



Arviat Hamlet Council

Regular Meeting Minutes for

Tuesday November 24th, 2009

#18/2009

Present

Bob Leonard	Mayor
Elizabeth Copland	D/Mayor
David Aglukark	Councillor
Nathan Caskey	Councillor
Joe Savikataaq Sr.	Councillor
Darren Price	Councillor
Billy Ukutak	Councillor

Absent

Elizabeth Copland	Deputy Mayor
Brian Aglukark	Councillor
Steve England	Councillor

Staff

Elwood Johnston	Interim SAO
John Main	CEDO

1. Call To Order.

Mayor Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:04P.M.

2. Opening Prayer.

Councillor David Aglukark led the opening prayer.

3. Review & Approval of Agenda.

Motion #245/2009

Moved by: Councillor Price

Seconded by: Councillor Savikataaq

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the Tuesday, November 24th, 2009 council meeting as amended be approved.

-Carried-

4. Delegates.

Agusta Engola Area Supervisor for Social Services. With her were Maryanne Uluadluak and Susan Pameok.

They introduced themselves to Council and explained that they were here to work in and with the community and are looking for ideas and ways to work together to make things better.

-Arviat will soon have a full time position to support the social workers.

-Arviat has been busy for them dealing with crises

-Mayor Leonard stated that he appreciates them taking time to meet with the council and hopes things go well for them.

5. Review & Approval of Minutes

Motion #246/2009

Moved by: Councillor Savikataaq

Seconded by: Councillor Price

To Approve the Minutes for September 9th 2009.

Carried

Motion #247/2009

Moved by: Councillor Caskey

Seconded by: D/Mayor Copland

To Approve the Minutes for September 29th, 2009.

Carried

Motion #248/2009

Moved by: Councillor Savikataaq

Seconded by Councillor Price

To Approve the Minutes for October 15th, 2009

Carried

6. Declaration of Conflict of Interest.

7. Operational Matters and Reports.

Senior Administrative Officer

SAO report

- Lunch tomorrow at the Katimavik suites with the EDO from Val Dor Quebec.
- The Sao will be going to Rankin for the Meeting with Airports.
- May have to look at bringing in outside help, we have been trying to get local help but this is not working out.
- The Accounts Receivable are behind and so we sent out notices with the Water Bills.
- We are negotiating with the Bank to try and receive interest on our accounts.
- The line of Credit had been setup as a revolving line, we are getting this changed.
- We have had some problems with the Accounts Payable double paying, we have that straightened out.
- We are talking with the Lawyer re: Union Negotiations. We will be doing that the last week of January.
- Requested that the \$200.00 deposit for Water & Sewer services be approved.
- Contacted Browning Crocker re: outstanding bills for Water & Sewer services on the Health Centre and ADC offices. They have been contacted and notified of Suspension of Services if not paid.

- Parts for Furnaces are on their way and should be arriving soon.
- plaque for Appreciation has arrived and can be given out soon.

Questions to the SAO Report

- Councillor Caskey** – Are we to Contract out the Financial Services?
- SAO**-Our staff don't have the skills yet and we are working to get them trained.
- Our AR is behind, I am trying to hire Local but may have to look at flying someone in.
- **Councillor Caskey** – Seem like we can't get ahead on the Finances?
- SAO**- the computer has been working well, but one of the problems is that when Chris Rudd did the conversion some of the programs were split up into different accounts and messed up our financial statements. We can't get anyone in until the middle to end of January and I am still looking for help.
- D/Mayor** – Lack of Financial services in town, who are we missing here?
- SAO**-Looked around at who has experienced finance people. Lumber, Housing, GN departments. For most parts all the skilled people are already working.
- D/Mayor**- Why does our town have a lack of financial professionals? There was a discussion re: lack of training.
- SAO**- Explained that through it all we are still keeping money in the bank.
- Councillor Price**- We need to find a long term solution for the Hamlet- our current situation is short term.
- SAO**- We can look at automation for water & sewage and other ways to save money & time.
- Mayor**- We need to work with what we have and look at dividing up job duties. Possibly a reorganization of jobs is needed.
- Councillor Price**- Perhaps a training program would help us.
- Councillor Aglukark**-We need to find someone right now, can we find a CA to do what we need?

-SAO-The rates charged by them is anywhere from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 per day. I would like to find someone for around \$500.00 to \$600.00 per day so we will continue to work on a solution.

-Councillor Caskey- Re: deposits on services, it should be listed that the deposit will be returned.

-Councillor Price- Re: Hiring issues on the people from BC re housing.

-Mayor- I am pretty sure she will be applying for a GN job and get housing.

Motion #249/2009

Moved by: Councillor Savikataaq

Seconded by: Councillor Price

To approve the \$200.00 deposit for Water Services..

-Carried-

8. Mayor's Comments & Members' Topics & Concerns.

Councillor Caskey

- I had complaints about the garbage services. We need to figure out the size of the work load and how to organize it better.
- I have heard of dogs dying with distemper, are there vaccines available through the Bylaw?

Councillor Price

- Are we planning on fixing up our housing units? We need to evaluate them and decide what we are going to do with them as we will need them to hire people for positions.

Councillor Ukutak

- What happened to the stop sign? The one by the hotel is missing and some in other areas. We should have the bylaw check on them.

Councillor Aglukark-have we heard anything about a visit from the Fire Marshal?

SAO-I tried to contact him but he was off on medical. He is to be in here in January to do training for one week and one week for inspections.

D/Mayor- loose dogs are an issue still, bring this up with the Bylaw. What is the status of the O'Briens properties?

SAO-CIBC is trying to get a hold of them through the courts, there is still money owing on the Land Leases.

Mayor Leonard- I just returned from Agnico-Eagle mine in Mexico where they have 99% Mexican Hires which would be good for us to aim for.

Break from 8:20 to 8:30

9. Business Arising from Previous Minutes.
None

10. Correspondence, Information & Petitions

- a. Letter from Music Festival Bingo request
- b. C&GS Equipment Reserve
- c. Dennis Wiebe Re: fire Arms Course Notice
- d. Water Board re: Indicator Minerals
- e. Water Board re: Comaplex Minerals
- f. Agnico-Eagle re: MeadowBank
- g. News Release
- h. AVIA North
- i. Keewatin Air
- j. Letter to Browning Crocker
- k. Minor Hockey Bingo Request

Councillor Savikataaq- Certification for the Firearms is available on line. No need for us to bring someone in to teach it.

Motion #250/2009

Moved by: Councillor Caskey

Seconded by: Councillor Savikataaq

To give the Music Festival a bingo Slot and approve a \$10,000.00 Bingo

-Carried-

Motion #251/2009

Moved by: Councillor Caskey .

Seconded by: Councillor Price

To approve a \$8,000.00 Bingo for Minor hockey to be held December 31,2009

-Carried

11. New Business.

None

12. Committee Reports.

Councillor Ukutak presented the Recreation Committee report. Copy is attached.

13. By-laws

None

Adjournment.

Motion #252/2009

Moved by: Councillor Caskey

Seconded by: D/Mayor Copland

Be It Resolved that the Hamlet Council moves to adjourn the November 24th, 2009 meeting at 8:45pm.

-Carried

Mayor Bob Leonard

Interim SAO Elwood Johnston

Date: _____