

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday November 4th, 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. Visitors: 24 ratepayers, including the following people for Public meeting on hunting within the village areas of the municipality. Richard & Kim McKenzie regarding the skating rink. Ken Neil regarding road policy and Neil Lane/ Bernier consent. T Gill & N Miller from Morson Bass International committee. S Gate, recreation hall custodian. Adrienne Olson.

The Mayor opened the public meeting stating that council had heard concerns of hunting within the village areas and safety issues related to that. Council is asking for input from the ratepayers on concerns and how to handle the situation. The main concerns were summarized as 1) extend the no discharge of firearms to all opened road rights of way, 2) duck hunting in Little Grassy River and Hanson Bay should be curtailed, 3) educate rather than legislate on safe hunting, 4) landowners especially in the village areas should post their land for no hunting & 5) consider placing feed for ducks & geese on the water then "baited areas" are not eligible for hunting. Meeting closed at 7:45 pm

Council sat as a committee of adjustment to consider a letter from the lawyer for House/Buchner file 46B0803 requesting authorization to put in place an undertaking agreement to allow the road condition to wait until spring but complete the transfer.

46B0803 **#08-99 SEPERS & FADDEN & CARRIED** that Council consent to the request of A House to complete severance file 46B0803 with a legal undertaking that he will complete the road in Condition 6 in 2009. Meeting closed at 7:55pm.

**Ken Neil** asked about M Jack their neighbour to the south being able to gain access to his property without constructing a municipal road because they were required to build the road for their lot creation project. M Bernier & M Jack as far as we understand shared the cost of surveying the r-o-w south to end of the Jack property in Lot 3 Conc. 3 McCrosson. Council will consider a policy on process for ratepayers to link onto municipal roads to gain access to their property.

**Richard & Kim McKenzie** requested that the outdoor rink be cleaned up, the wire mess fixed and flooded for use this winter, this to give the kids something to do within the community. The Mayor suggested that they get together along with the recreation committee and other interested parties to ensure this happens.

**MBI representatives** requested council authorize them to get quotes for hydro service at Morson Gov't Dock parking lot, see resolution below.

**S Gate** was seeking clarification on "Hall Rental" policy allowing renters to be able to gain access for the hall the day before event. The issue was for the recreation committee setting up the haunted house in the upstairs of addition. Council clarified the policy is for the main hall and for the addition part of the hall it would be in order for the committee to gain access more than 1 day ahead in order to set up the "haunted house".

**Fire Chief S McNally** reported on department & stated they should have the water system in place for the Bergland Fire Hall this year, 4 firefighters completed pumper training in Rainy River this past weekend and the department needs a 5" draft hose.

MINUTES **#08-100 GATE & MOEN & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held October 7th 2008, be approved as circulated.

ACCOUNTS **#08-101 SEPERS & FADDEN & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amounts of \$67,340.04 and representing disbursements for the month of October, less the accounts for Bergland General Store, R A Gill & Miller Contracting, be approved for payment.

ACCOUNTS **#08-102 GATE & MOEN & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amounts of \$69,777.52 and representing disbursements for the month of October, for Bergland General Store, R A Gill & 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.

DOCK HYDRO **#08-103 FADDEN & MOEN & CARRIED** that Council authorize Morson Bass Int'l committee to investigate installation of hydro service to the Morson Gov't Dock parking lot.

- IN CAMERA **#08-104** MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council go in camera at 9:42 to discuss personnel issues with the Road Superintendent. Meeting was declared open at 9:55pm. (This was necessary to discuss the accusation made by Adrienne Olson in the open public meeting against the Road Supt).
- ROMA **#08-105** SEPERS & GATE & CARRIED the ROMA Insurance Program be advised that we will pay the retro assessment in January 2009.
- BCF **#08-106** SEPERS & MOEN & CARRIED that Council authorize the submission of an application to the Building Canada Fund Communities Component Agreement for rebuild and upgrade of Lakewood Drive.
- SHELL PAP **#08-107** MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council authorize an application for Preauthorized Payment option for bills from Bluewave Energy (Shell Canada).
- OTHER The Road Supt submitted his written monthly report for council The Clerk-Treasurer reviewed his report as well as a budget update, the report included the Sept AMBIS monthly report and recommendation on a computer index program for the cemetery which is to be purchased with Dawson, on notice of the changes to uploading of social services & court security costs which are to be phased in 2009-2018. Final payment of OMPF funding was received. Council is not opposed to changing AMBIS committee to be made up of only administration staff and no council members. Annual emergency training & exercise is set for Nov 20 in Emo. Gillons' Insurance is providing us with an insurance quote for 2009; present provider has also been requested for a price. V Pizey will lay township wreath on Remembrance Day the Clerk-Treasurer wrote to RRDSSAB regarding the request of the ambulance attendants requesting our fire dept to accompany them to Rainy River, Mr. McCormick stated that was not policy to make such a request.
- ADJOURN **#08-108** GATE & FADDEN & CARRIED that the meeting is adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

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