

The minutes of the regular meeting of Twp of Lake of the Woods Council held on Wednesday June 2nd, 2004 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers, the meeting date & location was changed to accommodate the ratepayers wishing to attend the meeting.

- PRESENT** Mayor: V Pizey Councilors: C Fadden & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt: E Pearson, Visitors: Approximately 30 ratepayers in attendance.
- MINUTES #04-78** LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 4th, 2004, be adopted as circulated.
- ACCOUNTS #04-79** COUNCILLOR FADDEN Declared an interest in the Payroll accounts FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$132,568.43 and representing disbursements for the month of May be approved for payment.
- The Clerk-Treasurer gave an overview of the proposed budget and questions from the public were answered regarding the proposed budget & tax rates. The Clerk-Treasurer advised that he was able to have the Ministry of Finance submit a new regulation to lower the commercial tax rate and limit an increase to less than 1% for commercial properties.
- BY-LAW 131 TAX RATES #04-80** FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that: By-law #131, being the 2004 Tax Rates by-law be enacted.
- PUBLIC PORTION** At this time the Mayor opened the meeting for delegations: T Sepers, M Bartel & Justin Gaudry made presentations about the hiring and awarding of contracts in April. Discussion between the parties & the Mayor pursued. J Gaudry advised that he did not believe Council dealt with his concern about dump hours in Morson. This portion of the meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8:45p.m.
- SECTION 300 RPRT #04-81** FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council receive the Section 300 report on improvements to Efficiency and Effectiveness for the year 2003.
- TAX W/OFFS #04-82** LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council authorize the write off of taxes as follows and as contained in the attached report: General \$1716.39, Education \$1032.97 and total of \$2749.36.
- CENTENNIAL #04-83** FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorize a congratulatory advertisement in the special edition of the Rainy River Record for the Town of Rainy River 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. And further that a plaque be ordered for presentation to the Town at the celebration July 31.
- US POST BOX #04-84** LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council authorize opening a US Postal Box in Baudette MN for US mail.
- PLAYERS BOX #04-85** FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorize the removal of the players boxes at the rink and that an electrician be hired to disconnect the electricity at the said boxes.
- IN CAMERA #04-86** LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council go in camera to discuss personnel matters at 10:10 p.m.  
The meeting was declared open at 10:17 p.m.
- RD SUPT #04-87** LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council authorize the increase for the Rd Supt as agreed and effective Jan 1, 2004.

VACANCY  
#04-88

LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that pursuant to Section 262 of the Municipal Act, Council declare the seat of Councillor A Gate vacant, due to his resignation filed with the Clerk under Section 260. And further that the next runner up in Ward I, Nancy Gate, be asked if she is interested in the seat. If Nancy is not interested then the Clerk is authorized to advertise for interested persons to fill the vacancy.

OTHER MATTERS

Rd Sup updated on roads, including pricing for a 1 ton, a tractor & mower, he is to file a complete report on the proposal. Clerk reported that we are still awaiting answer from WSIB re contracts awarded in April, this to determine if an independent contractor or an employee, only answer received was for S Gate & she is an independent contractor. Clerk has circulated to council members draft policies on procurement of goods & services, bid protest, bid irregularities, criminal background check, workplace harassment/discrimination, code of conduct for council members & code of ethics for employees as well as a multi year comparison on performance measurements. At the end of the public meeting Fred Gate advised that he was resigning from the cemetery contract. Livestock valuer John Olson submitted his resignation. Clerk to check out policies & regulations on selling fireworks. The Mayor updated Council on meeting with RRDSSAB & Min of Health reps regarding 3 possible site for an ambulance heliport in the Morson area. MNR seeking representation on their Aulneau Peninsula Enhanced Management Area Wildlife Plan, E McCormack to be asked if he is interested. Clerk updated council on letter consenting to a propane handling station @ Canada North Houseboats & a request from J Fisher for a letter of support to HRDC regarding an employee at Tamarack Lodge as well a notice was placed in the RR Record regarding 2003 financial statements being available, we received our 2004 insurance policy & billing.

ADJOURN  
#04-89

FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting is adjourned at 11:00 p.m. and the next meeting be held at Morson.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

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