

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday February 2nd 2021 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers. (January meeting cancelled due to Covid19)

PRESENT Mayor C Fadden, Councillors: G Anderson, A Chojko-Bolec, N Gate & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt absent.

MINUTES #21-01 GATE & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on December 1st 2021, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #21-02 ANDERSON & GATE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$97,132.74 and \$144,790.51 and representing disbursements for the months of December 2020 and January 2021 be approved for payment. **MAYOR FADDEN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE WORKS FOR MILLER CONTRACTING. COUNCILLOR LUNDGREN TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THIS ITEM.**

BY-LAW 366 #21-03 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that By-law No 366, being the Tax Ratio & Tax Capping By-law, be enacted.

BROADBAND #21-04 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that Council authorizes a letter of support for the proposal by Grand Council #3 and Bell Canada to develop applications to the Improving Connectivity in Ontario and the Universal Broadband Fund for improving the fiber optic broadband infrastructure for communities in the Treaty #3 territory.

DRAIN SUPT #21-05 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that Council authorizes an application for drain maintenance/superintendent grants in the amount of \$1000.00 for the fiscal year 2021.22.

GRANTS #21-06 ANDERSON & GATE & CARRIED that Council support the application under the Inclusive Community Grants for improvement to connectivity with and within our community, including web site construction. And the Ontario Trillium application for Resilient Communities Fund for promotion of tourism.

SANITIZERS #21-07 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorizes the purchase of three hand held sanitizers for use in the municipal office, the council chambers and recreation halls.

CPI #21-08 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that pursuant to our Human Resources Policies and the recently published CPI for Dec 2019 to Dec 2020 which shows a 0.7% increase, effective January 1st 2021 the wages and salaries be increased by 0.7%.

WRITE OFF #21-09 GATE & ANDERSON & CARRIED that pursuant to the Minutes of Settlement for Roll number 5946 490 001 07100 the following tax write offs be approved General \$1,196.16, Education \$342.72 a total of \$1538.88 for 2020.

OTHER The Rd Supt was absent due to Covid19 social distancing. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on the budget showing the 2020 surplus, the draft fire board 2021 budget, grant application updates including the denial of the Seniors Grant, insurance renewal, tax collections, thank you from RR Public Library and Thunder Bay Regional Foundation, receipt of 2nd Covid 19 and 1st OMPF funding. The laptops have arrived and are being loaded with office programs and will be ready for circulation soon. Council took no action on various resolutions. The 2021 education rates are the same as 2020. Financial indicators from MMAH were circulated to Council for review. Draft financial statements were received for review. New propane furnace was installed in Morson Fire Hall.

ADJOURN **#21-10 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk