

**The regular meeting of the Council for the
R.M. of Ponass Lake was held in the R.M. Office
130 Centre Street Rose Valley
on Wednesday, February 19, 2025.**

PRESENT:	REEVE: Allan Nelson COUNCILLORS: Marlon Olynick, Jason Sigfrid, Robin Rustad and Rick Sunderland ADMINISTRATOR: Loretta Prevost
ABSENT:	COUNCILLORS: David Zagrodney and Tyrell Sunderland
CALL TO ORDER	8:05 AM a quorum being present, Reeve Nelson called the meeting to order.
25/25 MINUTES	RUSTAD: THAT the minutes of the January 8, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council held in the RM Office in Rose Valley be approved as read. Carried
26/25 STMT OF FIN. ACT.	SIGFRID: THAT the detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the month of January, 2025 be accepted as presented. Carried
27/25 REPORTS	R. SUNDERLAND: THAT the following reports be accepted as presented: SMHI and AMHI Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting Report from the Legislature-MLA Chris Beaudry Carried
28/25 CYBER INSURE.	OLYNICK: THAT discussion pertaining to cyber insurance be postponed until the next regular meeting as quotes from Hub International have not yet been received. Carried
29/25 CASE SETTLE	OLYNICK: THAT Council for the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 acknowledges receiving notification from Michael Morris, SARM general counsel, confirming that SARM has accepted a settlement in the action, the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 v. Saskatchewan Power Corporation-Forbes Bros. Ltd., Third Party; AND THAT once payment is received by SARM a Discontinuance of Claim will be filed at the provincial court in Wynyard, Saskatchewan and the Reeve and the administrator are authorized to endorse the same on behalf of the municipality Carried
30/25 CUSTOM MOWING	SIGFRID: THAT the administrator advise Friesen Mowing that the municipality would prefer to be billed by the mile for custom mowing in 2025. Carried
8:50 AM	Brad Fleischhacker, Brandt Territory Manager, attended the meeting to present a quote for new John Deere graders. He discussed various models and provided detailed information on pricing, warranty, and the benefits of each model. There was discussion regarding the graders as well as maintenance costs.
9:35 AM	Mr. Fleischhacker left the meeting.
9:35 AM	Rod Serhan, Finning Sales Representative, attended the meeting to present a quote for new Caterpillar graders. He discussed various models and provided detailed information on pricing, warranty, and the benefits of each model. There was discussion regarding the graders as well as maintenance costs.
10:15 AM	Mr. Serhan left the meeting.
10:15 AM	Vincent Bailey, Pest Control Officer (PCO), attended the meeting to introduce himself and discuss plans for pest control in the municipality this summer. He shared his background and experience, and outlined his goals for improving pest management, focusing on public health and community involvement. Mr. Bailey emphasized the importance of proactive pest control measures, especially in the summer, and expressed a commitment to working with the community.
10:55 AM	Mr. Bailey left the meeting

31/25	PCO AGREE & NOTICE	OLYNICK: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 enter into an Agreement for Services with Vincent Bailey, Raider Pest Control Services, to provide Pest Control Services as set out in <i>The Pest Control Act</i> ; AND THAT the administrator send a notice with the assessment notices to ratepayers advising that the municipality will have a new pest control officer this summer. Carried
32/25	GRADER PURCHASE	OLYNICK: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 purchase two (2) 2025 150JOY AWD CAT Graders from Finning, as per the quote presented to council; AND THAT council negotiate the trade in value of the 2019 Caterpillar 160M Grader and the 2020 Caterpillar 140JOY AWD Grader as well as the delivery date of the new graders. Carried
33/25	2025 BUDGET	OLYNICK: THAT discussion pertaining to the 2025 Budget and the 2025 Capital Budget be continued at the next regular meeting. Carried
34/25	GRAVEL PILE MEASURE	SIGFRID: THAT discussion pertaining to the measuring of the gravel piles be postponed until the next regular meeting of council. Carried
35/25	ASSESS. ROLL OPEN	RUSTAD: THAT council acknowledges that the 2025 Assessment Roll has been prepared and is open to inspection from February 21, 2025 to April 22, 2025. Carried
36/25	FIRE FIGHTING RENUM.	RUSTAD: THAT firefighter active-duty remuneration for the Rose Valley & District Volunteer Fire Department be increased to \$30 per hour with a minimum call out of 3 hours effective February 13, 2025 for fire department operations within the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 and for all Mutual Aid operations. Carried
37/25	LIBRARY DONATION	SIGFIRD: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 donate \$500.00 to the Rose Valley and District Local Library. Carried
38/25	TLE TRUST FUND	RUSTAD: THAT council for the RM of Ponass Lake No. 367 has reviewed the Individual Account Information-TLE Trust Fund statement from SARM; AND THAT the RM of Ponass Lake No. 367's percentage factor used to calculate the annual payment in the Rural Municipal Tax Loss Compensation Trust Fund remain at 90% for 2025. Carried
39/25	WADENA HOSPITAL DONATION	OLYNICK: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 commit to donate \$6,500.00 to the Wadena Hospital to assist in the purchase of a portable ultrasound system for the hospital. Carried
40/25	SARM CONVEN.	R. SUNDERLAND: THAT the administrator cancel Councillor Sigfrid's registration at the SARM Annual Convention and Trade Show from March 11 to 13, 2025 due to conflicting commitments. Carried
41/25	SARM FEE UPDATE	RUSTAD: THAT council has reviewed the updated SARM Service Fees for 2025, and accepts the same. Carried
42/25	BEAVER CONTROL	R. SUNDERLAND: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 submitted a Beaver Control Program claim form to SARM for removal of nuisance beaver within the municipality. Carried
43/25	SMHI ANNUAL MEETING	R. SUNDERLAND: THAT Reeve Nelson be the municipality's representative at the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Association Ltd to be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Carried
44/25	RMAA WRKSHIP	OLYNICK: THAT Loretta Prevost attend the RMAA/UMAAS 2025 Spring Workshop In Wadena, Saskatchewan on March 27, 2025, with all pertinent costs paid. Carried

- 45/25 MARCH MEETING R. SUNDERLAND: THAT the March 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be held on Wednesday March 19, 2025 at 8:00 AM.
Carried
- 46/25 CTP MAINT. SIGFRID: THAT the Reeve and the Administrator sign the Clearing the Path Corridor Statutory Declaration on behalf of the municipality.
Carried
- 47/25 RECORD DESRUCT. OLYNICK: THAT pursuant to Bylaw 1/12 disposal of the following municipal documents are hereby authorized as per the Records Retention Schedule:
Records up to and including December 31, 2017 including Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Assessment Appeals, Assessor’s Valuation Records, Bank Reconciliations, Bank Statements, Board and Committee Reports, Cancelled Cheques, Cheque Stubs, Deposit Books, Insurance Policies, Federal and Provincial Remittance Forms, General Journals, General Ledgers, Invoices, Permits, Receipts, Receipt Ledgers, Receipt Journals, Tax Certificates, Tax Enforcement Records, Tax Lien Withdrawal Forms and General Correspondence.
Carried
- 48/25 ELK DAMAGE R. SUNDERLAND: THAT Council for the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 has been working closely with Chris Beaudry MLA for Kelvington-Wadena constituency to seek assistance regarding the ongoing issue of elk destroying crops and stored grain, causing significant hardship to local farmers; AND THAT efforts are being made to explore potential solutions, including the possibility of implementing tags and/or an open season on elk to mitigate the damage.
Carried
- 49/25 EMP PROPOSAL RUSTAD: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 accept the proposal submitted by LS Consulting (Louise Schweitzer) and Casa Boldt Consulting (Kloey Bells) for the development of Emergency Management Plans for the Town of Rose Valley, The RM of Ponass Lake No. 367 and the Village of Fosston, along with a Regional Plan for the area, and sub-plans for the hamlets of Nora and St. Front; AND THAT the cost of the plans will be funded by the Targeted Sector Support Grant Program with the remainder being split 50/50 between the Town of Rose Valley and the RM of Ponass Lake No. 367.
Carried
- 50/25 EMPLOY. LEAVE SIGFRID: THAT council approve the following employees’ requests for leave: Loretta Prevost-February 27 to March 7, 2025 inclusive (holidays)
Carried
- 51/25 ROAD MAINT POLICY OLYNICK: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 adopt Policy No. 400-25 being the Road Maintenance Agreement Policy setting out when a road maintenance agreement is required, attached to and forming part of these minutes.
Carried
- 52/25 ROAD MAINT. AGREEMENT RUSTAD: THAT the R.M. of Ponass Lake No. 367 enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement with the R.M. of Spalding No. 368 for hauling gravel on or over the following roads: Grid Road 756 between Highway 35 and Range Road 2160; THAT the extra road maintenance and repair rate is a sum equal to the estimated quantities times a rate of \$0.0579 per tonne per kilometer, at one half rate if hauling takes place during winter haul period, between November 15th and February 28th; AND THAT this agreement shall expire December 31, 2025.
Carried
- 53/25 CROWN LAND SALE RUSTAD: THAT Council for the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 has no objection to the sale of the NE, SE and SW 36-38-15 W2; THAT NE 36-38-15 W2 has road access, SE 36-38-15 W2 is accessible via a dirt road (field access only), and SW 36-38-15 W2 is adjacent to a road allowance but lacks a developed road; AND THAT there are no outstanding taxes on the aforementioned land.
Carried
- 54/25 CROWN LAND SALE RUSTAD: THAT Council for the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 has no objection to the sale of the NE, SE and NW 25-38-15 W2; THAT NE and SE 25-38-15 are accessible via a dirt road (field access only), and NW 25-38-15 W2 is adjacent to a road allowance but lacks a developed road; AND THAT there are no outstanding taxes on the aforementioned land.
Carried

- 55/24 SK POWER CONSTR. SIGFRID: THAT the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 has no objection to SaskPower’s proposed work to replace a three-phase tangent transformer pole with primary take off pole and trench approx. 25 m of underground primary cable in the road allowance adjacent to NE 32-38-13 W2.
Carried
- 56/25 MANIFEST DISTRIBUTE SIGFRID: THAT the administrator order Livestock Manifests from Livestock Services of Saskatchewan to be distributed to ratepayers upon request.
Carried
- 57/25 MVA DISPATCH RUSTAD: THAT council for the Rural Municipality of Ponass Lake No. 367 acknowledges receiving notification from the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency advising that their new policy, *Provincial Highways and Secondary Roadways Motor Vehicle Collision Dispatch Policy*, mandates that rescue units dispatched to the scene of a motor vehicle accident will be that closest emergency service provider to the incident location, based on the caller’s information.
Carried
- 58/25 PLANNED CONSTR. SIGFRID: THAT the administrator advise SaskTel that there are no planned construction projects in this municipality in 2025.
Carried
- 59/25 ACCOUNTS R. SUNDERLAND: THAT the accounts as listed and attached to forming part of these minutes having been reviewed in full now be approved to be paid for a total of \$206,604.92.
Carried
- 60/25 GENERAL CORRESP. OLYNICK: THAT the following correspondence be filed in the appropriate manner:
Flaman Product Guide 2025
APAS Ag Matters-January 16, 30 & February 13, 2025
GWP Newsletter & Price List for 2025
Ministry of Agriculture-February 28, 2025 Deadline for concerns regarding Noxious & Prohibited Weeds Update
Species at Risk-Proposed Amendment to the Species at Risk Act
SARM Rural Dart-January 14, 21, February 4, 11 & 18, 2025
Rural Sheaf-January 2025
SUMA Municipal Update-January 13, 27 & February 10, 2025
Municipalities Today-January & February 2025
Infrastructures-February 3, 2025
The Furrow-February 2025
SaskFSA Update-Friend of the Farm Stewardship-January 2025
SaskFSA Update-AG Water Stewardship Policy-Official Release
SaskFSA Update-Something to Celebrate-January 2025
Think Big-Q4 2024
Private Carrier-Winter 2024
The Furrow-January 2025
BHP Potash Pages Community Newsletter-January 2025
2025 Notice Nature Challenge
Carried
- 61/25 ADJOURN OLYNICK: THAT this meeting adjourn at 1:25 PM.
Carried

The next regular meeting of council is **March 19, 2025**

Submitted to the head of council this _____ day of March, 2025.

ADMINISTRATOR

REEVE