

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**MINUTES INAUGURAL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 2, 2014**

The Inaugural meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening December 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Staff and members of the public in attendance: Rev. Walter Winger; Mary Sterling; Judy Edwards; Judy Ransome; Andrew Farnsworth; Bob Edmunds.

The following newly elected members of Council read and signed their Declarations of Office: Reeve Glenn Miller Councillors: Rosalind Hall; Barbara Marlow; George Sterling and Doug Weddel.

The Reeve Glenn Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated all members of Council on their re-election for another term.

Reeve Miller introduced Rev. Walter Winger.

Rev. Winger provided words of inspiration to the members of Council and gave the following blessing:

“Heavenly Father, we come to you as citizens of Ryerson who have elected a group of dedicated men and women to lead this Municipality for another term. True, they do get paid a bit for their services, but their gift of time and effort far exceeds the value of the payment they receive. I ask that you would guide and strengthen them in the tasks that lie ahead.

Give them patience when we as citizens are impatient, dealing angrily with only part of the relevant facts, and caustic in our thoughtless criticisms of their efforts.

And please give the reaffirmed members of this Council a clear understanding that their re-election is primarily to service for this area, not only to positions of authority. Give them wisdom as they consider actions that impact on every citizen in Ryerson – on families with small children, on youth who are struggling with education costs and opportunities, and on the elderly whose strength is slowly slipping away and for whom housing and care is a constant concern. What a wide range of responsibilities these men and women have been asked to assume.

Help them, I pray, as they try to budget their time – serving this community and also maintaining their homes and family relationships. Reward them with a sense of mission as daily they involve themselves in the municipal affairs of the Township of Ryerson.

All of this we ask in the name of our Lord. AMEN.

Glenn Miller thanked Reverend Winger for his blessing and a short reception followed.

The Inaugural meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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