

**TOWN OF ARBORG
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wednesday, February 14th, 2024**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 9:00 A.M.

Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston called the Meeting to Order at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston

Councillors: Rob Thorsteinson, Ron Rogowsky and Donna Gislason

Also Present: Cindy Stansell, Chief Administrative Officer

Absent with regrets: Mayor Peter Dueck

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

33-2024

Rogowsky / Gislason

BE RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – January 24th, 2024

34-2024

Thorsteinson / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes from the following Meeting be adopted:

Regular Meeting – January 24th, 2024

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes be signed by the Deputy Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS AND PETITIONS

1. Joey Werbicki & Chad Palsson ~ Falki Development Inc. – 9:05 A.M.
Re: Possible Development

35-2024

Rogowsky / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 152(3)(a)(i) and 152(3)(b)(ii), Council, do hereby close the meeting to the public and move in-camera.

CARRIED

36-2024

Gislason / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby conclude in-camera discussions and resume into Regular Meeting.

CARRIED

Council thanked Joey & Chad for attending and they left the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston excused himself from the meeting following the delegation due to another commitment. Councillor Ron Rogowsky assumed Chair.

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. CAO Report

Cindy reported on the following:

- Meeting w/ MBR CAO & PW Manager, Re: Snow Clearing Agreement
- Meeting w/ Fieldstone Ventures & IERHA HR, Re: Nurses
- Repairs to the Fire Pump completed
- Cat Enforcement

Attendance at the following:

- Economic Development Committee Mtgs x 2

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – cont'd

2. Council Reports

Councillor Donna Gislason reported on:

- Sidewalk concern on Main Street

Attendance at the following:

- Economic Development Mtg x 2
- EIPD Mtg
- ASHC Mtg
- ASRC Mtg
- Heritage Village Mtg

Councillor Rob Thorsteinson reported on attendance at the following:

- S&W Committee Mtg w/ MBR
- Library Budget Mtg
- EIPD Mtg
- ABF&ES Mtg

4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS AND PETITIONS – cont'd

2. Patricia Kowalchuk – 9:30 A.M.

Re: Concerns

Council welcomed Patricia to the meeting. Patricia brought forward some concerns and issues including stray cats, sewer only charges, lack of accessible parking in the community, drainage from neighboring properties and amalgamation of Bifrost-Riverton and Arborg. Council thanked Patricia for attending and she left the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – cont'd

2. Council Reports – cont'd

Councillor Ron Rogowsky reported on attendance at the following:

- Economic Development Committee Mtg
- CFEI Board & Sub-committee Mtgs
- ABF&ES Mtg

3. Committee of the Whole Reports – Nil

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

1. List of Accounts for Approval

37-2024

Thorsteinson / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following accounts for 2023 be approved for payment:

Cheque No. 14695 – 14700	\$1,102,907.66
Cheque No. 14715 – 14718	\$ 4,649.49
Cheque No. 14746 – 14748	<u>\$ 5,895.79</u>
TOTAL	\$1,113,452.94

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following accounts for 2024 be approved for payment:

Cheque No. 14687 – 14694	\$ 14,997.04
Cheque No. 14701 – 14714	\$ 31,861.48
Cheque No. 14719 – 14745	\$ 52,353.23
Cheque No. 14749 – 14778	<u>\$ 46,490.07</u>
TOTAL	\$ 145,701.82

CARRIED

2. Eastern Interlake Planning District
2024 Budget

Forward to Budget Discussions

6. **FINANCIAL BUSINESS – cont'd**

3. Arborg-Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services
 - a) Financials as at December 31st, 2023

38-2024

Thorsteinson / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following remuneration rates be established for members of the Arborg-Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services effective January 1, 2024;

Hourly Rates for each hour necessarily spent in response to emergency calls:

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|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| • Fire Chief - | \$27.50 per hr | |
| • Deputy Fire Chief - | \$26.00 per hr | |
| • Captains - | \$24.00 per hr | |
| • Level 1 Firefighters - | \$23.00 per hr | |
| • Other Firefighters - | \$22.23 per hr | CARRIED |

- b) 2024 Proposed Budget

*Forward to Budget Discussions*7. **BY-LAWS & POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION - Nil**8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Nil**9. **NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Oskar Sigvaldason
 - * FPL Letter Request

39-2024

Gislason / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg send the amended joint letter with the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations, and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to request the Flood Protection Levels for Arborg and Bifrost-Riverton.

CARRIED

2. Travis Parsons ~ MWSB
 - * Agreement Amendment

40-2024

Thorsteinson / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the amended Agreement (17) between The Manitoba Water Services Board and the Town of Arborg with respect to the Watermain Renewals & Water Supply Upgrades;

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer start the process of borrowing for the Town's increased portion of the agreement;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT if borrowing is unsuccessful, the Town of Arborg fund their increased portion of the project from their Canada-Community Building Reserve Fund. **CARRIED**

3. Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton
 - a) BAR Waste Authority
 - i. Dissolution Proposal

41-2024

Gislason / Thorsteinson

WHEREAS the Board of BAR Waste Authority Co-operative Inc. is proposing to dissolve the co-operative and be consolidated into the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton's operation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg is in favour of pursuing the dissolution of BAR Waste Authority Co-operative Inc. on the condition of a Shared Services Agreement be entered into between the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton and the Town of Arborg.

CARRIED

9. **NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS – cont'd**

ii. Contribution Amendment

42-2024

Gislason / Thorsteinson

WHEREAS the Board of BAR Waste Authority Co-operative Inc. is proposing to amend the municipalities contribution in 2024 to be based off per capita basis;

AND WHEREAS according to the 2021 Census, the Town of Arborg's population was 1,279 and the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton's population was 3,320;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg agree with the funding amendment to be based on population for all expenses including operating and capital based on the following:

Town of Arborg	-	28% (1,279 people)
Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton	-	72% (3,320 people)

CARRIED

b) Arborg-Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission

43-2024

Gislason / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Shared Service Agreement be prepared to be submitted for Council's review. **CARRIED**

10. **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Jenna Junkin *Received as Information*
* 2023-24 CCBW Payment
2. Urban Hometown Green Team Program
Discussion: Administration to submit the application
3. Dwayne Dueck *Received as Information*
* Drainage Concern
4. Lorna Plett ~ AEMS
* I Love to Read Month Invitation
Discussion: Administration to schedule Mayor Dueck to attend.
5. Staff Sergeant Rob Gray ~ RCMP *Received as Information*
* 2024-25 Policing Priorities
6. Mike Dola *Received as Information*
* Municipal Seminar
7. Office of Drinking Water *Received as Information*
* Bacteriological Testing Contract
8. Association of Manitoba Municipalities *Received as Information*
* AMM Municipal General Insurance Renewal Meeting
9. Manitoba Municipal Administrators
a) Infrastructure Sustainability A Comprehensive Approach
b) Empowering Municipal Administrators for Tomorrow

44-2024

Thorsteinson / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to attend the MMA Leadership Summit in Brandon, MB on April 26th, 2024;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the associated expenses be authorized for payment. **CARRIED**

10. James Johnson *Received as Information*
* Charging Station

10. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS – cont'd

11. Interlake Women's Resource Centre Inc.
 a) Donation Request *Forward to Budget Discussions*
 b) 2023 Financial Statements *Received as Information*
12. The Cat Signal TNR Program
Discussion: CAO to review proposed policy and provide advice.

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

1. Joey Werbicki & Chad Palsson ~ Falki Development Inc.
 Re: Possible Development
Discussion: CAO to bring additional information to Council at next meeting.
2. Patricia Kowalchuk *Received as Information*
 Re: Concerns

12. IN CAMERA

45-2024

Gislason / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 152(3)(b)(iii), Council do hereby close the meeting to the public and move in-camera. **CARRIED**

46-2024

Thorsteinson / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby conclude in-camera discussions and resume into Regular Meeting. **CARRIED**

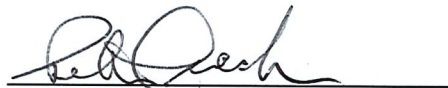
1. Preliminary Discussions

13. ADJOURNMENT – 11:52 a.m.

47-2024

Thorsteinson / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn to meet again in Arborg on February 28th, 2024. **CARRIED**



Peter Dueck
 Mayor



Cindy Stansell
 Chief Administrative Officer