

**THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER BEACH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2005
AT THE MULHURST BAY LEGION HALL
MULHURST BAY, ALBERTA**

Present:

Council:
Norm Majeski
Allan Watt
James Irving

Staff:
Wendy Nickel, Administrator
Blaine Alexander, Development Officer
Ron Smith, Chief Constable, PLCS

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Approximately 40 ratepayers of the Summer Village of Silver Beach

A. Call to Order

Mayor Majeski called Annual General Meeting of July 23, 2005 to order at 10.00 A.M.

B. Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Majeski moved that the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

C. Review of Minutes

1. Annual General Meeting of SV of Silver Beach, June 26, 2004

Mayor Majeski reviewed the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Summer Village of Silver Beach held June 26, 2004 for those present.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 26, 2004

Jane Nagy (#131) inquired as to what could be done about dogs on the public beach. Mayor Majeski noted that there is a bylaw prohibiting dogs from the beach area, but the Pigeon Lake Constable Service does not have the time or manpower to monitor the situation effectively. He suggested that villagers remind those they see in breach of the bylaw that dogs are not

allowed on the beach, and that a gentle reminder could be offered to those who do not pick up after their dogs to do so.

Mary Knights (#125) asked if an article could be published in the newsletter reminding people that large objects are not to be put out for garbage collection.

Mayor Majeski asked if there were any villagers willing to receive an extra copy of the newsletter to post on the village notice board. If anyone is interested, they can call Mrs. Nickel at the Summer Village phone number.

Connie Bunnin (#133) advised that there would be a Pancake Breakfast held on July 31st at the Mulhurst Bay Legion Hall.

D. Business Items

1. Introductions and Mayor's Address

Mayor Majeski introduced Council and staff and welcomed those present.

2. Constable Service Report

Councilor Watt spoke briefly regarding the Pigeon Lake Constable Service, and introduced Chief Constable Smith to the attendees. Constable Smith presented a report, and handouts of the report were provided to those in attendance.

Sonny Ouimette suggested that the Summer Village of Silver Beach should be getting more policing hours, and with the decrease in budgeted costs, was there a decrease in policing hours? Mrs. Nickel advised that the total number of hours being billed to the other participating villages has increased, and the costs are being allocated accordingly. Although the budgeted costs to Silver Beach have decreased, this does not represent a decrease in service hours to the Village.

Don Carlson (# 37) asked if the Summer Village of Silver Beach has liability insurance for the Pigeon Lake Constable Service operations. Mrs. Nickel advised that there is liability insurance in place.

3. 2004 Annual Financial Statements

Copies of the 2004 Audited Financial Statements were provided to those present. Mayor Majeski briefly reviewed the statements and read the Auditor's report to the attendees.

Jane Nagy (#131) inquired as to what the Trust Liability for \$5,000.00 on page 11 of the Financial Statements represented. Councilor Irving advised that this is money held on deposit with the County of Wetaskiwin regarding potential future development at the old landfill site.

4. 2004 Budget and Status of Reserves

Copies of the 2004 Budget were distributed to those present. The information included Budget Variance figures, as well as a comparison to the 2005 Budgeted figures. Mayor Majeski drew attention to the Village's reserves, noting that they are fully funded.

5. Update on Silver Beach Road – Councilor James Irving

Councilor Irving noted that Council is working on obtaining additional provincial funding for a rebuild of Silver Beach Road. At the present, road maintenance is being done as required, with potholes filled as needed.

Blaine Hill (#80) wondered if the potholes did not keep speeding to a minimum. Elizabeth Richards (#13) advised that as a bicycle rider, she is grateful that the potholes have been filled.

6. Environmental Reserve Update – Councilor James Irving

Councilor Irving advised that Council is considering passing a bylaw to designate part of the NW of Section 11, Township 47, Range 28, West of the 4th Meridian as an Environmental Reserve. A public hearing regarding this matter will take place immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

7. Student Summer Program / Parks– Mayor Norm Majeski

Mayor Majeski advised that the summer students, although they started a week later than usual, have been working hard to keep the parks in order, and have been filling potholes.

Mayor Majeski noted that there have been concerns about parking at the Beach area. Some trailers units, RVs, and vehicles hauling boats are parking and taking up 4 or 5 stalls. Council will be working on an amendment to the Traffic Bylaw to limit the type of vehicle that can park at the Beach, and will ensure that proper signage is placed to advise users of the parking regulations.

Mayor Majeski also advised that Council is considering implementing a registration and licensing system that will ensure that boatlifts stored within the municipal limits of the Summer Village of Silver Beach belong to residents. Connie Bunnin expressed support for the licensing and registration system for boat lifts. Mary Knight also suggested that the swimming area be marked off as soon as the ice is off the lake. Mayor Majeski noted that Council will be purchasing new buoys and better signage to designate the swimming area.

8. Assessor's Report

Copies of the Assessor's Report were provided to those in attendance.

Blaine Hill (#8) encouraged ratepayers to write to the MLA regarding the School Requisition levied to the Summer Village. The increase in property valuations has caused the amount levied to the village for school taxes to increase. In some municipalities in the States, levies are based on the purchase price of the property, allowing for a stable assessment on which to levy taxes.

9. Taxation Report

Some general information regarding the School Requisition and Market value assessment and Taxation in Alberta was provided to those in attendance.

10. 50th Anniversary Celebrations – Councilor Allan Watt

Councilor Watt advised that the 50th Anniversary Celebrations were a great success, with many positive comments received from those who attended. Councilor Watt noted that the Anniversary Committee had done a tremendous job, and thanked the Committee Members and

many volunteers for their hard work, and in particular Peggy Juchli, who had spearheaded much of the Committee's efforts.

E. Business Arising from the Floor

Connie Bunnin (#133) inquired as to the rules regarding the placement of garbage for pick-up. She noted that there is often garbage all over, instead of being left out for pick-up in proper sealed containers, and also that there is often larger items left out, rather than just normal domestic garbage. She asked if the bylaw could be published in the next newsletter as a reminder to residents of the rules with regards to garbage. It was suggested that residents that disregard the rules be issued a warning, and if they do not comply, then they should be fined.

F. Adjournment

Mayor Majeski advised that there would be a Public Hearing on the Designation of Environmental Reserve Lands immediately following the Annual General Meeting. He also advised that a representative of Fairborne Energy Ltd. would be speaking after the Public Hearing on the proposed Bonne Glen sour gas development project at 08-07-47-27 W4M.

Time of adjournment: 11:20 a.m.

Norm Majeski – Mayor

Wendy Nickel – CAO