

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

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

The purpose of this special meeting was to continue the agenda of the July 10, 2002 regular meeting.

Cond. Use
Hearing
12/2002

At 9:30 a.m., Council held a public hearing for a conditional use application by Jason Holdings. For this hearing, there were 6 persons present. Mr. Lloyd Friesen spoke to Council stating that he planned to construct a 3,000 sow farrow to isowean hog barn on the NW 1/4 of Section 1-5-1 WPM. The style of the barn has not yet been decided upon. Councillor Groening noted that this location was in the flood area. Mr. Friesen responded that the road could have been under water in 1997 and that it needs to be raised. He indicated at the operation would have 10 to 12 employees and that they had not yet hired any management. Mr. Friesen was asked about lagoon cover and he stated that he planned to use straw cover on the lagoon. The hearing was ended at 10:30 a.m.

Rural Water
Connestion
Sizes

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#132/02. Whereas the R. M. of Morris is currently installing water line in the rural area;
And Whereas the water line connection is to supply a 1.25" line with a 5/8" water meter to the property building;
Therefore Be It Resolved that properties that require additional water needs must supply and provide their own water reservoir and re-pump to their water needs.

Carried. For 6
Against 1

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Cond. Use
Hearing
13/2002

At 1:30 p.m., Council held a public hearing for a conditional use application from Quinfield Farms. For this hearing, there were 22 persons present. Mr. John Richert spoke to Council that his proposed operation has shareholders that are his family. He has a hog/poultry/grain operation on the border between the R. M. of Hanover and Tache. His current operation has many residences around it. He was looking for a site that is not subject to flooding and that is away from residences. This site has good roads location and is also close to a feed mill. Mr. Jeff Senebald made a presentation to Council that this proposal for a 3,000 sow farrow to isowean hog barn is a high health barn. 100% of Quinfield farms is to be owned by members of the Richert family. This project would cost approximately \$5.0 million. There are 2 houses within 1 mile of the project. Nine jobs would be created by this barn and the property taxes will likely be approximately \$20,000.00 per year. Mr. Gary Polhman informed Council that the setbacks for the barn meet Provincial regulations. On the issue of odour, they believe that 30% of smell is from the barn and 70% is from the lagoon. The lagoon would be emptied once per year and disposed of by injection directly into the ground. They plan to have a tarp on the lagoon and the lagoon would be engineer designed with a 400 day storage capacity. Mr. Scott Dick indicated that they would be doing soil testing and that they have 1,000 acres of land for manure disposal. They plan to use GPS systems for their manure disposal applications so as to ensure proper coverage and where the manure went.

Hearing Continued

Mr. Wes Penner stated that the feed grains of the area are not used to supply feed to hog barns. He is strongly opposed to the proposed barn.

Mr. Ralph Pfrimmer indicated that he lives 3 miles from this site and asked why they picked on the Sperling area and not closed to their own residence. This proposed barn will have no benefit to the community and he is opposed to the barn application.

Ms. Verna Pfrimmer told council that she is opposed to the application. Her greatest complaint is the odour issue and why do they need to put up with such odour.

Mr. Allan Smith spoke that he lives in Roland. He lived in Kleefeld previously and noted that the odour is not pleasant. He believes that it is healthier in Roland, away from the barns and the contaminated water. He is opposed to this application.

Mr. Ken Potter indicated his opposition to the barn and asked how many barns there were in the Municipality and how many had been approved recently. He stated that the waste from the barns gets into waterways and affects water quality which is a significant negative to any application.

Mr. Glenn Smith spoke that he is also opposed to the barn. He uses spring run off water for his house and his concern is the future use of that water because of the barn. He quoted guidelines and the proposed development plan as to why this barn should not be allowed. The area has drainage problems which affect run-off water. He then presented a petition to Council in opposition to this application.

Mr. John Richert indicated that his employees will live wherever they wish and he believes that some employees may wish to move into the area.

Mr. Jeff Senebald commented to Council that through the previous owners they believed that contact had been made to neighbours. They could make a better job at contacting the neighbours to this application.

Mr. Wes Penner stated that he had spoke to Jeff in February and that Mr. Penner was willing to hold a meeting on this application, however, the invitation had been declined. The barn odours will have a negative affect on development in Sperling.

Mr. Tom Melcosky commented that he recently purchased a house in the area without knowing of the prior barn applications. He would not have done so had he known of the barn developments. At a recent meeting in Lowe Farm on hog barns, it was noted that 85% of usable land is already used by the barns. Because of the hog barns the value of his house has reduced.

Mr. Potter informed Council that barn applications are locating near Sperling for some reason and it will not be positive to the community. There is another application near Homewood which is a few miles to the NW of Sperling.

Mr. Bill McEachern stated that the fans from the lagoons still bring the smell out and who regulates these issues when they are not done properly. There were other barns that were to have tarps but were not on properly. He noted that the barns could be spreading the manure at a more appropriate time to have less affect on the neighbours.

It was mentioned from Council that there should have been better and more advance communication with the neighbours and not just a few days before the hearing.

Mr. John Richert stated that from his experience, the value of residences increase in an area where barns are located and that the hog industry generally does not depreciate property.

Council noted that one cannot compare values of marginal land to that of land that is currently \$1,000.00 per acre and that it increases land values.

Ms. Erna Penner questioned that if there was a downturn in the industry, who will be cleaning up after these barns.

It is not known how many of the employees will be from the Sperling area.

Mr. Allan Smith stated that barns should be where the owner lives.

Hearing Continued

Mr. John Richert commented that he currently does not have a large farm operation. He operates a 400 sow hog barn and 1,200 feeders with a feedmill in his yard.

The hearing was then ended at 3:15 p.m.

Councillor Neumann excused himself from the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Highways
Agreement
for Water
Lines

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#133/02. Whereas the R. M. of Morris wishes to install water lines in certain areas of the Municipality:

And Whereas these lines do cross PR 205 and PR 422;

Therefore Be It Resolved that we now enter into an agreement with the Dept. of Highways under their agreement no. WL2-00118-02 for these water line crossings.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Financial
Plan

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#134/02. Whereas the Financial Plan for the R. M. of Morris was given final approval on June 17, 2002;

And Whereas the Municipal act requires that the tax levy by-law be completed by May 15, 2002;

Therefore Be It Resolved that we now request an approved extension from the Minister for our 2002 Financial Plan.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Election
Officials
Remunerat.

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#135/02. Resolved that for the 2002 municipal elections, the municipal election workers shall be paid the following rates.

Enumerator	\$.60 per name
Revising Officer	\$110.00
Returning Officer	\$185.00
Deputy Returning Officer	\$135.00
Poll Clerk	\$110.00

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Tender Bid
for Rural
Water Lines

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#136/02. Whereas tender bids have been received for a rural water pipeline project of Rosenort West and Riverside East;

Therefore Be It Resolved that we accept the bid from Crown utilities Ltd. in the amount of \$302,487.80 for these projects.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

MWSB
Agreement

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#137/02. Whereas the R. M. of Morris plans to install rural water lines;

And Whereas the Manitoba Water Services Board will be contributing to this project and they require an agreement for this financial contribution;

Therefore Be It Resolved that we now enter into an agreement with Manitoba Water Services Board authorizing their additional contribution of \$33,000.00 towards this project.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Culvert
Crossings
on 75 Ser.
Rd.

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#138/02. Whereas a request has been received concerning culverts along the service road along PTH 75;
And Whereas some of these culverts do provide proper drainage;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris request the Department of Highways to lower the culverts through the west service road along PTH 75 for River Lots 441, 443, 457 and 453.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Stampede
Donation

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Denis Robert:
#139/02. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris donate \$2,500.00 to the Manitoba Stampede and Exhibition with adjustments being made for expenditures currently made by the Municipality on their behalf.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Morris
Arena

Councillor Stan Siemens reported to Council on the new Morris Arena project. The Committee may be using the services of a Project Manager rather than the Committee trying to work on all the details involved. The project will be approximately \$1.8 million and Council then discussed the financial issues of the project.

Deerwood
Conser.
Dist.

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#140/02. Resolved that we agree to join with the Deerwood/Tobacco Creek Watershed District for a period of one year with our contribution being \$10,000.00 to this District with Council Members Herm Martens and Ralph Groening being now appointed as our representatives to this Board.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens:
that we now adjourn this special meeting at 5:45 p.m. with Council agreeing to meet again on Tuesday, July 16, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

Reeve



Municipal Administrator.

