

**MINUTES OF THE RESORT VILLAGE OF THODE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2021, COMMENCING AT 7:00 p.m.,  
IN THE THODE VILLAGE CENTRE**

1. **Attendance:** Mayor Alan Thomarat, Councillors Steve Schwenker, Jolene Soanes, Corey Fernets and Neil Vandendort. Administrator Jessie Williams, Office Manager Jamie Coulson and Operations Manager Fred Fehr.
2. **Call to Order:** Mayor Thomarat called the meeting to order, asked for Conflict of Interest issues to be raised when applicable. Safety Checklist Review. COVID regulations observed.

Neil Vandendort took Oath of Office.

In Camera Discussion.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

3. **Agenda:**  
Soanes/Fernets moved that as all Council are present, the agenda will be amended to include Item 6A ICIP grant and be adopted. CARRIED 60/21
4. **Circulation and Adoption of the Minutes:**  
Soanes/Schwenker moved that the minutes of the February 18/21 regular Council meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED 61/21
5. **Business arising from the Minutes:**
  - A. **Thode Road/211 Connector Project:**  
Schwenker/Fernets moved that the quote from WOOD for design and Engineering of the 211 connector road at a cost of \$15,211.20 + taxes be approved. CARRIED 62/21
  - B. **Bylaw #1/21 DAWWU Agreement** – pending municipal consent.
6. **Financial Reports, Payment of Accounts, Resolutions:**
  - A. **Financial Reports:**  
Soanes/Vandendort moved that the February statements of Receipts & Payments & Bank Reconciliations be adopted as presented. CARRIED 63/21
  - B. **Payment of Accounts:**  
Fernets/Schwenker moved that the March accounts totally \$93,147.79 be approved for payment. CARRIED 64/21
7. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A. **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program:**  
Fernets/Schwenker moved that as the ICIP application has been conditionally approved, Council engage WOOD to do the geotechnical investigation to facilitate upgrade of the Village Centre subject to confirmation of the quote previously received. CARRIED 65/21
8. **New Business:**
  - A. **Bylaw #4/21 – DRWU Mutual Aid Agreement:**  
Agreement being drafted.
  - B. **List of Lands in Arrears:**  
Soanes/Schwenker moved that lands with less than ½ of last year's levy be omitted from the List of Lands in Arrears and the List be advertised in the Davidson Leader. CARRIED 66/21
  - C. **Canada Healthy Communities Initiative:**  
Thomarat/Soanes moved that an application be submitted for 100% funding from Canada Healthy Communities Initiative for Community Playground Upgrade to accommodate safer amenities - \$67842 requested. CARRIED 67/21
  - D. **2021 Audit Quotes:**

Soanes/Fernet moved that Jensen Stromberg Certified Professional Accountants be appointed as Municipal Auditor with a quote of \$4300 plus taxes for auditing services. CARRIED 68/21

**E. 2021 Operating Budget:**

Preliminary draft prepared – pending grant information.

**F. Free Little Library:**

Soanes/Vandendort moved that Council approves the idea of establishing a Free Little Library in Thode; location to be determined. CARRIED 69/21

**G. Permits:**

Schwenker/Soanes moved that the development permit for a sewer connection at Lot 11, Bk 2 be approved. CARRIED 70/21

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 9. Committee Reports:

**A. Operations Manager Report – February report**

- building update.
- cold storage building discussed.
- Schwenker/Fernets moved that we apply for the mailbox snow removal contract. CARRIED 71/21
- Schwenker/Fernets moved that a rough cut mower be purchased from Peavey Mart for approximately \$4800 + taxes. CARRIED 72/21
- Vandendort/Schwenker moved that a ½ interest in a dump trailer be purchased from Fred Fehr for total cost of \$5500. CARRIED 73/21
- Soanes/Fernets moved that a ½ interest in a custom built truck platform be purchased for a total cost of \$1900 + taxes. CARRIED 74/21

**B. Utilities – February log sheet**

- Soanes/Thomarat moved that the 2021 Waterworks Rate Policy/Capital Investment Strategy & Annual Financial Information Available to the Public be adopted as prepared. CARRIED 75/21
- Fernets/Soanes moved that the Water Works Inspection Reports be accepted. CARRIED 76/21

**C. Bylaws –** Traffic Bylaw to be reviewed regarding speed & intersection control.(townhall discussion)  
Nuisance Abatement Bylaw – pending  
Development Permit and other related bylaws – pending  
Landscaping & Yard Maintenance Bylaw - pending  
Bylaw register & policies list circulated.

**D. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee - Soanes**

- Vandendort/Fernets moved that the 2020 Sask Lotteries Funding be used to purchase 3 self watering planters at a cost of \$1773.35. CARRIED 77/21
- Fernets/Soanes moved that resolution # 47/21 be rescinded. CARRIED 78/21
- Go Out & Play – Fernets verbal report.
- Community Garden discussion – more information required.
- Volunteer Horticultural Committee appointees to be named at the next meeting.
- Schwenker/Fernets moved that up to \$50 be allocated towards Easter GeoCache prizes. CARRIED 79/21

**E. Emergency Measures Organization – terms of reference being finalized for March meeting.**

- Schwenker/Thomarat moved that the Terms of Reference for EMO Committee be adopted as circulated. CARRIED 80/21

**F. Communications Committee – Drop Box being set up.**

**G. Library – note in newsletter re donations.**

### 10. Regional Partnership Reports:

**A. DRWU – Fernets – verbal discussion re meeting.**

- Thomarat/Fernets moved that a letter be sent to the DRWU indicating that the annual meeting scheduled for May 5, 2021 be held at a location which will facilitate in person as well as ZOOM attendance. CARRIED 81/21

**B. DAWWU** – Thomarat – verbal report

**C. DFC** – Schwenker - verbal report, website in progress.  
Schwenker/Vandendort moved that Thode enter into an agreement to provide administration services to the DFC. CARRIED 82/21

**D. Blackstrap Resort Villages - Human Resources Management**

Soanes/Schwenker moved that Shields be compensated \$8995.15 for the following:  
½ interest in software and SSA; less ½ interest in book value of computer and EMA (payable to Thode); less ½ interest in safe (payable to Thode). CARRIED 83/21

Schwenker/Thomarat moved that Thode acquire laptop computer from DFC, engage Munisoft to transfer files from shared desktop and provide training for Coulson – approx cost \$2000. CARRIED 84/21

**E. Blackstrap Regional Development Initiatives:** no report

Soanes/Fernets moved that the committee reports be adopted as presented. CARRIED 85/21

**11. Other Business:**

**A. Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance:**

Waiting for quote.

**12. Correspondence**

SGI – 15% discount  
Potash Sharing Financial Statement  
Communities in Bloom  
Central Area Transportation Planning Committee – AGM April 28/21  
Lawsuit – additional \$25.51 received

**13. Next Meeting** – Schwenker/Vandendort moved that the next meeting be held on April 22/21 at 7 pm in the Thode Village Centre. CARRIED 86/21

**14. Adjournment:**

Soanes/Schwenker moved that the meeting now be adjourned. CARRIED 87/21

9:20 p.m.

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