

**Village Of Heisler  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Held in Council Chambers at the Heisler Office  
July 23, 2010 @ 10:30 A.M.**

Call to Order:

Mayor Maciborski called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

Subject

The subject of this meeting was the contaminated land that occupies the area north of the church, between the avenues of Manning and Rutherford and the streets of Main and Stewart.

In Attendance

Mayor Maciborski; Deputy Mayor Steil; Brenda Loesch, Chief Administration Officer; Gary Reuther, Public Works Forman; Alberta Ron Hansen, {Alberta Environment}, Paul Gauthier, Capacity Building Intern.

Background Notes

A few years ago there was talk within Council about turning the aforementioned area into a subdivision; however, due to previous decisions made in Heisler the land was no longer deemed acceptable to become a residential area. The Village of Heisler hired an engineering company by the name of Clifton Engineering based out of Regina, Saskatchewan to analyze the soil samples and convey the findings to Alberta Environment. Clifton Engineering found that the level of sulphate was higher than the acceptable level for a residential area. To date the Village of Heisler has spent over \$100,000 to remedy the situation. There are no longer plans to make the area into a subdivision, and it is the Villages hope to return the land into a recreational area. To ensure that the land is no longer contaminated 24 more soil samples must be taken (eight locations at three different depths). If these samples prove to be not contaminated than the Alberta Environment's file on the area will be closed.

Meeting Notes

The reasoning behind the meeting was to inquire whether further testing was needed. Mayor Maciborski also expressed worry that Alberta Environment had made incorrect assumptions about the land area, that they might have thought it was a barren land. Deputy Mayor Steil had many questions concerning the sampling itself. He was wondering whether it was possible for him to do the sampling himself, and if further sampling was needed. The later question became an idea of much discussion. As mentioned the area is no longer being considered as a future residential area and therefore follows a different criteria in regards to sulphate and ph levels. If the levels found in the previous soil sample prove to be acceptable than the land may be deemed not contaminated. Ron Hansen will inquire about this and contact the Village in the near future. Ron Hansen told the people in attendance of the meeting that the rational behind the additional soil samples was that Alberta

Environment had no base line samples to compare the old samples with. In other words, they have no idea the level of contaminants that naturally occur within the soil; the additional soil samples would address this problem. Mayor Maciborski and Deputy Mayor Steil made clear to the representative that a resolution will be put in place to ensure that the area will not be used as a subdivision unless the proper channels and sampling had been done. It was noted that Heisler has many other priorities to deal with that are more important than this subdivision. Further to this idea there are many other lots within Heisler that could be re-zoned to be residential lots. The meeting ended and following promises were made: that a resolution would be put in place to ensure the area will not be zoned and used for residential construction and that the Ron Hansen will ensure that additional soil samples are indeed needed if the area is merely used as a recreational area.

The Next Meeting concerning the Subject

The next meeting concerning the area will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at the Village Council Meeting, where the Village will discuss an easement with the Catholic Church in Heisler, the current landowner of the area. When Ron Hansen receives information concerning Heisler, additional meetings, if needed, will be planned.

As this was the only item to be addressed at this special meeting, Mayor Maciborski adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M.

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Sean Maciborski  
Mayor

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CAO  
Brenda Loesch