

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MASILONYANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY HELD ON 24TH JANUARY 2014 AT 14:00 IN THE TOWN HALL, BRANDFORT

Present: Councillors: K.S Koloane; S J Mabitla; Z P Thuthani; S L Kgoe; D E Modise; M M Kholumo; V M Lekale; K P Dichakane M Moloele; X Nqwiliso P Ramongalo; T J Chele; M B Tsoaela; S C Mangoejane; J A Pienaar; P T Botha; and I I Majara; M. Venter; N.G Mafa.

Officials: Messrs S S Mtakati (Municipal Manager); D Nthau (Manager Corporate Services); Z Ntjwabule (Manager: Office of Mayor); Me. Annah Klaas (Acting Manager Social & Community Services); Me. M Mokoena (Chief Financial Officer); T Molete (Manager Office of the speaker) and Ms. Mahula (Scriber).

ITEM 1
OPENING:

Cllr Botha opened with a prayer, whereafter the Municipal Manager read the notice of the Ordinary Council meeting to Council and thereafter the Speaker welcomed all present and declared the meeting officially opened.

ITEM 2
APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

- Me Maphobole (Manager Social & Community Services) she appointed Me Annah Klaas to act on her behalf.

ITEM 3
OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr Maja (Director Infrastructure) tendered his resignation letter he is no longer in the municipality as from 7th January 2014.
- CFO (Me Mokoena) she is on notice period and agreed to stay until month end February 2014 to help with annual report and Mid-year performance assessment report and annual financial report.
- **Congratulations by councillors:**
- Cllr Pienaar wished Me Mokoena and Mr Maja well in their future endeavours.
- Cllr Majara also wish them well in this regard.
- Cllr Botha applauded them and thank their presence in the municipality and urged that the person who is going to be elected for the position must be a person willing to build career with the municipality.

- The mayor also indicated that this is a sad moment that people of such calibre to leave the municipality furthermore she informed council that the advertisement is been placed and they are ready to fill the vacancy.

ITEM 4**MOTION (S) OF SYMPATHY AND CONGRATULATIONS BY THE SPEAKER:**

None.

ITEM 5**MOTION(S) OF SYMPHATHY AND CONGRATULATIONS:**

- **Condolences were passed to the following families:**
- The family of Xola Matiwane (Acting Unit Manager in Brandfort) and Tsholela.
- **Congratulations:**
- Cllr Kholumo congratulated Kaizer Chiefs for beating Mamelodi Sundowns 1-0.
- Bafana Bafana for their participation in CAF.

ITEM 6**DEPUTATION AND INTERVIEWS:**

- None.

RESOLVED

- Council resolved that this item should not be included as item in the agenda.

ITEM 7**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST****7.1 ON ANY ITEM ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA:**

None.

7.2 DECLARATION OF THE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS AND OFFICIALS:

None

ITEM 8
REPORTS OF THE SPEAKER IN TERMS OF RULES 15(1) AND 99(4):

- None, speaker indicated that councillors still adhere to code of conduct.

ITEM 9
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

9.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 15 OCTOBER 2013, THEUNISSEN – TOWN HALL AT 14H00

The following corrections were made on the minutes:

The name of councillor Mafa was not included in the minutes.
The spelling of Nomalanda is Nomalandla.

RESOLVED:

That minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 December 2013 at Theunissen - Town Hall, with corrections made is the true reflection of the proceedings of the said meeting, minutes are approved.

9.1.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Cllr Botha indicated that the community of Brandfort is unable to collect their bill due to the problem of cables.
- Cllr pienaar indicated that municipality is also obliged to pay their debtors who renders service to the municipality.
- The speaker responded that councillors should not wait for the council to sit to raise such matters, they supposed to do a formal communication with the office of the speaker or municipal manager so that this matters are provided with attention.
- Municipal manager said that service providers should do proper communication to administration.
- Cllr Botha informed the council that municipal employees are the one who leak information to media regarding situations of municipality.
- Cllr Chele wanted feedback regarding the bucked eradication project.

- It was responded that the municipal manager will have engagements with department of human settlement and will provide council with progress.
- Council wanted progress on UIF and pension fund.
- It was responded that the administration is busy with calculations to avoid the issue of underpaying councillors, to correlate certain dates and proper figures.
- Cllr Nqwiliso wanted progress on the issue of the office of the councillors.
- It was responded that the furniture is bought and distributed;
 - a) In **Brandfort** cooperatives was using the building as their offices what's remain is to make proper arrangements to split offices into two.
 - b) In **soutpan** the issue was that the unit manager is sharing the office with the councillor.
 - c) In **Theunissen** the challenge was that the furniture was unable to be delivered due to community unrest.
 - d) In **Winburg** the councillors are going to use some of the furniture which was bought by the municipality but not utilised.
 - e) In **Veerkeerdevelei** the furniture is bought and distributed.
- Cllr Sekharume wanted progress on the issue of approaching Stastics SA in developing questionnaire.
- It was responded that the questionnaire is already being developed the programme is set to enrol.
- Speaker emphasised that councillors should always be available on their offices to attend to public issues.

ITEM 10

REPORTS FROM THE SPEAKER:

10.1 REPLACEMENT OF VACANT SEATS IN A WARD COMMITTEE

- The ward has been underperforming for almost a year due to non-performance by some of elected ward committee members since they were elected.
- Office of the speaker decided to engage the entire ward constituency and inform them about the ins and outs including the underperformance in the ward.
- Speaker suggested to council to note that ward committee had to co – opt some members to serve and replace non performing ward committee members.

- Office intervene and the matter taken to ward constituency and the elections were held and non performing members were replaced.

COUNCIL RESOLVED

- Council take note of the work done to date
- That newly elected ward committee be placed in municipal payroll systems and be paid accordingly.

10.2 PROGRESS REPORT OVER CONSULTATIONS PROGRAMME

- Both consultation programme began during the last last week of November and the first week of December 2013.
- Both programme we put on hold after the announcement of the death of the former state president DR Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela/hence the special council was convened.
- The schedule on IDP to compensate lost time has been issued.

Common inputs and comments raised during phase 1(ward 2 Verkeerdevlei and 3 Soutpan) on ward based community consultation meetings.

- a) Allocation of sites.
- b) Inadequate water supply and quality.
- c) UN – serviced high mast lights.
- d) Bad roads due to lack of Maintenance.
- e) Speed humps on main roads.
- f) Incomplete upgrading and renovation of municipal buildings.
- g) Need for more recreational facilities and no Maintenance plan for existing facilities.
- h) Illegal dumping.
- i) Incorrect and inconsistent billing of accounts.

COUNCIL RESOLVED

- Council take note of the programme attached.
- Council resolved that section 56 managers should take some time out and attend this sessions,
- Final product of these engagements will be presented by the Hon Mayor.
- Council take note of inputs from both soutpan and Verkeerdevlei.

ITEM 12

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR:

12.1 REPORT FROM INFRASTRUCTURE:

12.1.1 MIG PROJECTS

- The mayor indicated that the following projects are registered to be implemented:
 - a) Theunissen for fencing of reservoirs.
 - b) Soutpan fencing of cemetery.
 - c) Brandfort fencing of reservoirs.
 - d) Winburg fencing of reservoirs.
 - e) Brandfort fencing of cemetery.
 - f) Theunissen fencing of cemetery.
 - g) Soutpan fencing of oxidants ponds.

- The mayor indicated that the manual labour should be considered during implementation of this project.
- Council was also informed that some project are delayed by over pricing of bidders.

COUNCIL RESOLVED

- Council take note of the report.

12.1.2 DWA ACTION PLAN

- The mayor indicated that the department of water affairs in the region has embarked on the assessment of water supply infrastructure in the municipality that are struggling in the water service delivery based on previous experienced and protests.
- That Masilonyana was identified as a water services authority that are urgently needed assistance and interventions to improve its water services delivery to community.
- DWA managed to do assessment that includes water, water waste water infrastructure, water storage capacities and reticulation network.
- Current and future projects were identified and compiled in a DWA action plan format.

COUNCIL RESOLVED

- Council take note of the report.

12.1.3 RBIG FUNDS:

- The municipality receive RBIG funds for bulk water infrastructure development to address backlogs.
- R37 million has been allocated for the 2013/14 financial year.
- A contractor has been appointed to implement the raw water line from Theunissen to Brandfort.
- Site handover will be on the 4th November 2013.
- The size of the pipe will reduce due to the fact that soutpan was taken out of the scheme.

RESOLVED

- Council take note of the report.

12.1.4 REPORT ON YELLOW FLEET:

- The mayor indicated that the municipality is responsible for infrastructure development and Maintenance.
- The fleet to undertake those responsibilities is insufficient and poses serious challenge to address the backlogs.
- The tractors and yellow fleet is too old and need to be replaced as they spend more time on repairs.
- The grading of the street and the dirt roads need to be repaired with the important of gravel.
- There is an urgent need to procure or lease the following yellow fleet:
 - a) TLB
 - b) Grader
 - c) Compact big
 - d) 3 small compactors 900 mm vibrating drum
 - e) Excavator
 - f) Cherry picker.
- The mayor also informed the council that the municipality was previously requested assistance from the Lejweleputswa for yellow fleet support.

RESOLVED:

- Council resolved to lease above mentioned yellow fleet from local organs to rescue the situation.
- Council take note of the report of the as tabled.

12.1.5 ESKOM APPLICATIONS:

- The mayor indicated that there are lots of water interruptions due to insufficient electricity supply to our pump stations and our water treatment plants.
- The municipality has therefore applied for additional power in a form of increasing the transformers capacity at Brandfort.
- The application was declined by ESKOM due to the fact that they have no capacity to supply with additional power, the issue was referred to DWA for interventions.

RESOLVED

- Council take note of the progress report on the matter.

12.1.6 BRANDFORT MOUNTAIN VIEW:

- The mayor reminded the council of the programme which was launched by former president Thabo Mbeki of bucket eradication in addressing the issue of bucket system, also the resolution of council sitting in soutpan that all contractors who did not manage to complete the project be blacklisted.
- The mayor informed the council that the sewer spillage in Brandfort Mountain View, the Maintenance team had unblocked it on several occasions.
- The consultation that implemented the bucket eradication project in that had been called to undertake the investigations.
- Mayor indicated that municipality should also consider to employ security officers.
- Furthermore the mayor informed the council that he engaged the MEC on the issue of avoiding roll over.

RESOLVED:

- Council take note of the progress to date.

12.1.7 REPORT ON STREET LIGHTS

RESOLVED:

- Council resolved to take note of the progress in this matter.

12.1.8 REPORT ON VERKEERDEVLEI WWTW UPGRADING

- The municipality requested funding of R9, 000, 442, 12 from MIG for upgrading of WWTW, human settlement recommended only R7, 250, 00, 00 will be co funded by the municipality.

RESOLVED

- Council resolved to adopt and note the report as it is.

LED REPORT

- The mayor informed that the municipality has already advertised to fill the position of section 56 manager in economic and development for department to be functional.
- SMMEs must be registered to be considered.
- The mayor also indicated that he will have engagement with the mines to come and be part of uplifting cooperatives in this regard.

RESOLVED

- Council take note of the report.

12.2.1(B) MASILONYANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY MID – YEAR BUDGET ASSESMENT REPORT:

- The mayor also reminded the council of resolution of Amanzi strategic workshop to municipality to be able to monitor the performance of municipality and section 56 managers.

RESOLVED:

- Council resolved to take note of the report.

12.2.2 (B) MASILONYANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY: 2012/13 FINANCIAL YEAR ANNUAL REPORT

- The speaker indicated that this item came as compliance of municipal financial management act.
- The mayor further informed the council of AG finding of:
 - a) Out dated information for verifications.
 - b) Budget on accurate statistics.
 - c) Filling of vacant posts.

d) TLC system past and present projects are reflected.

RESOLVED

- Council resolved to adopt the annual financial report as it is and the final document will be accompanied by auditor general report for council to take into consideration.

**12.2.3 (C) REPORT OF SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES;
APPLICATION OF LAND FOR PIG BREEDING AND MEAT AGRO -
PROCESSING**

- Cllr Lekale moved for adoption of the report.
- Cllr Botha informed the council that the item was never brought to section 80 for deliberations, she further mentioned that this area has a running bore hole.

RESOLVED

- Council resolved to take a note of the report and the matter will be brought back to municipal manager and section 79 committee for deliberations.

13. DEPUTATIONS

- None

14. QUESTION OF WQICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

- None

15. CLOSURE

THE MEETING ADJOURNED : 17H15
APPROVED :
CHAIRPERSON : :