

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday April 1st, 2008 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

- Present Mayor: V Pizey, Councillors: C Fadden, N Gate, J Moen & T Sepers. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt E Pearson, Fire Chief S McNally, Reporter Ruth Brett Visitors: M Withers & S Parsons. The Fire Chief gave an update on the training as well as a written report from the fire department. 4-5 only attending the training and F Sheppard is nearing completion of the review of our establishing & regulating by-laws. Our level of service will be reviewed and council will consider budget funds within that scope of protection services. Also the proposed amendment to the fire point system had been given to the Fire Chief and input was requested by Council, see resolution 08-34 below. The Fire Chief was also reminded that the fire hall was a work place and no smoking was allowed. Information on smoke detectors being required will be included in the information sheet in the tax bills.
- MINUTES **#08-31** MOEN & GATE & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held March 4th, 2008 be approved as circulated.
- ACCOUNTS **#08-32** SEPERS & MOEN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$67,218.46 and representing disbursements for the month of March, less the accounts for Bergland General Store, R A Gill & Miller Contracting, be approved for payment.
- ACCOUNTS **#08-33** MOEN & GATE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$2,389.67 and representing disbursements for the month of March, for Bergland General Store, R A Gill & Miller Contracting be approved for payment. **C FADDEN DECLARED** an interest as spouse is an employee of Miller Contracting. **COUNCILLOR SEPERS** Declared an interest in the accounts of Bergland General Store.
- HR POLICY **#08-34** FADDEN & MOEN & CARRIED that HR Policy 28.0 Vacation, be amended to include "Family Day" as one of ten paid Public Holidays. This being for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of February each year. And HR Policy 24.1 Compensation & Benefits: Volunteer Fire Department, be updated to include a minimum number of points to participate and prorating of fire points budget if the number of volunteers meeting the minimum points requirement is less than 20.
- MCBRIDE **#08-35** GATE & SEPERS & CARRIED that J McBride be advised that Council is not prepared to accept his offer of \$1500.00 as the Parkland Tax payment for severance file 46B0701.
- NOMA **#08-36** GATE & MOEN & CARRIED that Valerie Pizey be authorized to attend the annual NOMA conference in Thunder Bay April 16 to 19, 2008.
- RRDSSAB **#08-37** MOEN & SEPERS & CARRIED that RRDSSAB be advised that the Council of the Township of Lake of the Woods wishes to consider alterations to the current apportionment formula.
- LIBRARY **#08-38** SEPERS & FADDEN & **DEFEATED** that the Rainy River Public Library be advised that the Township of Lake of the Woods will contribute \$3600.00 in support for the year 2008.
- RESERVE 07 **#08-39** MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the 2007 annual budget be amended to delete the allocation of \$15,000.00 to the Dump Closure Reserve. There was sufficient interest earned on the investment to meet the required allocation balance in the reserve.
- STATEMENTS **#08-40** FADDEN & SEPERS & CARRIED that Council receive the 2007 audited Financial Reports.
- ROADS **#08-41** GATE & MOEN & CARRIED that Pursuant to the 2008 Municipal Road & Bridge Infrastructure Investment the Township of Lake of the Woods acknowledges the allocation of \$208,848.00 from the Province of Ontario and the funds will be used for municipal road and bridge capital investment needs. And further that a final summary report detailing etc shall be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation and MTO may request an independent audit of the project. And further that any funds not used in accordance with rehabilitation of municipal roads and bridge capital investment needs or the outlined terms will be returned to the ministry.

OTHER

The Road Supt submitted his written report to council including the issue of the plow truck striking another vehicle, surface treatment was discussed and we will not do any this year. The Clerk-Treasurer advised of a call he received about the Red Wing Rd garbage cage & Mrs. Bartlett is requesting it to be checked and fix the holes through which animals are getting in. Rd Supt is to check out the situation and repair as necessary. The Mayor updated on RRDSSAB and a request for the apportionment formula to be changed, see # 08-37. Council discussed the zoning by-law and the issue of trailers (pull type) and whether or not they should be allowed in the township, the Clerk will attempt to get some information from others in this regard. 2006 Financial Indicators from MMAH were reviewed by Council we are at low risk in all areas. The Clerk-Treasurer's written report was reviewed and he gave a draft budget to council for review and input as well he will attend MDW training in Dryden April 23 & Planning Review workshop in FF May 21. Our final payment from COMRIF 1 \$65,032.58 was received. And our OMPF funding phase in will increase by \$35200. Pwi-Di Goo celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary April 4<sup>th</sup>. Clerk-Treasurer advised that our application for Infrastructure funding was approved for the waterfront park and the \$250,000 was deposited to our account on March 31st. And the Mayor received a letter from the Minister of Transportation allocation \$208,848 for Road & Bridge Infrastructure projects. Councillor Gate updated Council on the upcoming events and projects planned, including plant of 25 silver poplar trees near the playground. Councillor Sepers updated Council on the Hwy 600 meeting with information and requests going forward to various agencies and ministries. MTO advises in regards to the Pentney severance that the portion of Old Hwy 619, which we thought was our municipal road is actually still under the provincial highway system and therefore not our responsibility.

ADJOURN

**#08-42 GATE & SEPERS & CARRIED** that the meeting is adjourned at 10:20 p.m. and the meetings are to be held in Morson May to October inclusive.

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