



Council Committee as a Whole

Minutes

December 11th, 2025

6:30 pm

In attendance: Mayor Scott Crick, Chris Hamblin, Trevor Thiessen, Tim Lewis, Mel Baxter, David Funk

Excused: Taylor Braun

Delegations:

- Morris Fire Department Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief annual report.

Council Discussion:

Council Round Table (Committee, Board, and Personal Reports):

Mayor Scott Crick

- Verbal report given.

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Chris Hamblin

- **Morris and Area Foundation**
 - The granting celebration was held on December 9th at the Multiplex. Despite the snowy weather, attendance was good. MAF was able to award in excess of \$45,000 to multiple organizations in the area and serving the area residents. The Giving Challenge in November was also up from last year with about \$72,000 received.
- **Morris District Chamber of Commerce:**
 - Board meeting was held December 10th. Membership continues to increase. The new membership fee will begin for the 2026 year and will assist in finances and services/programs they will be able to provide. The Chamber Bucks initiative has been well received. Looking to have the AGM, likely early in March of 2026. Rings of Influence was considered to be quite successful with several positive comments received following the event. It was agreed that we would host this every other year rather than annually.
- **Community Partners:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Economic development:**
 - Met with M. Richards to review the PTH Climate Adaptation Plan. Purpose was to identify and rank risks associated with climate change over time. Although the majority of high risks seemed to be associated with agriculture, we did discuss some threats and how these could be mitigated.

- **RRSH**

- Several of us had a ministerial meeting with Minister Smith's staff. The focus of the meeting was the need for senior's housing. This included the status of MB Housing's Villa and repairs needed, assisted living as well as senior's housing in general. The meeting was friendly and the staff are to line up a meeting early in the new year for further discussions with us and staff that need to be part of the discussion.

Noted and discussed

Councillor Taylor Braun

- **Valley Agricultural Society:**

- AGM was held on December 4th, 2025. Good attendance and a great evening. Matt Hoffman is now our President, and Brian Wiebe is our new VP for next year.
- Attended the MAF granting ceremony and received \$5000 for repairs to the Poersch Patio. Exciting things are happening.
- Most contracts for 2026 are already well on their way or complete and we are looking forward to what the new year will bring.

- **Valley Regional Library:**

- Diane and Claudia attended the MLA conference, and it was a huge success. Our programs looked quite good compared to some other rural libraries.
- VRL also attended the MAF granting ceremony and received \$450 towards the purchase of our new banner which looks awesome!

Noted and discussed

Councillor Tim Lewis

Committees, Boards, and Activities Attended: -

Public Works Report for December:

- **Main Street:**

- All bike racks, benches, pots have been put away.
- Christmas lights have been hung and are all operational.

- **Road Infrastructure:**

- 2026 Road Infrastructure Budget.
-Multiple quotes received for work.

- **Current Projects:**

- Snow removal.
- Yard maintenance.
- Trails grant project 90% complete.

- **Upcoming Projects:**

- Water meter replacement program.
- 2026 project planning.

- **Education/Administration:**

- Joel currently in Water Distribution Class 1.
- Budget preparation.
- Annual reviews to begin asap.

- Business continuity plan & schedule/timeline calendar are in the works.
- **Recommendations/Discussion:**
 - Garbage bins (going good – not too busy yet)

Noted and discussed

Councillor Mel Baxter

- Verbal report given

Noted and discussed

Councillor David Funk

- Verbal report given

Noted and Discussed

Councillor Trevor Thiessen

- Verbal report given

Noted and Discussed

Red River Supportive Housing Project: Chris Hamblin

- RRSH met on December 4th for a special board meeting to consider the request from both the RM of Morris and the RM of Montcalm to withdraw their membership from the RRSH Corporation. The request was accepted and the steps to complete this were discussed. The 3 municipalities have guaranteed a line of credit at the Access Credit Union and this will need to be paid off. We are targeting to have this done before year end. All agreed that the effort was positive, but the economic conditions were making the timing poor to continue.

Noted and Discussed

New Business:

- EMO Coordinator – Alert Ready MB program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm