

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PENSE NO. 160
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MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PENSE NO. 160
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 325 ELDER STREET, PENSE, SASKATCHEWAN
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

Present: Garry McRae, Reeve
Robbie Lax, Councillor Division 2
Doug Szeles, Councillor Division 4
Blair Findlay, Councillor Division 6
Kerry Ogilvie, Councillor Division 1 (via zoom)
Kris Waller, Councillor Division 3
Joanne Simpson, Councillor Division 5
Cathy Ripplinger, Administrator
Amber Meadows, Asst. Administrator

Reeve Garry McRae called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Conflict of Interest: Conflict-of-interest declaration – Reeve McRae & Councillor Szeles – item 13(f) on the agenda.

55/25 Minutes: **Ogilvie:** That the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 11, 2025 be approved.

Carried.

56/25 Stat. of Fin. Act.: **Lax:** That the Statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation for the month of February, 2025 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

57/25 Accounts Payable: **Szeles:** That the accounts totalling \$168,228.99 be approved for payment as per the list attached to and forming a part of the minutes.

Carried.

58/25 Casual Mower: **Ogilvie:** That Casual/Mower #2 be offered \$20.00 per hour.

Carried.

59/25 Grader Purchase: **Szeles:** That the R.M. of Pense No. 160 purchase a 2025 Cat 160, AWD Motor Grader from Finning Regina at a cost of \$673,947.14 including taxes.

Carried.

60/25 2021 JD Grader Ext Warranty: **Szeles:** That the R.M. of Pense No. 160 purchase 1 year/1000 hours extended warranty for the 2021 John Deere 872GP grader for \$39,677 (plus taxes) from Brandt Tractor Ltd.

Carried.

61/25 List of Lands in Arrears: **Waller:** That the List of Lands in Arrears at February 28, 2025 presented to Reeve McRae be acknowledged as presented.

Carried.

62/25 Tax Enforcement: **Simpson:** That we write letters to the ratepayers on the List of Lands in Arrears, giving them until April 15, 2025 to make payment or arrange a payment schedule or we will proceed to advertise the Tax Enforcement List and register a tax lien.

Carried.

63/25 Snow Plow Clubs: **Lax:** That the Administrator be authorized to pay out the 2024/2025 Snow Plow Clubs at March Month End.

Carried.

64/25 SaskTip: **Simpson:** That the R.M. of Pense No. 160 continue to support SaskTip by purchasing the 2025 Annual Membership in the amount of \$100.00.

Carried.

71/25
Corresp.: **Simpson:** That the following correspondence having been read now be filed:

- SARM
 - New Executive Director makes history.
 - Calls for funding for clean-up of abandoned/derelict buildings and yard sites.
 - Calls for Reintroduction of Strychnine to control Richardson’s Ground Squirrels.
- Pense Recreation Board – February 4th Meeting Log.
- White Butte R.C.M.P. – Nov, Dec 2024 & Jan, Feb 2025 report.
- WUQWATR AGM – April 29 2025
- STARS – New President, Dr. John Froh
- Government of Saskatchewan – Premier Moe’s announcement of measures in response to tariffs

Advertising

- T.E.P. R-O-W Co-ordination Inc. – managing municipal right-of-ways.

Carried.

72/25
Next Reg.
Meeting: **Findlay:** That the next regular Council meeting be held at the date, time and place listed below:

- Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2025
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Place: R.M. of Pense Office
325 Elder Street, Pense

Carried.

73/25
Special
Meeting: **Waller:** That a Special Meeting (Budget) be held at the date, time and place listed below:

- Date: Friday, April 25, 2025
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Place: R.M. of Pense Office
325 Elder Street, Pense

Carried.

74/25
Adjourn: **Findlay:** That this meeting be adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Carried.

REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR