

A Public meeting was held at 6pm to discuss the following three items: whether or not to require certified drawings for all owner design structures, consider a by-law to dissolve the ward system and what type if any development should occur at government dock. Sixteen ratepayers attended this session and gave their views on all three topics. No one supported the certified drawings for owners, opinions both in favour of & opposed to the wards were received as well as suggestions for development at the dock area. This public meeting was closed at 7:10. All ratepayers left the meeting at this point.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Twp of Lake of the Woods Council held on Tuesday September 6, 2005 at 7:10pm in the Morson Council Chambers.

- PRESENT** Mayor: V Pizey Councilors: C Fadden, W Lundgren, J Moen & T Sepers Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Rd Supt: Ed Pearson, Fire Chief Chris Pollard Visitors: Reporter Ruth Brett.
- MINUTES #05-97** LUNDGREN & SEPERS & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on August 2nd, 2005, be adopted as circulated.
- ACCOUNTS #05-98** FADDEN & MOEN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount \$141,711.69 and representing disbursements for the month August, except the accounts for A Miller & Sons, Bergland General Store & R A Gill be approved for payment.
- ACCOUNTS #05-99** COUNCILLORS SEPERS & FADDEN DECLARED AN INTEREST in these accounts. MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount \$14,059.37 and representing disbursements for the month August for A Miller & Sons, Bergland General Store & R A Gill be approved for payment.
- COMRIF #05-100** LUNDGREN & SEPERS & CARRIED that Council authorize the application under COMRIF for the Old Hwy Bridge Replacement. This project is for the replacement of a wooden culvert on Old Hwy and this project is the number one priority of Council.
- BY-LAW 161 #05-101** MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that By-law 161, being the Auditor Appointment By-law, be enacted.
- IN CAMERA #05-102** LUNDGREN & SEPERS & CARRIED that the meeting go in camera @ 10:42 to discuss personnel issues. The meeting was declared by the Mayor open at 10:55 p.m.
- OTHER MATTERS** Road Supt submitted his written report, (B LUNDGREN DECLARED A CONFLICT on this item) Bernier new road nearing completion, turnaround needs expansion and final coat of gravel needs to be applied, otherwise the road is in good shape. Once it is adopted by the Township the owner will be responsible for maintenance for one year. Otilie road widening completed & the road will need brushing next year. The Rd Supt & Clerk will attend WHSA training in Fort Frances. Compliments were received on work completed on Carl's Rd & Fadden Rd. The Rd Supt to do a few test holes on former store property @ Hwy 600 & 621 to explore ground conditions for fuel leaks. Twp may consider clean up in order to sell this tax sale property. The Fire Chief was introduced to Council and he had the following comments: many pagers need to be replaced due to age & non functioning. 3 of the 4 trucks will need to be replaced. He advised of a pumper that was available and he is to investigate it further for possible purchase. Training will occur twice a month and he is looking to rebuild the department. C Turgeon will be utilized in the training to ensure certification and DZ licensing for all fire fighters. He is looking into moving the antennas for the dispatch to ensure that overlap of signal does not occur. (V PIZEY DECLARED AND CONFLICT on this item) Big Island has executed the fire agreement and returned it for our approval. Implementation of the agreement will occur as soon as we are able to have response capabilities. Council will take under advisement the comments received regarding the three items from the public meeting.

The Clerk provided a written response from AGCO indicating that organizations must pay rent for the hall even when they lose money on a particular week. BFR have applied for a renewal of their toonie pot & Council has no objection. A letter protesting the discontinuance of bus service between Winnipeg & Fort Frances was sent to various agencies. The Clerk updated on two severances, Bernier which lapses on Sept 7th and not all conditions have been met. And Miner which has been held up due to a Section 118 LTA restriction being on title (this restricts severances from occurring), the lawyer is working with MMAH to have the restriction removed. A residential building permit is not possible on the property until the restriction is removed. The Clerk is to advise the lawyer of our conditions for an undertaking regarding the construction to date & ability to close in the building until the matter is resolved and a building permit can be issued. The Clerk is to ensure that a procedure is in place for cancellation of tax sales after the redemption period has occurred. The Clerk gave an update on the Aug 26 tax sale. Our insurance underwriter would not provide coverage for Bass Tournament. The Clerk will be on vacation Oct 17-28 (office closed) and doing hurricane relief in the gulf coast Nov 7-18 (reduced office hours). The Clerk circulated a draft of cemetery by-law updates for the committee and council to review. The Clerk will send a letter to MNR requesting more consultation on items such as the conservation areas on the lake. Councillor Sepers reported on behalf of the recreation committee and their revenues of about \$3000 at the two Pow Wows. The volunteers are commended for their efforts. The Clerk suggested a review of our policy of the 5% parkland tax on severances. Council is to consider a policy for next meeting. MPAC perauthorized payment system to be implemented. Some ground work being done on possible location for cell tower. District fire training program was reviewed. Alternatives are being investigated for the fire dispatch service which is being discontinued by Fort Frances. OMPF ¼ payment was received. Jill Wilhite resignation from the Aulneau Advisory Committee was received, Larry Nordin is willing to serve on the committee.

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SEPERS & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting is adjourned at 11:00 p.m. And the meetings be moved back to Bergland until further notice.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk