

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373  
SPRING RATEPAYERS MEETING HELD ON THE 11th DAY OF APRIL, 2017  
IN THE ABERDEEN COMMUNITY HALL.

Mr. Vern Ratzlaff was called upon to give the Grace.

Chairman Kevin Kirk called the meeting to order at 7:21 P.M. and introduced the special guests, R.M. Council and R.M. Staff. Mr. Kirk recognized the following past councilors in attendance: Shawn Mantyka, Lorne Korpan Robert Shutiak and Jake Klassen. Walter Klassen and Robert Shuitak were appointed as the resolutions committee.

Gary Dziadyk read the minutes from the 2016 Spring Ratepayers meeting. Moved by Walter Klassen and seconded by Shirley Huffman that the minutes are accepted as read. **Carried**

The Town of Aberdeen's Deputy Major Ryan White gave greeting from the town and gave an update of what is new with the town.

SARM Division No. 5 Director Judy Harwood introduced the councilors Lynne Samson and Art Pruium who attended the meeting with her. Director Harwood empathized the importance of setting up a Rural Crime Watch program within the municipality to reduce property crime. Director Harwood gave a brief overview of SARM issues.

Chairman Kevin Kirk read a letter from Bronwyn Erie MLA Saskatoon, Stonebridge – Dakota, thanking council for the invitation but would not be able to attend do to the Legislative Assembly in Regina.

Delbert Kirsch MLA for Batoche thanked the ratepayers for being invited. Mr. Kirsch then gave a brief overview of how the new constituency boundaries where changed and why. Mr. Kirsch then gave an explanation of the Provincial Budget and explained the importance of reducing spending.

Staff Sergeant Abbott talked briefly about the importance of Rural Crime Watch and the importance of providing good service in rural Saskatchewan. Increased services are provided by using smarter policing techniques and with the aid of better equipment. Sgt. Abbott then expressed the importance of prevention and being vigilant.

Renny Grilz, Weed Inspector for the municipality gave a presentation on Wild Parsnip, Leafy Spurge, Common Parsnip, Toad Flax and other noxious weeds in general. Mr. Grilz will be setting up a Weed Management Program for the municipality to try and eliminate or reduce the hot spots within the municipality.

Leah Tallis, Farm Stewardship and Farm & Ranch Water Infrastructure Programs. Ms. Tallis gave a brief explanation of programs available through the department.

Reeve Martin Bettker thanked Vern Ratzlaff for saying grace and thanks the invited guests for coming. The Reeve then thanked his council and staff for their support and hard work. Reeve Bettker then provided an overview of the 2016 expenditures and forecast for the 2017 upcoming year.

On behalf of the Aberdeen 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, Shirley Huffman presented Bonnie Doige with a 5 year pin.

Kevin Kirk provided a biography of Real Hamoline the 2016 Citizen of the Year. The award for 2016 was presented to Real Hamoline by the Reeve Martin Bettker and Councilor Kevin Kirk. Real responded by thanking the municipality for the honor and thanked his family. He then related some of his experiences in the community.

The Resolution committee reported that they had no resolutions from the ratepayers.

A draw was then made by Councilors Korpan and Zdunick for the door prizes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.