

The minutes of the regular meeting of Twp of Lake of the Woods Council held on Tuesday January 3, 2006 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

- PRESENT Mayor: V Pizey Councilors: C Fadden, J Moen & T Sepers. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt: E Pearson, Visitors Reporter Ruth Brett.
- MINUTES SEPERS & FADDEN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council #06-01 held on December 6th, 2005, be adopted as circulated.
- ACCOUNTS SEPERS & MOEN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount \$154,995.27 and #06-02 representing disbursements for the month December, less the accounts for Bergland General Store, be approved for payment.
- ACCOUNTS COUNCILLOR SEPERS DECLARED A CONFLICT ON THIS ACCOUNT #06-03 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount \$323.06 and representing disbursements for the month December, for Bergland General Store, be approved for payment.
- BGFN FIRE SEPERS & FADDEN & CARRIED that Big Grassy First Nation be advised that the Twp #06-04 of Lake of the Woods is willing to enter into negotiations for a fire agreement between BGFN and the Township.
- BI GARBAGE MAYOR PIZEY AS FIRST NATION MANAGER DECLARED A CONFLICT, Councillor #06-05 Moen took the Chair. SEPERS & MOEN & CARRIED that Council agrees to allow Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing to use the Bergland Dump effective Jan 4, 2006 for an annual fee of \$2500.00(their contractor delivery only for household waste). In addition persons from the unincorporated area can use Bergland Dump for the fees as established from time to time.
- RRDMA SEPERS & MOEN & CARRIED that the following be authorized to attend the annual. #06-06 RRDMA meeting in Bergland Jan 28, 2006: the Clerk-Treasurer & all members of council.
- RESERVES SEPERS & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council approves the allocation to the reserve for #06-07 dump closure as budgeted in 2005 and in the amount of \$36,284.08 and further that the liability for possible insurance reciprocal deficits in the amount of \$13,052.24 be expensed in 2005.
- INSURANCE SEPERS & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council authorize renewal of municipal insurance #06-08 through Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada Ltd with a premium of \$19,281.00 plus PST.
- IN CAMERA SEPERS & MOEN CARRIED that Council go in camera to discuss personnel matters #06-09 at 10:30 p.m. The meeting was declared open at 10:55 p.m.
- WAGES ETC MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council authorize the following changes effective #06-10 Jan 1st, 2006: a cost of living adjustment to all wages & salaries of 2%, the mileage rate be increased to .37 per km and the exchange rate on US funds be reduced to 10%.

OTHER MATTERS In adopting the last meeting minutes it was noted that the minutes did not contain a reference to the fact that council had expressed a concern with the perception of a conflict in the purchase of the fire trucks as the Fire Chief works for Stratton Equipment and to distinguish between being a salesperson and the Fire Chief however Council deemed the purchase to be in the best interest of the municipality. The Rd Supt reported on roads, and the furnace at the Bergland hall being replaced by an electric furnace due to burn out of oil furnace. Council complemented the Rd Supt on plowing but wanted sand applied to icy roads. The Clerk updated council on the budget and recommended allocations to reserve, see motion, there will be a deficit for the year however the accumulated surplus position at year end. Update on cost of living was also provided Nov to Nov 2%. Councillor Sepers advised that Recreation Committee had ice on the rink for 3 days before melting due to warm weather. He also reported on meeting with Big Grassy FN regarding them wanting fire protection. The Clerk reported on letters from MTO regarding Hwy 621 snow pack condition & Spruce Creek will be replaced in Ministry priority list for capital projects. J Cawston for Best start did not appear before council again. MPAC levy increase to \$23196 from \$22841 for 2006 NWHU levy \$54.33/c remains the same & WSIB increase from \$1.54 to \$1.64. Chapple Twp will not be joining group to dispute the insurance reciprocal deficit billings. Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing to be allowed to use Bergland dump for deliveries of household garbage by their contractor for flat fee, others will pay according to user fee schedule. Council did not support resolution for NOMA energy policy for the north. Auditors will be arriving Jan 16. Council and community groups will meet Jan 16 @ 7pm to discuss use of Bergland hall use and responsibilities of those groups using the hall. The Mayor reported on proposal by RRDSSAB new office accommodations and Lake of the Woods will not support any changes at present time due to uncertainty in the commercial sector of various communities. Council will meet in camera to discuss personnel issues with the Rd Supt Feb 7th @ 6pm.

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

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk