

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

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

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

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

Rec. Direct.	<p>Mr. Henry Neufeld, Recreation Director for the Morris Area Recreation District, attended the council meeting and introduced himself. He indicated that he would be working in Morris and the rural communities around Morris and would enjoy the challenge of learning the area.</p> <p>At this time in the meeting, Council discussed issues of conservation districts and the issue of possibly joining the Deerwood Conservation District.</p>
Agenda	<p>Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Ralph Groening: #126/02. Resolved that the agenda for the July 10, 2002 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.</p> <p>Carried. For 7 Against 0</p>
Minutes	<p>Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Sieg Neumann: #127/02. Resolved that the minutes of the June 12, 2002 regular meeting and the June 17, 2002 special meeting be now accepted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.</p> <p>Carried. For 7 Against 0</p>
Variation Board	<p>Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens: #128/02. Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris now become the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris to consider Variation Application No. 2/2002.</p> <p>Carried. For 7 Against 0</p> <p>The Board then held a public hearing for this Variation Application and there was no one present for this hearing.</p>
Variation 2/2002 SE 6-5-2W	<p>Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens: #129/02. Whereas Henry Hildebrand has made application for a Variation Order for the West 740 feet of the East 1308 feet of the South 1405 feet of the SE 1/4 of Section 6-5-2 WPM; And Whereas this application is for the purpose of creating a 23.8 acre yard site; Therefore Be It Resolved that the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris does now approve this Variation Application No. 2/2002.</p> <p>Carried. For 7 Against 0</p>
Variation Adjourn	<p>Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Denis Robert: #130/02. Resolved that the Variation Board of the R. M. of Morris does now adjourn and resumes as the Council of the R. M. of Morris.</p> <p>Carried. For 7 Against 0</p>

Public
Works
Foreman

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, then met with Council. There was some discussion concerning a drainage project between the R. M. of Dufferin and the R. M. of Morris. It was stated that the culverts would be the cost of the R. M. of Dufferin and that the R. M. of Morris would help with some of the digging required.

To date, there has been 10.5 miles of drainage work done as well as approximately 40 miles of drift dirt cleanout. The spreading of the dirt (including the drift dirt) in the fall will be a problem.

The gravel program has started today. Work has also started on gravelling the road to the new Bartel hog barn.

We have hired Randal Dyck as our Green Team employee.

The chlorine levels coming out of the Morris water plant are not consistent and there is a problem in maintaining proper levels at our water reservoirs.

For the rural water lines being installed, Crown Utilities are putting the lines in very fast. For the Sperling water and sewer project there were some minor problems concerning the lagoon and the drainage of the lagoon. For our new GPS equipment, there will be a course held on July 23, 2002 at the Super 8 Motel.

Mr. Harder indicated that most of the bridge replacements will be done after harvest.

LUD of
Rosenort
Delegation

At 11:20 a.m., Mr. Harry Brandt and Mr. Greg Friesen of the LUD of Rosenort attended the meeting. It was mentioned that drainage work had been done on Spruce Cresc. And the Municipality would be putting in grass seed, however, it would be up to the land owner to water the seeded area.

The drainage work project across from the Tea House is almost done.

There was discussion on the control of the flood diversion gates. The Rosenort Dyke is almost completed and control is to be given over at that time.

It was asked if the Municipality would help in asphaltting some of the parking area at the Heritage Centre. This is a 2003 project and could cost \$100,000.00 to do the west parking area.

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Cond. Use
Hearing
11/2002
NE 30-5-1W

At 1:30 p.m., Council then held a public hearing for a Conditional Use application by Tobacco Creek Farms.

There were 8 persons present for this hearing.

Mr. Ray Waldner informed Council that he was making this application for the purpose of constructing a 3,400 sow farrow to weanling hog barn operation. They plan to have straw cover on the lagoon and they have also made offers to purchase the house properties of Martha Derksen and Ben Wiebe which are close to the proposed site. With the purchase of these residences, there will be no residences within 1 mile of this operation. Most of the other area residences at south west and wind is rare from the north east. This proposed barn would be owned by his family.

Mr. Ray St. Godard stated that his house is inside 1 mile from the proposed lagoon site. He has been trying to sell his house, without success, and adding hog barns to the area is making that task more difficult.

Mrs. Bernice St. Godard spoke that owners of hog barns should live where they are building their barns. The manure should not be spread on lands that flood and Mr. Wiebe's land frequently has overland flooding.

Councillor Kornelsen wanted clarification if this was an investor barn or family owned and Mr. Waldner indicated that this barn operation was to be owned by his family.

Councillor Groening asked why they had chosen that site and how they plan to dispose of the manure. Mr. Waldner stated that this site would be outside of the flood plain and that they would be disposing of the manure by direct injection into the ground. They will also be employing approximately 12 to 18 employees.

Hearing Continued

Council Neumann questioned the issue of cover for the lagoon. Mr. Waldner indicated that they want to use straw on the lagoon. The plastic covers do not work properly, the manure need exposure to air to work properly. They plan to purchase a machine to spread the straw on the lagoon and will be able to maintain proper coverage on the lagoon.

Councillor Neumann stated that the lagoon should have a minimum 400 day storage capacity and that the lagoon should be emptied once per year. The Provincial regulations allow the operation to empty the lagoon over a long period of time and this is not acceptable in our view.

Mr. Waldner informed Council that he has not yet hired his workers and that the labour costs for the barn would be approximately 400,000.00 per year. The manager would live in one of the houses close to the barn. He wanted to have a land base for the barn and is therefore purchasing land for the barn operation. He believes that the barn employees would live in the area.

Councillor Neumann questioned the issue of the road to the barn and the gravel responsibility. the road is currently being gravelled for another hog barn and arrangements should be made with that operator to share expenses on this project. It has also been indicated that the corner at the NW of Section 30-5-1 WPM needs to be widen to accommodate trucks turning.

It was further mentioned to Council that the property where the barn is proposing to locate is also subject to overland flooding.

The hearing was then ended at 2:30 p.m.

Delegation

Council then met with Mr. Denis Schindler and discussed issues such as manure disposal, the licencing of manure disposal and procedures. There is also work underway to rewrite the provincial regulations concerning barns, animals and waterways.

Accounts

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#131/02. Resolved that we now approve the list of accounts for July 10, 2002 in the amount of \$166,476.61 plus the following additional account:

Glenlid Construction Ltd.

\$1,284.00

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Aubigny
Dyke

Councillor Denis Robert then reported on the Aubigny dyke project. The contractor site inspection has been done and Vermette's house has been moved away and Vermette's garage was to have been moved by July 3, 2002 and has not yet been moved. Tenders for the dyke project are to be opened on July 15, 2002.

Fed. Ag.
Program

He also reported on the new Federal Ag. program and a recent seminar held in Winnipeg. There is \$5.2 billion available for this program, but actually the new program will be replacing AIDA and CFIP so this not really a new program with new money. There is very little being added and how much will be available to farms is unknown at this time.

Councillor Leo Kornelsen informed Council that the RCMP will be conducting training for our Fire Departments on traffic control at accidents, etc. and that this training could be happening later in the fall.

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens:

That this meeting be now adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with Council agreeing to meet again on Thursday, July 11, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. to continue the agenda of July 10, 2002.

Reeve



Municipal Administrator

