**The regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Avonlea,**

**held at the Council Chambers at 203 Main Street on**

 **Monday, April 14th, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stevens at 9:00am.

**ATTEND:** Councillors: Josh Jelinski, Mike Miller, Rod Broughton.

 Recording Secretary: Jaimie Paranuik

**ADOPT AGENDA:**

59-25 Miller; that we adopt the agenda as presented. Carried:

**MINUTES:**

60-25 Broughton; that the minutes of our March 10th, 2025 Regular Council meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried:

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

61-25 Jelinski; that the financial statements for the month of March 2025 be adopted as presented. Carried:

**ACCOUNTS:**

62-25 Miller; that the list of accounts, #22100 to 22125 totalling $51.627.44, Electronic Payment for March totalling $42,469.99 attached hereto and forming part of these minutes, be approved for payment. Carried:

James Beingessner and Tim Forer-RM of Elmsthorpe attended at 9:10am to discuss the Coteau Range Manor. Presented the Credit Union Schedule A-Mortgage Municipal Interest per municipality and % of mortgage payout as of March 31st. Elmsthorpe presented the Village with the proposal requesting the manor Board approach the participating municipalities to consider contributing their remaining % of the mortgage and payoff the mortgage and in turn removes their interest. If all participating municipalities pay their portion and the mortgage is paid off then the Manor can restructure their board and create a new governance consisting of the RM, Village and members at large. Tim and James left at 9:42am.

Greg Forrest attended at 9:42 am. Greg reviewed March Update, WTP records, timesheets. Discussed Samson Preliminary Raw Water Design. Need to do skid steer dirt work on Dunnet line break from last fall. Investigate Crescent Drive sewer issue. Lagoon drainage, rock piles need to be moved, NW corner for proper spring flow. Nelson Motors investigate if old line is capped, seems to be a lot of water in that area. Greg left at 10:20am.

**MAINTENANCE REPORTS:**

63-25 Jelinski; that council acknowledge the March Update and Water plant records as presented by Greg Forrest. Carried:

**WATERPLANT FIRE AND BACKFLOW INSPECTION:**

64-25 Jelinski; that we proceed to rectify the backflow inspection deficiencies identifying that the 1st check assembly on the Watts 3” backflow on the truck fill water supply needs to be replaced for $2930 plus taxes. Carried:

**DROP WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT:**

65-25 Miller; that we sign a one-year service agreement with Drop Water Services for $8512 plus taxes, that includes 2 site visits per year and remote support. Carried:

**ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT:**

66-25 Broughton; that we approve Access Communications request to extend their existing plant by direction bore 250m and place new conduit and cables between existing joint use pedestals in the alley between Crescent Drive and 2nd Avenue East. Carried:

**CRESCENT DRIVE-SEWER:**

67-25 Stevens; that we reimburse the owner of Lot 21, Block 22, Plan 102052617 their Action Sewer Drain invoice of $590.52 and that we investigate the sewer service to this property. Carried:

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**SUMMER STUDENT:**

68-25 Broughton; that we advertise for a summer student starting June 2025 to August 20th, 2025 at $17.00 per hour and that applications be accepted till noon May 9th, 2025. Carried:

**TENDER OLD FIREHALL:**

69-25 Jelinski; that we tender the old Firehall at Lot 10, Block 2, Plan AU3774 for the existing building, highest building not necessarily accepted and description of use with tenders to close noon May 9th, 2025. Carried:

**SHOP\_POWER:**

70-25 Stevens; that we start the application to SaskPower to apply for a new power service to the Village shop. Carried:

**2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

71-25 Broughton; that Council hereby acknowledges our Audited 2024 Auditor’s report and financial statement showing Operating Surplus of Revenue over Expenditures in the sum of $199,465. Carried:

**SASKTEL ADVERTISING BILLBOARD:**

72-25 Jelinski; that we allow Sasktel to advertise a new service infiNet and install a portable billboard (10’x5’) at Lions Park for $2400 (16 weeks x $150). Carried:

**2025 EDUCATION MILL RATES:**

73-24 Miller; that we acknowledge the 2025 school mill rates as set by the Minister of Government Relations. (Agricultural Property 1.07, Residential Property 4.27, Commercial/Industrial 6.37.) Carried:

**PBI CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT:**

74-25 Broughton; that the attached Certificate of Appointment is to certify that Chantel Terry whom is employed by Professional Building Inspections, Inc. has been appointed as Licensed Building Officials by the Village of Avonlea under the authority of subsections 16(2) and 16(3) of the Construction Codes Act. Carried:

**CLINIC-MASSAGE ROOM:**

75-25 Jelinski; that we acknowledge the notice from Shay Beingessner that she will no longer be renting effective April 30th, 2025. Carried:

**MOOSE JAW CO-OP PROPOSED COMMUNITY PROJECT:**

76-25 Broughton; that the Moose Jaw Co-op has proposed a community project to create a mural on the Old Community Hall, all expenses sponsored by the Moose jaw Co-op, however council appreciates the proposal but ask that another location/Entity be considered and contacted like the Museum.

 Carried:

**2025 BUDGET:**

77-25 Miller; that Council accepts the 2025 budget as presented by the Administrator and that a copy be attached to these minutes. Carried:

**2025 MILL RATE:**

78-25 Broughton; that we adopt our 2025 Mill rate at 7.5 mills. Carried:

**SOUTHERN RAILS CROSSING:**

79-25 Jelinski: that we request the Southern Rails Board to move the rail cars and open the crossing at the junction of Missouri Coteau and Railway Avenue and that the Village wants to know going forward what is required of them to prevent this closure in the future. Carried:

**COTEAU RANGE MANOR:**

80-25 Jelinski; that we are in favor of paying off our 20% interest of the remaining mortgage and restructuring the board. Carried:

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**RINK ROOF:**

81-25 Stevens; that we contract Optimum Roofing to replace our rink roof for $92,540.45 plus taxes and 10 years free Board advertising to remove and replace the existing roof membrane with 60 mil EPDM roof membrane, supply and install new 24 gage Pre-finished metal cap and counter flashing and a Warranty of 10-year Product/Workmanship. Carried:

**NEXT MEETING:**

82-25 Stevens; that our next regular council meeting be held on May 12th, 2025 at 9:00am.

 Carried:

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

83-25 Miller; that after detailed and careful review, that the following correspondence having been studied now be filed. Carried:

 - WTP records/Time Sheets/ March Update/Lake line ideas

 - Samson Preliminary Raw Water Design-April 11/2025

 - Vipond Annual WTP Fire Alarm & Backflow Inspection Report-March 27, 2025

 - Vipond Backflow Proposal-March 27, 2025

 - Drop Maintenance Management Agreement

 - Access Communication-Plant Extension Request March 14, 2025

 - Final Audited Financial Statements -Dec31, 2024/ Auditor Letter

 - Parallel Growth Agreement Annual Report 2025

 - Municipal Voice-Spring 2025

 - Audited Financials- Museum -Dec31/24

 - Utility Services/Reserve 2024

 - 2024 Water/Sewer Billing Analysis

 - 2025 Education Property Tax Mill Rates-Ministry of Government Relations

 - PBI-Certificate of Appointment-Chantal Terry

 - Moose Jaw Co-op Mural Proposed Community Project

 - Optimum Roofing Contract-Rink Roof April 9, 2025

**ADJOURNMENT:**

84-25 Broughton; that we now adjourn at 11:27 am. Carried: