

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAY LAKES IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
IN THE HAY LAKES VILLAGE OFFICE & VIA: GOOGLE MEET

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Vallee; Deputy Mayor Dawn Pauls; Councillor Faye Leicht; and Councillor Ron These.

ABSENT: Councillor Megan Patten

MUNICIPAL RECORDER: Shannon Yearwood

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Vallee at 6:07 p.m.

RES 001-2021: **AGENDA:** Moved by Deputy Mayor Pauls to adopt the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS:

TIM CLARK & SANDRA FINSETH PROPOSAL:

This proposal has been discussed at length by council and administration. Mr. Clark and Ms. Finseth have approached Council asking that a variance be granted to allow a modular home be placed on the vacant lot beside the existing building at #14 Main Street. Ms. Finseth would like to open a small second-hand business in the existing storefront location and add an ice cream shop in the future. They have expressed an interest in placing picnic tables and a gazebo for patrons to enjoy on the lot beside the store. Council has decided that this proposal needs to be carried forward to a public forum. Administration will contact direct neighbours of the property to gain their perspective of this suggestion. In the meantime, administration will meet with Mr. Clark and Ms. Finseth to have them complete a drawing of the plan and a short description of their business proposal so that resident's will have a complete idea on which to base their opinion. Council and Administration agree that bringing business to the Village is an important and necessary action to ensure that the Village remain viable and sustainable. Having a structure on that vacant lot would also add some appeal to the area on Main Street. Because this proposal does not comply with the current Land Use Bylaw it has been deemed necessary by council that resident's of the Village have an understanding of the proposal and have input into this decision. Administration will endeavour to have some sort of public input by the February Meeting of Council which will not contravene any COVID-19 issues that we are now experiencing.

ALEX EELHART PROPOSAL:

Alex and Denorah Eelhart have approached Council asking for a variance which would see them be able to erect a fence on the northwest side of their property which would extend past the existing property line onto Village reserve property by one metre and extend down the length of the property. Mr. and Mrs. Eelhart have asked council to accept and approve this variance wherein they would erect a vinyl fence. They have brought several existing issues to council that currently exist in the Village wherein resident's have been using Village property to store vehicles and have garden's etc. Because the construction of a fence is considered a "permanent" structure and by erecting the fence on Village property this would set a precedent within the Village. Therefore, because the current Land Use Bylaw does not allow for this and the fact that advice was sought from Camrose County Development wherein they advised against this, Council and Administration cannot allow this variance for the Eelhart's. Administration will send a letter to the Eelhart's outlining the result and the basis for this outcome.

ADJOURNAMENT:

There being no further business of Council, Mayor Vallee declared the meeting be adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor Dave Vallee



K. Shannon Yearwood
Chief Administrative Officer