

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 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. Stewart updated Council on the Fire Department including taking out of service our 1966 tanker in the Morson Fire Hall, which we could place for sale and that a Deputy Fire Chief is needed. Visitors: Wm Lundgren expressed concern on the intention of Council to increase the minimum tax bills to \$50 as this would defeat the farm tax program and would be costly to those property owners that have many lower valued properties (he said he has 18 properties and 8 fall under the minimum as well as some farm properties). Council will propose the increase as part of the 2009 budget process and based on the report of the Clerk-Treasurer in July 2008.

- MINUTES #09-01 SEPERS & MOEN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held December 6th 2009, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS #09-02 GATE & SEPERS & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$35,706.84 and representing disbursements for the month of December, less the accounts for Bergland General Store & Miller Contracting, be approved for payment.
- ACCOUNTS #09-03 MOEN & GATE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$1,547.88 and representing disbursements for the month of December, for Bergland General Store & Miller Contracting be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR SEPERS** Declared an interest in the accounts of Bergland General Store & **C FADDEN DECLARED** an interest in the accounts of Miller Contracting as her spouse is employed by Miller Contracting.
- BY-LAW 218 #09-04 SEPERS & FADDEN & CARRIED that By-law No 218, being the Municipal Road Policy By-law, be enacted.
- BY-LAW 219 #09-05 GATE & MOEN & CARRIED that By-law No 219, being the Neil Lane Highway Adoption By-law, be enacted.
- BUDGET #09-06 SEPERS & FADDEN & CARRIED the following year end budget adjustments be authorized an allocation of \$55000 to Working Capital Reserve, an allocation of \$2500 to a Dock Parking Lot Reserve, the liability for the Dump Closure be increased by \$5343.82 however there is sufficient interest earned on the investment and over contribution to meet the required allocation balance in the reserve. From the Capital Fund the following allocations of \$28621.57 to a Gov't Dock Repair Reserve, \$195.92 to Federal Gas Tax Reserve. And transfer \$20264.00 plus interest from the Parkland Reserve to the Equipment Reserve to repay part of the loan in 2007 to purchase the waterfront park. And rescind the allocation of \$15000.00 to the dump closure reserve.
- OHRP #09-07 GATE & FADDEN & CARRIED Council authorize the close out of the OHRP program effective Dec 31 2008 and the repayment to the Province of all outstanding OHRP loans (\$2766.34). The municipality will continue to collect and retain the outstanding amount as a Revenue Fund loan receivable. **MAYOR PIZEY** Declared an interest & vacated the Chair, as the loan was for her daughter.
- RRDMA #09-08 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED Council authorize the following to attend the annual Rainy River District Municipal Assoc meeting in Atikokan January 31, 2009: V Pizey, N Gate, T Sepers & P Giles.

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The Road Supt submitted his written monthly report for council. The Rd Supt to develop a waiver for private plow of driveways. The Clerk-Treasurer reviewed his report as well as a budget update. The report included, 2009 OMPF increase to \$597000 (up from \$448,500 plus a reduction of \$15000 for Social Service costs uploaded) due to the removal of the phase in, tax sale & reminder notice were sent out, with many payments being received by year end. The 2009 education rates were received at .252% for residential 1.2803% for Commercial. MPAC 09 levy is \$25525. The property owner at the end of Neil Lane was advised of the Municipal Road Policy requirements that must be met in order to construct and access to his property. Peterson's were sent a letter advising them to work with the CBO to resolve the Building Code matters on the property. Bernier severance completed and road to be adopted. The cemetery program has been updated for the Old & New Cemeteries in Bergland. Also the issue of high water levels in the Morson Cemetery was discussed and Council will consider alternatives to address this matter in 2009.

ADJOURN

**#09-09 FADDEN & MOEN & CARRIED** that the meeting is adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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