

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday May 7th 2019 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor C Fadden, Councillors: G Anderson, A Chojko-Bolec, N Gate, & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Ed Pearson. Visitors: D Woods & Z Gutfreund Ministry of Indigenous Affairs, N Miller, B&B Pentney.

A public meeting was held to consider a consent application, no members of the public spoke for or against the application, the Clerk-Treasurer gave his report on the circulation of the notice of application and background for the application, Councillor Lundgren stated he would not vote for the application if it contained the requirement for 5% parkland tax.

46B1901 #19-42 CHOJKO-BOLEC & GATE & CARRIED that provisional approval be granted to severance application 46B1901 Jim & Cindy Miller with the attached 5 conditions.

The meeting was closed at 7:07 p.m.

N Miller updated council on a few items including that the Morson Bass tournament has been cancelled, MTA has produced a brochure for distribution and they are still investigating funding opportunities, Morson WI will host a Lyme disease & Blasto information session June 29 10am in Morson Hall, and she is continuing work on the history book.

D Woods & Z Gutfreund then gave a presentation on the land claim on Lake of the Woods for those First Nations affected by the placement of dams and flooding of their lands. They answered questions of Council and requested that the Township circulate an information package to ratepayers they have identified as potential individuals affected by the land claim settlement. They are to provide the roll numbers affected and will be responsible for postage costs.

MINUTES #19-43 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 2nd 2019, be approved as amended.

ACCOUNTS #19-44 CHOJKO-BOLEC & GATE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$79,376.91 representing disbursements for the month of April be approved for payment. **MAYOR FADDEN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE WORKS FOR MILLER CONTRACTING. COUNCILLOR LUNDGREN TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THIS ITEM.**

HALL #19-45 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorize a request for proposal to replace the asphalt shingle roofing on the Bergland Community Hall with tin sheeting. Proposals are to be received by June 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 and are to be advertised in the Westend Weekly.

BOWMAN #19-46 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that pursuant to a request from C R Vervaeke the lawyers for Donald Bowman and as an act of good faith Council authorize the payout of tax sale proceeds for Mr. Bowman's property, PIN 56060-0017 Tax Sale File 16-04. The proceeds being \$37,300.00 plus interest to Jan

25 2019 of \$666.97. It is our position that the new rules for a timeframe of 10 years to apply for the funds is not applicable for this file as it was started under the old rules.

- ROSS #19-47** GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that pursuant to a request and undertaking from Kelly Ross Knapp, Council authorize the payout of tax sale proceeds for Abe Ross et al property, PIN 56060-0212 Tax Sale File 16-05. The proceeds for this file are \$9,800.00.
- BY-LAW343 #19-48** LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that By-law No 343, being Tax Ratio By-law, be enacted.
- BY-LAW344 #19-49** ANDERSON & GATE & CARRIED that By-law 344, being the 2019 Tax Capping By-law, be enacted.
- BY-LAW345 #19-50** ANDERSON & GATE & CARRIED that By-law No 345, being the Groundskeeper By-law, be enacted
- BY-LAW346 #19-51** CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that By-law No 346, being Garbage Collection Agreement By-law, be enacted.
- COMPUTER #19-52** GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorizes upgrades to our computer system that Phase 1 will allow for emailing of tax documents to ratepayers and Phase 2 will provide for the ability to email tax bills to ratepayers rather than mailing the bills. And further that for security the managed backup service of the Managed Municipality be installed.
- LIBRARY #19-53** GATE & CHOJKO-BOLEC CARRIED that Council authorizes an increase in funding for the Rainy River Public Library to a total of \$4,830.00 including the provincial grant.
- SIGNS #19-54** CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorizes the order for three new signs to replace our existing municipal signs. Jake Blosser is the supplier.
- OTHER** The Rd Supt reported on roads operations and the annual road patrol. Spring grading is underway, a number of old items will be put together for sale, Councillor Anderson requested a clean out of the ditch along Pete's Rd, on the road patrol it was determined this was not necessary for road purposes, the Rd Supt left the meeting. The Mayor reported on the recent NOMA convention and Councillor Chojko-Bolec reported on the economic development committee meeting to narrow down the applicants for interview as an economic development officer. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on the fire committee meeting, the OMPF funding payment of \$162,292.00 and POA payment of \$1818.25, the education residential rate reduction from .17% to .161%, a letter received regarding the D Bowman tax sale proceeds, fire dispatch bills will now come monthly directly to us, notice that there will be an one time Federal Gas tax payment enhancement equal to our annual allocation for 2019.

A draft budget was reviewed by Council and the residential tax rate for 2019 will be lowered by the education tax rate reduction. Use of the modernization funding will include roofing for the Bergland Community Hall, work on the Ontario Main Street project for Oscar Bay Park including improved handicap access and tree replacement is to commence. Enhancements to the tax billing programs and backup security were discussed for implementation. The OPP property count for 2020 is increased from 701 to 705.

ADJOURN **#19-55 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m. And the meetings are moved to Morson until further notice.

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