

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Council Present were: Leo Kornelsen, Barry Fraese, Denis Robert, Sieg Neumann, Stan Siemens, Ralph Groening.

Agenda

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#65/02. Resolved that the agenda for the April 10, 2002 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Minutes

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:

#66/02. Resolved that the minutes of the March 13, 2002 regular meeting and the March 15, 19 and 20, 2002 special meetings be now accepted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Delegation

At 10:00 a.m., Sgt. Len Del Pino met with Council to discuss and present the 2001 report. He indicated that they would be at full staff soon, however, there is to be 40% of their staff attending to work at the G8 conference in Alberta. He then reviewed the 2001 police report. He plans to establish a constable for each school to implement programs, initiate talks and have a presence in the schools.

There was a discussion on the check stops set up in the area because of the police shooting near Portage la Prairie.

Delegation

At 11:00 a.m., Bonnie Rudy of the Morris Area Recreation Commission met with Council and reviewed their mission statement and the 2002 proposed programs. She has helped local communities with various projects that they may be planning. There are upgrades planned for the Sperling Arena and she has advised them of contacting various grant programs and foundations. The Rosenort arena is applying for a Community Places Grant and Lowe Farm is also applying for work on the Recreation Centre.

She is involved in baseball clinics in various communities, organizing summer fun for Morris, Rosenort and Lowe Farm.

Council then congratulated her on the work and programs being done in the area.

Public Works Foreman

At 11:25 a.m., Council met with Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman. He informed Council that ½ of the survey work is done for the 2002 proposed projects. Motor graders are now pulling in shoulders on gravel roads. For the Prairie Grain Roads Program, we are planning to undertake these projects and we should start tendering soon.

There is a water line leak in Rosenort and was located near the Morris River. Spring cleanup is planned for the following dates:

May 6-7, 2002	Rosenort, Riverside, Aubigny.
May 8-9, 2002	Lowe Farm
May 10, 2002	Sperling

We will be putting our dust control program on this notice as well.

For employees, it is recommended that Dan Thiessen be engaged a mower operator and Jack Toews as backhoe/loader operator. Mr. Jack Klassen has started return to work on April 1, 2002.

He also indicated that there was need for a summer student and that application should be made to the Green Team program.

The waste disposal grounds in Sperling has a problem concerning rodents. There was then discussion concerning the Municipality being involved in having a straw spreader and covering the hog barn lagoons. He indicated two possible spreader units costing \$12,500.00 or \$15,000.00. Bales cost approximately \$7.00 per bale for this and the discussion was whether the Municipality should pursue this issue further.

There was then discussion of the purchase of a G.P.S. unit for the municipality and also a lap top computer, costing approximately \$1,700.00, for use of this information.

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Conditional
Use 8/2002
Public
Hearing

At 1:30 p.m., Council held a Conditional Use hearing for Application No. 8/2002. This application was applied for by Mr. Jason Doell.

Present for this hearing was: Jason Doell, Teresa Rempel, Mary Sawatsky, Ben Dueck, Nick Neufeld, Peter Falk, George Penner, Robert Warkentin, Bonnie Warkentin and Lionel Wiens.

Mr. Jason Doell spoke to Council and informed them that he has purchased Rod Wall's farm property on the SW of Section 26-4-2 WPM and plans to build biotec hog barns and wishes to have income from the farm and not have to work out. His application is to construct 10 biotec barns having 225 pigs per barn and with the existing barns, his application is for a 2,600 feeder hog operation. The barns would be cleaned approximately every 3 months and the manure piles are to be cleaned every spring and fall. The bales that are planned for use at these barns would be replaced annually.

Reeve Herm Martens then read letters from Jim Arndt and Mary Sawatsky objecting to this application that have been received by the Municipality.

Mrs. Teresa Rempel spoke indicating that she is opposed to this application. She is not opposed to diversification, however, the proposed site is close to 14 families and smell travels and a great many families would be affected by this proposed operation. She asked why the proposed barns are to be NE of the house and not NW where the smell would affect their house more. She lives in the rural area because it is her home and has been for many years.

Ms. Mary Sawatsky stated that she is a strawberry U pick grower and the pickers in the fields were affected by the barn smell from that yard operated by the previous owner which was a much smaller operation. The church and cemetery are close to this proposed operation and people using the church will be affected.

Mr. Ben Dueck informed Council that he has lived on his yard site for 35 years. New owners should investigate first whether they would be allowed to build barns at a location. The wind from the NW is many days a year and would directly affect them. He is opposed to this application. It would devalue his property and make his house worthless.

Mr. Robert Warkentin lives east of the proposed barn site. He expressed a concern of rodents, smell, etc. The barn would devalue his property. There are many homes nearby and barns should be located in an area away from residences.

Councillor Ralph Groening stated that the area has a very old settlement background and that this proposed operation may cause a rodent concern.

Mr. Doell responded that he would use 1000 bales per year and the manure pile is to be spread once or twice per year. If there is rodents, he would put out poison and try to get rid of them.

Councillor Groening questioned how the manure would be spread and how long a time period it would take to spread the manure.

Mr. Doell indicated that he would hire someone to spread the manure onto the fields. The biotecs would have a dirt floor and railway ties would be used for the perimeter and the manure would be piled behind the biotecs.

Councillor Sieg Neumann stated that he may need up to 300 acres for spreading the manure.

Mrs. Rempel stated that the biotecs are proposed to be located to affect the owner less and the neighbours more.

Mr. Dueck indicated that the spreading of the manure would be affecting a great deal and if the humidity is high, the smell is greater.

Mr. Warkentin stated that his brother-in-law has a biotec operation and they smell the barn immediately upon arriving in that yard when visiting. His wife has worked at a site near Altona having 5 biotecs and there were many rodents at these sites.

Mrs. Bonnie Warkentin advised Council that she is familiar with hogs and should not be located in areas where there are many houses are located. Other barns have fans and the air is controlled while the biotecs are open to the wind.

The hearing was then ended at 2:15 p.m.

Delegation

At 3:00 p.m., Mr. Andy Anderson and Mr. Mike Hesford of the Morris & Dist. Planning Committee met with Council to speak on behalf of the new Morris Arena proposal. A new arena is planned for the fall of 2003 with actual construction planned for early in the spring of 2003. The Committee is working on the design, and various aspects of the project. They requested that the R. M. of Morris appoint a representative to this Committee. The next step for the Committee is the concept design of the building and what facilities or functions may be in the building. The fundraising campaign will be starting immediately. It was mentioned that for many grant application, there must be the implication that the R. M. of Morris is supportive of the project and they must also show the sustain ability of the project. They were not yet sure of the project costs or what the expected financial requests would be from the Municipality.

Today's technology may reduce the current arena operating costs by a possible 40% and may also be able to reduce the current operating costs of the Recreation Centre. However, this technology does cost more initially. They are looking into a walking track in the new arena and having more interest groups in the project may be able to increase outside funding for the project.

Councillor Groening wanted to know what the agenda was for the various proposals.

It was mentioned that by 2004, the Town of Morris would have \$1,000,000.00 towards the project the Committee would be fundraising the balance needed. It is estimated that this arena project may cost \$1.8 million and they would like the R. M. of Morris to participate in contributing to this new arena.

They are having meetings on Mondays and are requesting the 2 representatives of Council attend these meetings.

Building
Inspection
cost to
Roland

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#67/02. Resolved that we accept the R. M. of Morris/Town of Morris Compliance Officer providing services to the R. M. of Roland at a cost of \$900.00 per year plus \$30.00 per hour and mileage for inspections commencing January, 2002.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

GPS
Equipment

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Stan Siemens:

#68/02. Whereas the R. M. of Morris is desiring to purchase a G.P.S. system for the Municipality with same being shared with the R. M. of Rhineland; Therefore Be It Resolved that we agree to purchase a Leica G550 Plus System from Lewis Instruments at a total cost of \$53,695.00 plus taxes according to the letter from Lewis Instruments dated April 3, 2002.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Computer
Software
for GPS

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kronelsen:

#69/02. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris purchase the following computer information form Data Link Mapping Technology:

Municipal Map	\$2,500.00
Map Info Pro. GIS Software	\$2,300.00
Drain Manager	\$1,495.00

Carried For 7
Against 0

Computer

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens:

#70/02. Resolved that we agree to purchase a lap top computer for our Public Works Foreman at a cost of approximately \$1,800.00 plus taxes.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Represent.
to Morris
Rec. Plan.
Committee

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#71/02. Resolved that Stan Siemens be appointed as our representative to the Morris and District Recreational Planning Committee.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Tipping
Fees
Rejected

Moved by Ralph Groening Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#72/02. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris not accept the proposed new tipping fees for the Rosenort Landfill Site as indicated in a February 26, 2002 meeting of the Rosenort Landfill Site Joint Committee.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens:

Resolved that the meeting be now adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with Council agreeing to meet again on April 11, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. to continue the agenda of the April 10, 2002 regular meeting.


Reeve


Municipal Administrator