

**VILLAGE OF ACME
OCTOBER 14th, 2014**

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14th, 2014 REGULAR
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ACME
AT THE ACME VILLAGE OFFICE, 203 CLARK STREET,
ACME, ALBERTA COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.**

PRESENT

MAYOR	BRUCE MCLEOD
DEPUTY MAYOR	DENNIS KUIKEN
COUNCILLOR	JASON BATES
COUNCILLOR	LUCY ANN DAUBERT
COUNCILLOR	ROSS GILMORE

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

ACTING C.A.O. RHODA HANNAH

GUESTS GORDON KESLER, ELDEN KELLN, DOREEN TERNOWETSKY

DELEGATES GLEN RIEGER

Mayor McLeod in the Chair:

ORDER Mayor McLeod called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

AGENDA **1.0 Adoption of Agenda**
167/14 Councillor Gilmore moved that the Agenda be approved for the October 14th, 2014 Council Meeting with additions.

CARRIED

Delegate Glen Rieger asked the Mayor 2 questions. "With respect of the recent sale of the Tax recovery on main street, was the highest sealed bid in excess of the reserve bid accepted?"

Mayor McLeod answered "yes". The second question asked by Mr. Rieger was "Were the funds from this main street sale used to recover the outstanding property taxes on this property?" Mayor McLeod answered "yes". Mr. Rieger proceeded to present council with a letter of support for the village and council which are attached to the minutes.

MINUTES **3.0 Minutes**
168/14 3.1 Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes held September 22nd, 2014.

Councillor Bates moved the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 22nd, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

4.0 Business – Request for Decision

4.1 – Acme Campground

169/14 Motion made by Deputy Mayor Kuiken that the Village of Acme Council agree to raise the camping rates as follows: Tenting - \$15.00, No Services - \$20.00 and Power/Water \$25.00 for the 2015 year. Council will revisit the rates for the 2016 year.

CARRIED

170/14 4.1 – Acme Campground
Motion made by Councillor Gilmore to hire Sheila Allain as the attendant for the 2015 camping season at 60%.

4.2 – FCSS Regional Services

171/14 Motion made by Councillor Bates to accept the 14% increase in FCSS fees starting in 2015.

CARRIED

Councillor Gilmore opposed the motion.

172/14 Wild Rose Assessment Services

Motion made by Councillor Gilmore to sign the 5 year contract from Wild Rose Assessment Services, Red Deer, AB.

4.0 Business – For Your Information

4.1 – Letters of Support

2 letters regarding a petition that was circulated in Acme were read.
Letters attached to minutes.

4.2 Promotional Items

Mayor McLeod reported that we had enough pins for now but we should purchase T Shirts for the Village.

Great advertising for the Village with the sports teams wearing them at sports events. Mayor McLeod had some prices from the Village office and Councillor Bates will get a price from a company in Three Hills. Will revisit when the prices are in.

5.1.0 Financial Information

173/14 5.1.1 Accounts Payable as of October 14, 2014 is \$ 100,702.49 for 2014 expenses. Moved by Councillor Gilmore that the accounts payable of \$ 100,702.49 for September and to October 14, 2014 expenses be approved as presented by Acting CAO to Council.

CARRIED

174/14

5.1.2 – Bank Statement

Moved by Councillor Daubert to accept the September Bank Statement as presented by Acting CAO.

Committee Reports

Intermunicipal Meeting

Councillor Gilmore, Councillor Daubert and Rhoda Hannah attended the Intermunicipal supper meeting in Carbon. Carbon, Acme, Linden, Beiseker, Rockyview and Kneehill County were in attendance. Everyone gave a short report on their Village/Town's progress.

AUMA Conference

Mayor McLeod reported on the AUMA conference and thought it was very informative. Spoke to many people on sharing and purchasing equipment but no clear information available on co-ordinating purchases.

The Mayor spoke to some hiring groups on helping us find a CAO however the prices were very high.

The AUMA will be in Calgary next year.

Community Futures

Councillor Daubert reported that CFWR is going to partner with 25 rotary clubs in order to keep the Alberta Youth Entrepreneurship Camp.

CFWR is partnering with the Alberta Finance Service Corp to enable them to approve a loan greater than \$150,000.

Next meeting November 6, 2014.

5.2 Staff and Council and Committee Reports

5.2.1 Action List Report - Acting CAO – Written report.

5.2.2 **Public Works Report** – P.W. Denis Boulet. – Written Report.

In the P.W. report Denis asked to purchase a new sander as the old one is beyond repair. Discussion followed.

175/14

Motion made by Councillor Gilmore for P.W. Foreman Denis to purchase a new sander up to \$8,000.00 if needed.

CARRIED

176/14

Moved by Councillor Bates to accept all Staff, Council and Committee reports as presented to Council.

CARRIED

Courses and Meetings

Council Meetings

- October 27, 2014 – Organizational Meeting & Regular Meeting
- November 10, 2014 – Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm
- November 24, 2014 – Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm

- 177/14 Moved by Councillor Bates to go In - Camera at 7:15 pm
CARRIED
- 178/14 Moved by Councillor Daubert to go Out - Camera at 7:42pm
CARRIED
- 179/14 Hiring a new CAO
Deputy Mayor Kuiken made a motion to hire Brad Mason as our new CAO
as per the employee contract.
CARRIED
- 180/14 Motion made by Councillor Bates to compensate the Assistant CAO for all her hard
work and dedication during the last 6 months.
CARRIED
- ADJOURNMENT **6.0 Adjournment**
Councillor Gilmore adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.



MAYOR



C.A.O.

To the Mayor and councilors of the village of Acme.

October 1, 2014

On or around the 10th of September I had a man and a woman come knocking at my door. They asked me if I would be interested in signing my name on a petition. So I asked them what this petition was about. They were some what vague in their response. They had expressed concerns that people had been treated poorly from the staff at the village office. They also had a claim an individual was wanting to put in a bid on the tax sale of George Larson's house and the village refused to consider his offer. They did not offer any more detail on these issues. I told them I was not interested in signing this petition.

In hindsight I should have asked them for their names. I also should have pressed them for more detail on specific issues with regards to their concerns and what they are seeking for an outcome of this petition.

I would also like to add that I have lived in this town for many years and I have never had a negative experience in dealing with any of the staff at the village office. To the mayor, councilors and staff of the village of Acme. Keep up the good work. You have my full support.

Best Regards.

Murray Minchin

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Murray Minchin', written in a cursive style with a loop at the end.

Dear Residence of Acme:

We've lived in the Village of Acme since 1998. We've found our Village a Great place to live and raise our family. I've also been in sales this whole time. I meet very many people and many of them don't know much about our village or the surrounding area. I often go into a list of the many benefits we have living here.

1. We have a Great School system, we've been ranked very high among other schools in Alberta. Also when people find out how well The Acme School and The Linden School work together, they like to hear that.
2. We have many sport programs for our kids to get involved in.
3. Our location to Calgary is only 45 min to the airport. Many Calgary commuters spend more time driving to work in the city then it takes for someone traveling from Acme to the north part of the city and with less stress.
4. Our area pulls together when there or urgent need and many fund raisers are held to help individuals or and organizations.
5. We have many volunteers that work to make our community a better place.
6. Residents are helpful and friendly overall

Their many other benefits living here but these are just a few that come to mind.

I've often told people that Canada is the best place to live in the world and Alberta is the best place to live in Canada and this area is the best place to live in Alberta.

I know improvements can always be made. I feel that if we can work together promoting the community in a positive way it will draw people and businesses to want to move here. When people call me to list property they are not wanting me to be negative about Acme or their property. I believe that if we can brag up our town it will not only make Acme a better place to live but will add monetary value in the long run.

Our Community is such good place to live and I'd like to see each of us be successful in our endeavors.

Sincerely

Handwritten signature of John & Kathy Thiessen in cursive script.

John & Kathy Thiessen

October 14, 2014

Village of Acme
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Letter of Support for Acme Village Council

Dear Mayor Bruce Mcleod and Councillors

For the past year, we have observed ongoing nuisance petitions, as well as a frivolous action directed against Acme Village Council which was costly to Acme taxpayers.

The purpose of this letter is to provide support for the efforts of this Acme Village Council.

As background, Glen served 3 terms as a Councilor, Deputy Mayor and Mayor, so has personal experience with the challenges of serving on Acme Council. Glen and Janis have lived in Acme for nearly 20 years. Merv & Connie Rieger have lived in Acme for nearly 35 years. Therefore, we have personal history and investment in Acme Village and we want to see our Village grow and prosper without continuing harmful negative attacks on Acme Village Council.

Please know there is a silent majority of Acme taxpayers and residents who support your dedicated services as Councillors in managing the ongoing affairs of the Village of Acme.

We know that we can appear at Council meetings to ask questions to clarify situations and that Village finances are audited annually. We also recognize you have been elected by democratic process by a majority of eligible voters for a 4 year term so please keep up your good work.



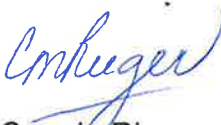
Glen Rieger



Merv Rieger



Janis Rieger



Connie Rieger