

The minutes of the special meeting of Twp of Lake of the Woods Council held on Monday July 26th, 2004 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

PRESENT

Mayor: V Pizey Councilors: C Fadden & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt: E Pearson, Visitors: Approximately 17 ratepayers in attendance. The Mayor provide answers to questions posed in the letter to the Editor by J Gaudry in the RR Record July 13 and asked for clarification on "How can the good people that live, work and pay taxes in LOW Township trust two people that were involved in the nepotism scandal to not load up the empty seats with friends or family and make their clique even bigger and stronger? He advised that he meant Mayor Pizey & Councillor Fadden. J Gaudry then made a presentation on being involved in business & building the community & should be not be open to questions as to why he is speaking about the issues facing council, he closed with a thank you to council for positive steps taken tonight. Maryann McCormack advised that she is still unable to get WSIB clearance or number. The Clerk reported on discussions with WSIB & the fact that 2 of the potential contractors have not been able to get a determination as independent contractor or registration of their business. See resolution below, it was further confirmed that no offer of a 3 year contract had been made by the municipality even though council discussed that matter. Sheila Gate presented a petition from 84 taxpayers stating "We the Tax payers of Lake of the Woods Township would like the nonsense that has been going on with our council to quit.....". see below . Also concern about children using lumber from our yard to build skate board ramps, the Rd Supt to put lumber in quonset and scrap lumber to be placed in the landfill. The Clerk will check with other municipalities to see how they deal with skate boarding on municipal property, what signs are necessary etc. Mrs. Bernier has submitted amendment to the consent and the Clerk reported on the meeting with the Bernier family regarding these changes, the amendment will be considered next meeting.

AGENDA
#04-96

LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the agenda be adopted with the addition of procedural by-law review and a letter from D Larsen.

VACANCY
#04-97

FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that pursuant to Section 262 of the Municipal Act, office of Ernest McCormack, Councillor Ward II, is declared vacant.

VACANCY
#04-98

LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that pursuant to Section 263 of the Municipal Act, JoAnn Moen be appointed as Councillor for Ward II.

BY-LAW 132
#04-99

MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that By-law No 132, being the By-election By-law, be enacted and passed.

BY-ELECTION
#04-100

FADDEN & MOEN & CARRIED that the Clerk be instructed to prepare a by-law to use vote-by-mail for the by-election.

MINUTES
#04-101

LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on July 6th, 2004, be adopted as circulated.

PETITION
#04-102

MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council receive a petition from approximately 84 ratepayers requesting that the nonsense that has been going on with our council quit.

SEVERN
#04-103

MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council support the Township of Severn request that the province provide funding for mandatory emergency planning programs.

MAYOR PIZEY Declared a conflict as band manager of one of the First Nations & vacated the chair. Councillor Lundgren acted as Head of Council for this item.

- GARBAGE FEE #04-104 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the 2004 fee for First Nation use of our land fill site be \$2296 & the bill be due by August 31st, 2004.
- WSIB #04-105 LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the Clerk write to M McCormack & F Gate & advise that they must continue to try to obtain WSIB coverage. Council will cover their contract for WSIB purposes until Feb 28, 2005.
- WAX FLOOR #04-106 FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that S Gate be authorized to strip & wax the Bergland hall floor.
- OTHER MATTERS The Clerk clarified the procedural by-law as it relates to the matter of presentations & petitions being on the agenda, notice and general nature of item to be discussed is required in the Clerk's office prior to agenda being mailed the Thursday before the Council meeting. A letter of resignation from Councillor E McCormack was read. The changes along with an application for consent from M Helder will be considered at the next meeting. The Clerk reported on the floating dock in Morson and the Rd Supt is to be requested to place the dock next to the boat launch ramp and further that a walkup ramp be built for this dock. The Clerk is to check with the RRDSSAB on specifications for the heliport. R A Gill Ltd has confirmed that they will sell the necessary property for the heliport. Once specifications are know construction prices could be sought. The Clerk reported that funding is now available from Small Craft Harbours for repairs to Morson Gov't Dock as well an interim lease is necessary until ownership is turned over to the township. Apportionment from RRDSSAB was received the board has used past surpluses to keep increases in ambulance down to acceptable levels our levy is about \$3000 less than last year's levy. Signs for posting under the Safe Drinking Water regulations were received & will be placed in all municipal buildings @ each water faucet. These signs advise either not to drink the water or that the water has not been tested or treated for drinking purposes. A letter of concern over the amount of gill nets on the Lake of the Woods was received and the Clerk will write to Richard & Karen Kranenberg advising them that the township does not control fishing and they should send their concerns to the Ministry of Natural Resources. A request for sponsorship of a gaming table for Emo handi-van was received. However AGCO has advised that their scheme would not fit within the licensing framework and Emo council also asked for financial support but we will not provide any as it would not be a practical services for the municipality. RR Public Library requesting additional funding over and above the grant but council believes they should charge the users a fee to cover their costs. Council received a letter of complaint about the roads & the Rd Supt, the matters will be discussed between a committee of council and the Rd Supt. An appropriate response could then be provided to Mr. D Larsen.
- ADJOURN #04-107 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting is adjourned at 11:00 p.m. and the next meeting be held in Morson on September 7, 2004.

_____ Mayor _____

_____ Clerk