

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE ELECTORS OF THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHISPERING HILLS
HELD ON JULY 20, 2019
AT Whispering Hills, ALBERTA**

Present	<p>Mayor Council members Administrator's And approximately 45 summer village electors.</p> <p>Dennis Irving Curtis Schoepp Ed Scantland Marion Bancroft</p>
Call to Order Guest Speaker	<p>Deputy Mayor Schoepp called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone and introduced himself, council and administration.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Schoepp then introduced our guest speaker from the RCMP, SGT Paul Gilligan. He went over the rules of golf carts, ATVs etc.</p> <p>He also spoke a bit about the crime in the area, stating that the summer villages had not been hit with a lot of break and enters at this point and suggested that residents watch out for each other and to report any suspicious behavior in the village.</p> <p>SGT Gilligan also voiced concerns over the number of criminals that are apprehended over and over but do not go to jail, as the jails are just too full and the court dockets are overwhelmed.</p> <p>He then told residents to let him know if there were any incidents in the village or if anyone had questions. As he pointed out, if they don't know about it, they can't do anything about it.</p>
2018 Minutes	<p>Marion Bancroft reviewed the highlights from the minutes of the 2018 annual meeting with the residents, and then moved that these minutes be adopted as read.</p>

<p>2018 Financial Report</p>	<p>Mayor Irving presented a brief overview of the 2018 financial statements and a detailed report of where the tax dollars have been spent., Once again, there was some discussion about the amount of money still owing from the developer, who is no longer involved in the development. Mayor Irving explained there is a process being followed and we should have some news about what is going on there soon.</p> <p>Councilor Scantland then discussed some of the things that council is doing and will continue to do such as commit funds to the new playground and also to the Canada Day fireworks. He then gave credit to the maintenance crew for taking good care of the grass and trails in the village and explained that a new side by side was purchased this year for their use.</p>
<p>Firesmart</p>	<p>Mayor Schoepp introduced Steve Hamilton, Athabasca County regional fire co-ordinator. He spoke to the residents about the danger of wildfires in the area and what they could do to minimize the damage if something like that happened.</p> <p>One way is to firesmart your homes. The county has received grant funds to do home assessments for any residents requesting it. They would then give them some ideas of things they could improve. He also talked about a new sprinkler system kits that can be obtained from the county for the purpose of assisting the fire department should a wildfire be spotted close to your residence. Administration will take names of anyone who wishes to take advantage of either of these offers. Steve also emphasized the importance of cleaning your ATVs.</p>
<p>BAILS</p>	<p>Mayor Irving gave an update on what was going on with BAILS He mentioned that water testing in both Island and Baptiste Lakes was continuing and so far things were very positive. With more automated equipment they can now do more regular monitoring. He then mentioned that there would be a public engagement meeting in August for anyone who wished to attend. Mayor Irving also touched on the lake levels and the new bridge construction on highway 2.</p>
<p>Whispering Hills Parks and Recreation Society</p>	<p>Andrew Stepanuk, President of the Parks and Recreation Society then reported on the progress of the society. He encouraged everyone to go down and have a look at the progress. They will soon be asking for volunteers to help with a casino fundraiser and they are continuing to collect bottles. When they can get more funds in the bank they will be able to apply for some matching grants from the government.</p>

	There was then a short break for refreshments
BBQ	Residents were then invited to a barbeque at Galloway Field at around 12:30.
Adjournment	Deputy Mayor Schoepp adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Mayor

Secretary