

The minutes of the regular meeting of Twp of Lake of the Woods Council held on Tuesday December 6, 2005 at 7:00pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

- PRESENT** Mayor: V Pizey Councilors: W Lundgren, J Moen & T Sepers Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt: Ed Pearson, Fire Chief Chris Pollard & J Eastman, Visitors: Reporter Ruth Brett. Fire Chief gave update on the Fire Dept as well as information on 2001 pumper that is available. If purchased it would replace the Bergland Pumper & the rapid attack truck would replace the Morson pumper. The purchase of the rapid attack truck is to be finalized as well.
- MINUTES** #05-128 **MOEN & SEPERS & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on November 4th, 2005, be adopted as circulated.
- ACCOUNTS** #05-129 **LUNDREN & MOEN & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount \$126,264.70 and representing disbursements for the month November, except the accounts for Bergland General Store be approved for payment.
- ACCOUNTS** #05-130 **COUNCILLOR SEPERS DECLARED AN INTEREST** in these accounts. **MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount \$611.80 and representing disbursements for the month November for Bergland General Store be approved for payment.
- HWY 621** #05-113 **LUNDGREN & SEPERS & CARRIED** that the Clerk-Treasurer write to Larry Lambert @ MTO to complain about the length of time Hwy 621 was closed. It was closed 4 days after a recent rain storm. Also to express Council's displeasure with the standard of maintenance on the highway.
- TAX W/O** #05-132 **SEPERS & LUNDREN & CARRIED** that Council authorize tax write offs as per the attached listing and in the amount of \$672.62 General and \$395.83 Education.
- RESOLUTIONS** #05-133 **LUNDGREN & SEPERS & CARRIED** that Council support the following resolutions: Twp of Tecumseh requesting that passports be good for 10 years rather 5 years & Cornwall regarding statutory amendments to more specifically direct interest arbitrators to take into account ability to pay and local economy when making awards.
- FIRE DISPATCH** #05-134 **SEPERS & MOEN & CARRIED** that the Town of Fort Frances be advised that the Township of Lake of the Woods will participate in the fire dispatch service for the area, which is to be operated by Dryden Police Services.
- IN CAMERA** #05-135 **LUNDREN & MOEN & CARRIED** that the meeting go in camera @ 10:15 to discuss legal issues. (The meeting was declared open @ 10:50 p.m.)
- RECIPRICAL** #05-136 **SEPERS & MOEN & CARRIED** that Council authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to sign, on behalf of the municipality, a Retainer Agreement with Guy Wainwright, to represent the municipality in the issue of the deficit in the ROMA Insurance Program.
- FIRE TRUCK** #05-137 **SEPERS & LUNDREN & CARRIED** that Council authorize the purchase of a used 2001 fire pumper from Stratton Equipment. The cost is approximately \$90000 to \$95000 plus taxes. Funding of the purchase is to be from the provincial grant, surplus and or reserves.
RECORDED VOTE: FOR LUNDGREN, PIZEY & SEPERS, AGAINST MOEN.

OTHER MATTERS Road Supt submitted his written report which was reviewed. He provided an update on the roads as well. The Mayor & Councillors expressed their complete displeasure with the condition of Hwy 621 and the closing of the Hwy from Sunday night until Wednesday due to an ice storm, see resolution 131. The Clerk-Treasurer is to update home occupations businesses with MPAC. Minister of Ag & Food responded to Sudbury resolution and the drainage program, no changes. The Clerk-Treasurer provided budget update which was reviewed and we are presently in a surplus position. OMPFunding update was received with no additional funding even though costs are up. Our restricted limit of grants has just increased. AMO gas tax agreement & funding was received. Council is not appointing a representative to the RRFDC at this time. The Clerk will update a NWHU survey of essential people for vaccine distribution during an influenza pandemic. Recreation Committee had a hunter's supper & craft show and is holding a lutefisk supper this weekend. J Cawston was unable to update council on "Best Start" program, due to poor road condition, the Mayor & Council want specific information on the program and a public meeting held in LOW on the matter. Councillors Moen & Fadden, the Clerk-Treasurer & Fire Chief attended the emergency plan training. CMHC wants monthly building permit information from the Twp on new home construction; the report does not include cottages or seasonal residences.

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LUNDGREN & SEPERS & CARRIED that the meeting is adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

_____Mayor _____Clerk