

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday June 2nd 2009 at 7pm in the Morson Council Chambers.

Present Mayor: V Pizey, Councillors: C Fadden, N Gate, J Moen & T Sepers. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt E Pearson, was absent. Visitor: Nancy Miller, representing Morson Bass International updated on the hydro costs for a permanent shelter building in the Gov't Dock park area she will get 2 quotes & report back. Hydro One fee is \$750. William Lundgren, Ericka & Erin Rencher were also present.

Council held a public meeting to discuss and receive input on the proposal to dissolve the present ward system for municipal elections and for consideration of the 2009 budget and tax rates including minimum tax bill amount. The Mayor led the discussion and history of the ward system which has been in place since amalgamation in 1997. Those present offered their opinions that the present system is working. Council will now consider this input and opinions of others about the matter, see By-law 224. The Clerk-Treasurer reviewed the proposed budget and tax rates as well as the reasoning for the proposal to increase the minimum tax billing to \$50. Input was invited from Council & those present as well as the option to reduce the municipal rate, see By-law 225 which included provision to increase the minimum tax bill to \$50.00. Mr. Lundgren expressed is objection to the minimum tax bill amount and requested a copy of the by-law; he was advised to pick that up at the office. Mr. Lundgren expressed concern about the building permit process as it relates to his plan to construct a cattle shelter while others construct many small sheds (under 108 sq ft) on their lots and do not need permits. Erin & Ericka were requesting Council support for an application under RInC to renew the boards for the skating rink, they are to get together the information and the Clerk-Treasurer will prepare & submit the application. The 1<sup>st</sup> cut off date was May 29 however. This portion of the meeting was closed at 7:40pm.

- MINUTES #09-47 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held May 5th 2009, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS #09-48 GATE & MOEN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$135,666.69 and representing disbursements for the month of May, less the accounts for R A Gill, Lenard Moen & Miller Contracting, be approved for payment.
- ACCOUNTS #09-49 SEPERS & GATE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$7394.62 and representing disbursements for the month of May, for R A Gill, Lenard Moen & Miller Contracting be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR FADDEN & MOEN** Declared an interest in the accounts of Miller Contracting & Lenard Moen, respectively.
- FIRE TRUCK #09-50 GATE & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council accept the bid from Jack Medwechuk for the purchase of our 1966 International tanker truck. His bid being R1150.00 and the only one received and sold "AS IS WHERE IS".
- BY-LAW 224 #09-51 GATE & FADDEN & CARRIED that By-law No 224, being the Ward dissolution By-law, be enacted.
- BY-LAW 225 #09-52 SEPERS & MOEN & CARRIED that By-law No 225, being the 2009 Budget & Tax Rates By-law, be enacted.
- GRANTS #09-53 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council having passed the annual budget, the following levies and or grants be authorized for payment: RR Giant Pumpkin Festival \$100.00, RR Future Development Corp \$2156.00 and Morson Tourism Association \$4000.00.
- TAX W/Os #09-54 FADDEN & SEPERS & CARRIED that pursuant to the Minutes of Settlement, Section 357 & attached listing, the following tax write offs be approved General \$971.10 and Education \$1535.80 and a total of \$2506.90.
- SOLAR #09-55 MOEN & GATE & CARRIED that Council support and authorize the submission of an application to the Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program in Ontario and Ontario REC in the amount of \$95,550.00 for a solar system for the Bergland Recreation Hall.
- OTHER The Clerk-Treasurer to advise the Rd Supt to ensure potholes are filled on surface treatment and specifically Vauthey Rd, stop advance sign on Red Wing and various "Stop" signs need replacing. A tie down system is required for the ramp dock at Gov't Dock and to check with Hydro One about the light at Morson Fire hall being on all the time. A proposal to place a ramp docking facility at Carl's Rd is to be investigated by the Rd Supt for Council consideration. The skate board park equipment is to be put back into the rink for the summer however some is now not repairable and will be taken to the dump and the balance of the equipment will not likely be

useful after this season. Councillor Moen reported on the cemeteries and trimming & pruning of trees is necessary, Council said to go ahead with this and the committee will be meeting soon to discuss other issue and then report back to Council. The Clerk-Treasurer is to advise J Jolicouer that the temporary use by-law expires on June 6<sup>th</sup> for the construction trailer at the Bergland Café and she is to remove the trailer. The Clerk-Treasurer is to request the CBO to advise property owners that have recreation trailers set up permanently they are to remove them as they are not a permitted use. The Clerk-Treasurer presented a draft design for the wood covered pavilions and the plans are to be finalized in order to request proposals for the construction. The Clerk-Treasurer attended a meeting with Rainy River to discuss a joint by-law enforcement officer on May 26, we were to confirm that Lake of the Woods would like to proceed with this joint service Councillors Fadden & Gate will be our reps on the committee. An updated draft of AMP policies was circulated to Council for passage next meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer is to arrange with Bell Canada to cancel the Bergland Hall phone and have the garage number ring there as well. Our lawyer is reviewing a draft agreement with Petersons to clear up their building code issue. Councillor Sepers declared a conflict on this matter as his spouse rents the facility. NWHU letter re levy and 2008 audited statements were received. A grow op seminar is being held in FF June 10 fire department and others are invited to attend. Defibulator training is available to our municipal employees and community groups that use our halls a date is to be set up.

ADJOURN

**#09-56 GATE & SEPERS & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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