elevators is still soft. They added more dirt to the spot but really soft still, will check again in two weeks. The car wash door was fixed, chains wires and springs. The pump for the R.O. system was refitted with a stack kit. Jake was at the high-volume pump and looks like it needs to be pulled and fixed. May need to restrict water usage till done. The Tractor that was fixed by redhead twice is still not working right. Sat for three months and got it back to have it still not fixed they sent of a man with poor customer service and still not fixed.

i. Water treatment plant letter.

c. Employee Time Sheets (copy) council approved time sheets

d. Administrators Report

a. Meep grant and dump.

b. Employee contracts – part time office and maintenance.

The motion to advertise for a part time office assistant with the village of Leask for 16-18 per hour in the Shellbrook chronicle, on the village website, Village of Leask Facebook page.

000/26 Shae Donohue - Aye
 Val Priestley - Aye
 Zach Waldner - Aye

Motion carried.

- c. Student help, as grant money in.
- d. Budget Meeting – date for a budget meeting. Motion
- e. Vaccine coming to the hall April 30, needs cleaning.
- f. Needs cleaning Ruby. Motion

Motion to ask ruby if she will come in and Clean the hall prior to vaccine clinic.

000/26 Shae Donohue - Aye
 Val Priestley - Aye
 Zach Waldner - Aye

- g. Dates to review the bylaws, update date to set.
- h. Fire ban

Motion that the Village of Leask will allow the RM,s lead if they issue a fire ban then so will the village of Leask.

000/26 Shae Donohue - Aye
 Val Priestley - Aye
 Zach Waldner - Aye

- i. carwash, bulk water Keys? whom has them? change? Motion)

The motion that the locks on both the pump house coin box and the car wash coin box. Immediately

000/26 Shae Donohue - Aye
 Val Priestley - Aye
 Zach Waldner - Aye

Motion Carried

- j. Chantelle’s wage to be played and ok to pay her (motion)

Discussion as JoAnne Lapierre was the one whom made the invitation for her to work in the office and that no motion was not made though council to hire Chantelle they felt JoAnne Lapierre should be held responsible. However, a show of good faith they pay her and agreed amount for hours worked and as JoAnne is no longer on council Chantelle’s employment with the Village of Leask is no longer required

Motion that Chantelle Robin be paid \$12.00per hour for every hour worked in the Village of Leask office.

000/26 Shae Donohue - Aye
 Val Priestley - Aye
 Zach Waldner - Aye

G. Financial:

- e. Financial Statements/Bank Reconciliation no printer scanner
- f. Approve accounts for payments April 26, 2021.

Financials approved.

I. Correspondence:

a. Ernie & Joan Letendre to build a greenhouse.
bylaws for outbuildings how close to property's edge
discussion regarding the buildings and property coverage and the bylaw. They are within the bylaws for the village of Leask, any other matters are a civil matter.

b. Letter from lawyer regarding bans (motion)
The motion that we send letters to Justin Skwark, Kathy Sevigny, Clarence Hoehn, Chelsea Schmidt, Melissa and Jordan Skwark rescinding the previous council's decision to ban the above mentioned from all municipal buildings, including any proximity to the village owned equipment, as well as the village of Leask Facebook page and the village of Leask website.

000/26 Shae Donohue - Aye
 Val Priestley - Aye
 Zach Waldner - Aye

Motion Carried

J. Old Business:

a. Dr. Recruitment, eviction No lease signed and no payments (motion)
Letter to be sent to the Doctor to remove belongings and vacate property due to no payment.

000/26 Shae Donohue - Aye
 Val Priestley - Aye
 Zach Waldner - Aye

Motion Carried

- b. Eugene Verbonac, Permit to build garage onto lot 4 block 10 bd 1297.
(motion) Permit was granted just need to purchase.

Motion for Permit to build garage onto lot 4 block 10 bd 1297 to be granted.

000/26 Shae Donohue - Aye
 Val Priestley - Aye
 Zach Waldner - Aye

- c. Letter looking to build fence. (Copy) Catlin Erickson (Motion)
- d. Ruby Lalonde Farmers spraying issues. Tabled

K. New Business:

- a. grant, potted water lines, hydrants, saddles, valves Tabled.
- b. Acceptance of Murray Donohue resignation from village of Leask council

L. Adjourn:

Shae Donohue adjourned meeting at 9:55pm



Deputy Mayor – Shae Donohue



Administrator- Tim Melnyk

Village of Leask