

**JOINT SPECIAL MEETING (VIDEOCONFERENCE) OF THE COUNCILS OF  
THE VILLAGE OF HOLDEN AND THE VILLAGE OF RILEY  
HELD THURSDAY APRIL 22, 2021**

**HOLDEN COUNCIL** members **PRESENT** at commencement:

Mayor Joy Zoopkow  
Councillor Mark Giebelhaus  
Councillor Bernie Marko  
Councillor John Markel

**VILLAGE OF RILEY COUNCIL** members **PRESENT** at commencement:

Mayor Terry Magneson  
Deputy Mayor Cyndy Heslin  
Councillor Brian Ducherer  
Councillor Mathew Kowalaski

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT** at commencement:

Amber Kostyk, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Holden  
Glen Hamilton-Brown, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Ryley

**REGRETS:**

Deputy Mayor Steven Marusiak

1. CALL TO ORDER

Glen Hamilton-Brown called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

1.1. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

**2021-04-22#J01: MOVED** by Cr. Heslin that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley appoint Amber Kostyk as Recording Secretary. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

1.2. NOMINATION/ELECTION OF CHAIR

Glen Hamilton-Brown called three times for the nomination of chairman.

Mayor Zoopkow nominated Cr Magneson.

As there were no further nominations, Cr. Magneson was appointed Chair of the Joint Special Council Meeting of April 22, 2021.

1.3. INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Magneson called for introductions of the Councils and Administration.

1.4. PROCEDURES

**2021-04-22#J02: MOVED** by Cr. Kowalski that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley agree to conduct this Joint Special Council Meeting according to Village of Ryley's Procedural Bylaw 2018-927

**SECONDED** by Cr Marko **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**2021-04-22#J03: MOVED** by Cr. Markel that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley adopt the agenda of the Joint Special Council meeting of April 22, 2021.

**SECONDED** by Cr. Kowalski

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. BUSINESS

4.1. Economic Development Alliance Between Holden and Ryley

**2021-04-22#J04: MOVED** by Cr. Ducherer that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley create a committee focused on exploring and promoting economic development in the region and such committee will be composed of 2 member of Ryley Council, 2 member of Holden council and 3 members of the public from both regions (municipalities?).

**SECONDED** by Mayor Zoopkow

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4.2. Beaver Emergency Services Commissions – Funding Formula

**2021-04-22#J05: MOVED** by Cr. Heslin that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley resolves that:

**Whereas**, we recognize that there has never been a specific formula produced for usage cost-sharing;

**And Whereas**, a formula for cost-sharing is likely to be complex in order to account for such factors as transient highway traffic, and recognition for revenue from service calls.

**And Whereas**, we recognize that there has never been a concluded agreement by all partners, whether in spirit or in statute;

**And Whereas**, it is probable and believable that all partners agreed to arrive at some future formula;

**So Therefore**, we are open to a discussion on usage formula being an element of the Beaver Emergency Services Commissions (BESC) cost sharing formula.

**SECONDED** by Cr. Marko

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4.3. Beaver Emergency Services Commissions – Financial Management

**2021-04-22#J06: MOVED** by Cr. Ducherer that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley requests that Beaver Emergency Services Commission (BESC) resolve the following:

**Whereas**, BESC desires to demonstrate a transparent and responsible fiduciary responsibility;

**And Whereas**, a large element of BESC revenue is derived from municipal partner cost sharing;

**And Whereas**, each municipal partner shares a significant contribution from their own resources;

**And Whereas**, BESC recognizes that there are three distinct types of municipal partners in the County, the Towns and the Villages;

**And Whereas**, BESC desires to recognize each municipal partner as equally valuable;

**So Therefore**, that BESC set in place by Bylaw that all financially related decisions may be carried only when that vote is carried by a number of Directors that represent at least the County of Beaver, at least one Town and at least one Village.  
(Can be achieved by 4 of 7 Directors, including 2 of 3 from Beaver County).

**SECONDED** by Cr. Kowalski

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-04-22#J07: MOVED** by Cr. Ducherer that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley requests that Beaver Emergency Services Commission (BESC) resolve to provide to all municipalities, Quarterly Profit and Loss reports commencing July 31, 2021 and every 3 months thereafter.

**SECONDED** by Mayor Zoopkow

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-04-22#J08: MOVED** by Mayor Zoopkow that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley requests that Beaver Emergency Services Commission (BESC) resolve that we suggest holding capital funds at the municipal level until capital purchases are made.

**SECONDED** by Cr. Ducherer

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-04-22#J09: MOVED** by Mayor Zoopkow that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley recognizes that the Shared Services Agreement at item 7, states that all capital cost sharing shall be withheld until a long-term capital funding and expenditure plan is produced by Beaver Emergency Services Commission (BESC), further this joint council interprets long-term as minimum of 5 years at any given time.

**SECONDED** by Mayor Magneson

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021-04-22#J10: MOVED** by Mayor Zoopkow that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley convene in closed session at 9:49 p.m. pursuant to Municipal Government Act (MGA), Section 197 and pursuant to the freedom of information and protection of privacy act (FOIP), Section 21, Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental relations.

**SECONDED** by Cr. Kowalski

**CARRIED**

Provide 5 minutes – 9:54 p.m.

**2021-04-22#J11: MOVED** by Cr. Marko that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley moves out of closed session at 10:31 p.m.

**SECONDED** by Cr. Ducherer

**CARRIED**

#### 4.4. Beaver Foundation – Regional Support and Initiatives

**2021-04-22#J12: MOVED** by Cr. Ducherer that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley support the future operations of the Holden Lodge by recognizing and agreeing that:

**Whereas**, The Foundation/lodge is a region wide venture that impacts all partners when decisions are made;

**And Whereas**, Covid is interim; however, the Lodge will still exist post-COVID and discussions on closing the lodge places undue pressures onto lodge staff, board and residence of the facility who are already under significant stress;

**And Whereas**, there are many variables, possible liabilities and factors connected to closing the Lodge that need to be considered in this discussion;

**And Whereas**, consolidation of rural facilities may create short term savings for the region, but the long-term impacts include harming a fellow community, removing seniors from their homes and overall reduces the quality of life for our seniors and their families.

**And Therefore**, The Villages are united towards our mutual support of Beaver Foundation in the continued operations of the Holden Lodge

**SECONDED** by Cr. Heslin

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 4.5. Charter School

**2021-04-22#J13: MOVED** by Cr. Heslin that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley give our full support to Holden Rural Academy and their endeavors in creating their new facility in Holden.

**SECONDED** by Mayor Zoopkow

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



4.6. Highway 14 Regional Water Commission – Franchise Agreement  
**2021-04-22#J14: MOVED** by Mayor Zoopkow that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley commit to working together in the negotiations for the Highway 14 Regional Water Commission new franchise agreement.  
**SECONDED** by Cr. Giebelhaus **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4.7. Intermunicipal Cooperation – Regional Strategy  
**2021-04-22#J15: MOVED** by Mayor Zoopkow that the Joint Special Council of the Villages of Holden and Ryley commit to work together on an intermunicipal cooperation regional strategy to enhance economic development and recreation in the villages.  
**SECONDED** by Cr. Marko **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 pm.

**Next meeting: at the call of the two municipal councils**

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MAYOR – VILLAGE OF HOLDEN

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – VILLAGE OF HOLDEN

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MAYOR – VILLAGE OF RYLEY



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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – VILLAGE OF RYLEY