

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS COUNCIL
held on February 15, 2023
Multi-Plex Hall, 8 Front Street, White Sands and
electronically through Zoom.**

Present:

Mayor Lorne Thurston
Deputy Mayor Ed Waugh
Councilor Bob Huff (Zoom)
CAO, Dean Pickering
Administration Assistance, Erin Weinzierl
Jim Marke (Zoom)
Donna Marquardt (Zoom)
Michael De Haan
Stan Holliday
Andrew Bunting
Gerald Linkert
Carl Cornelssen

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Thurston calls the Council Meeting to order at 9:32 AM

2. Agenda Additions/Approval

Motion 23:02:01 Moved by Mayor Thurston to approve the agendas as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Public Hearing: None

4. Minutes:

4.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2023

- **8.1 removed that Lorne will be at the meetings**
 - Shoreline not Pathways at front street
 - Code for water for Jack's Pond. Will change both account pins.

4.2. SVWS Council and White Sands Hall Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 2023

Motion 23:02:02 Moved by Mayor Thurston to approve the agendas as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Delegation/Presentation:

5.1. RCMP S/Sgt. Jon England, Detachment Update

- Assigned from Red Deer to fill in for S/Sgt. Holliday, but since he passed, he will be here longer. To replace S/Sgt. Holliday, it could be filled latterly or promotion (if not done latterly)
- Detachment will be one under-strength but has someone to fill in so will be running full staff.
- Open to local concerns for his Year Plan for the detachment.

5.2. 2022 RCMP – Regional County of Stettler Statistics Report

- Mostly, trending downward
- 13 calls for WS in 2022

S/Sgt. England withdraws at 9:43 am.

6. Bylaws and Policies:

6.1. RFD – Council Remuneration – Summer Villages Survey Information

Motion 23:02:03 Moved by Councillor Waugh to keep the current remuneration for 2023 for the councillors but would increase the mayor base from \$1750 to \$2500 per

year.

MOTION CARRIED

6.2. RFD – Municipal Taxes for Phase 2 – Buffalo Ranch Estates – Tax Rebate & Estimated Costs.

Motion 23:02:04 Moved by Councillor Huff to agree to a one-time tax rebate of \$150/credit per property for the municipal portion of the 2023 taxes for Phase 2 property in Buffalo Ranch Estates, a total of 19 properties.

MOTION CARRIED

6.3. RFD – DRAFT County of Stettler and SV White Sands Road Servicing Agreement

Presented to Council. It has been tabled to in-camera.

7. Financial Reports:

- 7.1. Financials Rev Exp Statement to January 31, 2023**
- 7.2. Financials Operating by Dept Rev Exp January 31, 2023**
- 7.3. Financials January Cheque Listing to January 31, 2022**
- 7.4. Financials Tax Trial Balance & Penalties as February 10, 2023**
- 7.5. Financials Tax Installment TIPPS Jan & Feb 2023, Totals**
- 7.6. Financial Year-End Capital Reporting Adjustments as of Jan 31, 2023**

Motion 23:02:06 Moved by Councillor Huff to accept the financial reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 23:02:07 Moved by Councillor Waugh to schedule a budget meeting on February 28, 2023, at 9:30am, at the Multiplex Hall in the Summer Village.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Council and CAO Reports:

8.1. Councilor Reports

- Councillor Huff
 - Resident emailed him about a suggestion for capital budgets for a community dock.
 - Ms. Dawson phoned about joining the recreation board.
 - Would like public works to continue to water the flower bed in the community.
- Councillor Waugh
 - Big Jack Classic is filling up very well. 120 registered as of Monday, and expect 150-160 by the weekend
 - Looking for ticket sales for the banquet on Sunday night
 - Jack's Pond curling bonspiel
 - 10 entries so far
 - Biggest concern is that people are asking about a building down there to serve food and warmth. Hall society has \$5000 allocated for a warm-up shed and should be put on the budget meeting. It is a well-used area and would be beneficial.
- Mayor Thurston
 - Questions asked about 23 and 21 Horse Shoe Lane and RV permits
 - Looking for someone to scribe for the CAO for projects such as writing the Recreation Lease for the Alberta Government.
 - Rate payer suggested bringing in a roll-off dumpster once or twice a year in the high season for residents to use that is not household garbage to go to the landfill. Previously the Summer Village has done this, but it was abused.
 - Michael De Haan is circulating the village and taking pictures for a school project.
 - Got a hold of Tomco will come out this year to fix the tennis courts. A

- resident will help with the colour of the lines and such.
- A resident asked about water servicing for the Summer Village. The mayor contacted Stantec about getting a rough estimate. The line would not be for fire suppression, but just a trickle system. Would be about \$5 million for the system (without a reservoir). Would be about \$15,000 for a resident to tie into their property (at their cost).

8.2. CAO Report January 2023

Motion 23:02:08 Moved by Councillor Waugh to accept the CAO and Council Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

9. Business:

9.1. RFD – SVWS Council Appointment of Assessment Review Board ARB C.R.A.S.C. Officials 2023

Motion 23:02:09 Moved by Councillor Huff to approve the appointment of the Assessment Review Board AEB C.R.A.S.C. Officials 2023:
 ARB Chairman – Raymond Ralph
 Certified ARB Clerk – Geryl Amarin
 Certified Panelist – Darlene Chartrand
 Tina Groszko
 Stewart Henning
 Richard Knowles
 Raymond Ralph

MOTION CARRIED

9.2. RFD – RFP Buffalo Lake South Shore Growth Node, Traffic Study, February 9, 2023

Motion 23:02:10 Moved by Mayor Thurston to approve the Buffalo Lake South Shore Traffic Assessment Study – Alberta Community Partnership Program – Intermunicipal Collaboration – Grant Approval.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3. RFD – SVWS ASCC Accreditation 2023 – Alberta Safety Codes Accreditation vs. IJD Inspections

Motion 23:02:11 Moved by Councillor Huff to investigate and notify Alberta Safety Codes that the Summer Village is looking into leaving the accreditation and what steps need to be fulfilled to do so.

MOTION CARRIED

9.4. RFD – Resident Suggestion for Use of Federal Grant Money – Storage Units at Access #4 & #5

Motion 23:02:12 Moved by Mayor Thurston to table to the budgeting meeting on February 28, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

9.5. Big Jack Classic – Coffee/Hot Chocolate Volunteers White Sands Community Hall Feb 18-19, 2023

Presented for information

9.6. Railside Designs – Community Hall Concept Designs for Council

Presented for information

10. Correspondence

- 10.1. **FRIAA FireSmart RFEOI – Information Session Agenda – January 2023.**
- 10.2. **Alberta Lake Mgmt. Society – Lake Stewardship Society Practice Meetings February 16, 2023**
- 10.3. **Climate Resilience in Rural Communities – Summer Village of Ghost Lake, Feb 21, 2023**

Motion 23:02:13 Moved by Mayor Thurston to accept as information.

MOTION CARRIED

11. **In-Camera Session: - Personnel – Land – Legal – Other**

- 11.1. Personnel/Legal
- 11.2. Land/Legal – Subdivision

Motion 23:02:14 Moved by Mayor Thurston to move into camera at 11:58 am.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 23:02:15 Moved by Mayor Thurston to move out of camera at 12:47 pm.


MOTION CARRIED

12. **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Waugh adjourns the meeting at 12:47 PM.

Next Regular Council Meeting Date: March 15, 2023.

Public welcome to attend



Deputy Chief Elected Official



Chief Administrative Officer