

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, were held on Tuesday July 4th 2023 at 7pm in the Morson Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor C Fadden, Councillors: A Chojko-Bolec, K Cottam, N Gate & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Ed Pearson. Visitors: G Gillion from RRFDC to give his annual report to Council on the programs and activities. Steve Beyak appeared before Council to express his concern with the increasing number of camper trailers being used on vacant lots and their impact on the environment and not contributing to the tax revenues of the municipality. The Clerk-Treasurer is to check out possible fees that could be charged for such uses and the legality/zoning of such uses. Ken Kemp appeared before Council to provide more information on his request to purchase Part 2 RR637, Council will consider the request.

MINUTES #23-53 CHOJKO-BOLEC & COTTAM & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on June 6th 2023, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #23-54 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$98,5466.69 and representing disbursements for the month June, be approved for payment.

HANNAM #23-55 CHOJKO-BOLEC & GATE & CARRIED that Council, having considered the offer from K Hannam to purchase Budreau Road, deny the offer.

BY-LAW 390 #23-56 CHOJKO-BOLEC & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that By-law No 390, being the Integrity Commissioner & Closed Meeting Investigator By-law, be enacted.

JANITOR #23-57 GATE & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that Council accepts the application from Darlene Byers for the position of janitor for Bergland and Morson Halls. **Councillor Cottam declared an interest as the applicant is her mother-in-law.**

TERANET #23-58 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED that Council authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to enroll in the electronic registration system and to obtain a Teranet license for document registration. This to include documents necessary under the Municipal Tax Sales.

EXCHANGE #23-59 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED that due to the change in the value of the Canadian dollar the exchange rate paid on 2023 property taxes be reduced to 27% effective June 15 2023.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work including grading, roadside cutting & design work for the garage addition. Council received a copy of a letter from Stan & Mary Lou Peterson about cemetery operations. Council reviewed the cemetery rules in regards to the planting of shrubs and noted that they are not allowed and all non permanent flowers & hangers are to be located in the 2 feet by 4 feet set aside for memorialization. The Clerk-Treasurer had acknowledged the letter and sent a copy of the cemetery rules to the Petersons. The Clerk-Treasurer noted the next fire meeting

is July 11th in Bergland, further information on flood damages last year was provided to MMAH, 1 property is in the Tax Sale for July 28th, the new grass cutting contractor has started. Council expressed concern that no updates have been received for the repairs to the Locum House, the Clerk-Treasurer is to check with Rainy River. Sod turning & community BBQ will be held July 5th in Rainy River for new school and early learning centre.

ADJOURN #23-60 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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