

VILLAGE OF BIG VALLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Village Office, 29 1st Avenue South, Big Valley, Alberta
Via ZOOM Meeting

PRESENT: Mayor Clark German, Councillor Harry Nibourg and CAO/Recording Secretary Tracy Mindus

Absent: Councillor Art Tizzard

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor German called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

RES 21-11-026 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

RES 21-11-027 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the following council meeting minutes be approved as presented:

- January 28, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

RES 21-43-028 Moved by Mayor German
That item 8.a – Big Valley Historical Society – Garbage, be tabled to the next Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

RES 21-23-029 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the Village of Big Valley Council supports the County of Stettler No. 6 to renegotiate the Fire Services and Emergency Management agreements with negotiations to start right away to become effective January 1, 2022.

CARRIED

RES 21-11-030 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That Council receive the Community Planning Association of Alberta 2021 Annual Conference Request and Sponsorship letter for information.

CARRIED



RES 21-11-031

Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That Council authorize CAO Mindus to attend the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association webinar on Friday, February 26, 2021 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. regarding the Provincial Budget 2021, at her discretion.

CARRIED

RES 21-11-032

Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the Council of the Village of Big Valley Support the 988 Crisis Line, AND,

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS Big Valley Council recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Village of Big Valley Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

And that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MLA, Federal Minister of Health and the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

CARRIED

RES 21-24-033

Moved by Mayor German
That Council write a letter to the County of Stettler No. 6 requesting a breakdown of the 2020 EOC Expenses as invoiced on their invoice COS004585 in the amount of \$2944.32., and further that a documentation be provided regarding the 75/25 split allocations.

CARRIED

RES 21-11-034

Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That Council be compensated for four(4) meetings as per the Village of Big Valley Council Remuneration Policy 11-20.

CARRIED



RES 21-12-035 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That Council appoint Mayor German to assist CAO Mindus in the hiring process for the Public Works Foreman position and further that Mayor German be compensated for remuneration for meetings in accordance with the Council Remuneration Policy 11-20.

CARRIED

RES 21-12-036 Moved by Mayor German
That Council approve the following dates for the 2021 Municipal Election:

- Nomination Day – Monday, September 20, 2021
- Advance Vote – Saturday, October 9, 2021
- Election Day – Monday, October 18, 2021

CARRIED

RES 21-12-037 Moved by Mayor German
That Council direct Administration to advertise a position for a Returning Officer and bring back a short-list of applicants and further appoint CAO, Tracy Mindus as the Substitute Returning Officer.

CARRIED

RES 21-12-038 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That Council direct Administration to invite community non-profit groups to forward a letter of COVID-19 financial loss impacts, revenue 2019 and deficit revenue 2020 that they have incurred due to the Pandemic, to the Administration office for Council review at the next regular council meeting.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

RES 21-12-039 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the following staff and committee reports be received for information:

- CAO Mindus Report;
- Public Works Interim Foreman Report, Tammy Rotvik
- Water Committee Report;
- Council Committee Reports.

CARRIED

FINANCE:

RES 21-12-040 Moved by Mayor German
That the Financial Information for the period of January 1 – 31, 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

ITEMS OF INFORMATION:

RES 21-11-041 Moved by Mayor German
That Council supports furthering the dialogue regarding the direction of the MD of Bonneville and the concept of a Western Canadian Municipalities Association.

CARRIED

RES 21-11-042

Moved by Mayor German

That the following items of information be received as information:

- Big Valley School, email dated January 7, 2021;
- Clearview Public Schools, letter dated February 3, 2021;
- Municipal District Bonnyville No. 87, need for stronger western Canadian municipal advocate;
- EOEP gearing up to provide council orientation.

CARRIED

RES 21 -11-043

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

That the regular meeting of Council adjourn at 2:45 p.m.

These council meeting minutes were approved on the 25th day of March, 2021.



Mayor

CAO