

The minutes of the inaugural meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday December 7th, 2010 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

Present Mayor: V Pizey, Councillors: G Anderson, C Fadden, W Lundgren & J Moen. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt E Pearson. Visitor: L Gouliquer & reporter Ruth Brett.

**OATH** The Clerk-Treasurer administered the Oaths of Office for the new council. Mayor Pizey welcomed the council to a new term and asked Council to consider their priority list for the upcoming term. The Clerk-Treasurer then reviewed his memo to council, which included a copy of the procedural by-law, a copy of the index from the Policy & Procedure manual, a copy of the Conflict of Interest Act and the Section 2 to 5 were highlighted, elaws website for copies of any legislation a member may require, the location of our website, background on use of laptops for council and a reminder of the filing date for their Financial Statements from the election. Some council members have concerns with the use of laptops rather than having paper copies of the information.

L Gouliquer expressed his concern for being levied an administration fee by the CBO on a recent building permit that he applied for. The CBO had provided a written report on the matter for Council. Mr. Gouliquer also gave a report on necessary repairs and modifications on Morson Hall for accessibility needs. He is to work up an estimate for submission of a grant application for the modifications.

**MINUTES** #10-117 MOEN & LUNDREN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council including the in camera session held November 2nd, 2010, be approved as printed.

**ACCOUNTS** #10-118 FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$558,999.42 and representing disbursements for the month of November, except the accounts for Miller Contracting, and the accounts for RRDS in the amount of \$59.62, be approved for payment.

**ACCOUNTS** #10-119 LUNDGREN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$48,159.20 and representing disbursements for the month of November, for Miller Contracting be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR FADDEN** Declared an interest in the accounts as her spouse is an employee of Miller Contracting.

**BY-LAW 243** #10-120 LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that By-law No 243, being the Larson Drain 1969 Maintenance Rating By-law, be enacted.

**EMO** #10-121 MOEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that Council support the attached resolution of the Township of Alberton that requests the EMO Amethyst Sector Field Officer position be continued to be filled after the retirement of the present officer Dale Smyk. Council urges the province to keep in place this position for Northwestern Ontario.

**FARM TAX** #10-122 FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that Council supports the attached resolution of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry requesting the Province to pay 100% of the cost of the Farm Tax Rebate Program and the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program through the OMPF.

**ANDERSON** #10-123 MOEN & LUNDGREN & DEFEATED that Council approve the payment of the invoice from Glenn Anderson for wood cutting, tractor rental and a wagon tongue in the amount of \$890.00 less \$60.00 for loading asphalt, net of \$830.00. **COUNCILLOR ANDERSON** Declared an interest in the matter at it was an invoice he submitted.

**STUMPAGE** #10-124 LUNDGREN & MOEN & CARRIED that Council authorize the write off of \$300.00 for the stumpage bill for Glenn Anderson. This due to less stumpage being harvested & includes payment of \$60.00 for loading asphalt.

**COMMITTEES** #10-125 FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the following appointments be approved as our representatives on RRDSAB: V Pizey, RR Doctor Housing: J Moen & B Lundgren, AMBIS: B Lundgren, RRFDC: C Fadden, LOW Recreation: G Anderson, Cemetery Committee: J Moen & C Fadden, RRDMA: C Fadden, Joint Service Committee: V Pizey & C Fadden and Deputy Mayor: C Fadden.

**BANK** #10-126 ANDERSON & MOEN & CARRIED that the following be authorize as signing officer for our CIBC bank account(s): the Clerk-Treasurer plus the Mayor or J Moen.

**INSURANCE** #10-127 FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that Council authorizes renewal of our insurance for 2011 with AON Reed Stenhouse.

IN CAMERA #10-128 FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that Council go in camera to discuss legal issues at 10:05 p.m. The meeting was declared open at 10:25 p.m.

BONUSES #10-129 FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorizes Christmas bonuses as follows: G Haddock \$100, E Pearson \$150 & P Giles \$200. **RECORDED VOTE: AGAINST ANDERSON, FOR FADDEN, LUNDGREN, MOEN & PIZEY.**

OTHER The Road Supt gave his monthly report on the roads, including the arrival of our new plow truck, the turnarounds are soft and the 1 ton will have to be used in some locations until the frost is in the ground then the larger truck can be used. Councillor Moen asked about dogs running at large at the Morson dump and other areas in the municipality this continues to be a problem. Former Councillor Sepers submitted a written report on the doctor housing committee. The Mayor reported on the RRDSSAB meetings including social housing and ambulance services. The Clerk-Treasurer's monthly report included a financial update, AMBIS stats, tax sale & arrears notices, application to Court for payment out of court for tax sale proceeds, a report from Superior Safety on the condition of the fire alarm system in Bergland Hall, extension in the deadline for completion of infrastructure projects, our projects are nearing completion and a possible zoning by-law to create a buffer zone along municipal roads for logging operations. Council received a request for payment from AKRC of our funding for the Lake of the Woods Water Quality Improvement. **Mayor Pizey declared an interest as an employee of Big Island FN.** Council will seek more information on the matter prior to submitting the payment. The Clerk-Treasurer will be on vacation Dec 20 to 31 and the office will be closed.

ADJOURN #10-130 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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