

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

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

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

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

At the start of the meeting, Reeve Martens congratulated Councillor Stan Siemens for his years of service on Council and regretted that he was not seeking re-election.

Agenda

Moved by Denis Robert Seconded by Leo Kornelsen;
#183/02. Resolved that the agenda for the October 9, 2002 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.
Carried. For 7
Against 0

Minutes

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#184/02. Resolved that the minutes of the September 11, 2002 regular meeting and the September 12, 2002 special meeting be now accepted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.
Carried. For 7
Against 0

Public Works Foreman

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, then met with Council and explained that we had completed 37.5 miles of drainage work (not including the spring drift soil cleanout work). The spreading of the excavated soil has started, however we may not be able to complete the spreading of all of the dirt.
For the spreading of the excavated dirt along the Anderson Drain, that work should remain the responsibility of the Province.
The Prairie Grain Roads projects have now been complete.
The Sperling Water & Sewer project could be completed in 2 to 3 weeks.
The Sperling Fire Hall is to be hooked up under this project.
By October 13, 2002, the water reservoir is to be hook up in Sperling.
On the main line north of Lonnie Friesen's, there is to be flush out valve installed.
Our municipal mower is in poor condition and needs replacing.
Mr. Doug Bergen has been hired as laborer/operator until the end of the year and Mr. Ron Janke has been hired to work with our GPS unit.
At our water plants in Lowe Farm and Rosenort, we are not receiving chlorine levels from Pembina Valley Water Co-op. Mr. Harder then showed Council the readings of August and September for both places.
At the end of October, they plan to undertake hydrant flushings in Lowe Farm and Rosenort.

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

Delegation

At 1:30 p.m., Council met with Mr. Bill Fulford concerning his subdivision application. He stated that he has met the required conditions of the subdivision approval. He has access approval from the Dept. of Highways.
On the issue of his property dyke, there was a meeting on site, with the R. M. of Morris, R. M. of Montcalm, Dept., of Highways and the Dept. of Natural Resources.

Delegation Continued

The understanding at that time was that the R. M. of Morris and Montcalm would take over the closed road area. He indicated that there is work needed in the drainage ditch to help protect his dyke and that structure needed in the drain has a cost of approximately \$80,000.00. He indicated that the Dept. of Highways will not approve this structure and that the Dept. of Highways wants the R. M. of Morris to take over the road allowance as was originally indicated.

He indicated that he wants permission to build this structure across the drain.

Since the construction of his dyke, there has been considerable erosion in the ditch and there is some possible future threat to his dyke structure.

Council indicated that there should possibly be an agreement on this matter stating no liability to the dyke and to transfer the land area of the dyke to Mr. Fulford.

Mr. Fulford stated that he must start on the drain structure immediately and he needs the R. M. of Morris and Montcalm to send letters to the Dept. of Highways. Council expressed that this structure should have no liability to the Municipality.

Delegation

Mr. Art Dueck and Mr. Ron Friesen, then met with council to discuss the situation of a property in McTavish. There is a local committee helping her and they plan to put a new basement under the house under the flood protection program. However, there are tax arrears on the property and they would like them forgiven to make the project more feasible and allow this individual an opportunity to reside at this location. The other liens on the property have been dropped. They asked if a water line was planned for the area and that they would be interested in connecting to this line should it be known in the immediate future.

Council indicated that they could not cancel these taxes, however, they were sympathetic to the situation and would not take unnecessary action in this matter.

There was also the question of improving the house with the new basement and the ability to pay future taxes for this property.

Mr. Art Dueck also stated that work is being done on the Riverside Dyke and he hope to have final approval (sign-off) soon.

Purchase
Offset
Mower

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#185/02. Resolved that we purchase an offset flail mower from Mr. Ron Dreger at a cost of \$5,500.00.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Accounts

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#186/02. Resolved that we now approve the list of accounts for October 9, 2002 in the amount of \$375,414.91.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Sperling
House Conn
Contract

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#187/02. Whereas the R. M. of Morris has a contract offer to install water and sewer connections into houses in Sperling, Manitoba;
And Whereas it is necessary to enter into a contract agreement with Graboweski Concrete and Supplies Ltd., of Sandy Hook, Manitoba;
Therefore Be It Resolved that we now agree to enter into this contract agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Infrastruc
Agreement

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#188/02. Whereas it is required that the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Program requires that an agreement be entered into for the Sperling Water and Sewer project;
Therefore Be It Resolved that we now agree to enter into this contract and that the Reeve and CAO be authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Computer
Software
Agreement

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#189/02. Whereas it is required that a Municipal Software Support Agreement be entered into with Municipal Information Systems Inc. (MuniWare) for the new computer system for the Municipality;
Therefore Be It Resolved that we now agree to enter into this contract and that the Reeve and CAO be authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Bldg. Insp
Seminar

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#190/02. Resolved that Mr. Ray Muller, our Building Inspector, be authorized to attend the Annual Training Seminar in Winnipeg on October 30 and 31, 2002.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Tax Adjust
Request

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#191/02. Whereas Rosenort Housing Corp. has requested a tax concession for the Heritage Apartments;
Therefore Be It Resolved that Council not accept this proposal recommending that they take their issue concerns to Provincial authorities.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Moved by Councilor Stan Siemens:
That this regular meeting be now adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with Council agreeing to meet again on Thursday, October 10, 2002 to continue the agenda of the October 9, 2002 regular meeting.


Reeve


Municipal Administrator

2002 MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS RESULTS

October 2, 2002

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

REEVE	HERM MARTENS	Elected
COUNCILLOR	ERIC EDEL BARRY FRAESE RALPH GROENING LEO KORNELSON SIEG NEUMANN DENIS ROBERT LIONEL WIENS	
LUD OF ROSENORT	HARRY BRANDT GREG FRIESEN	Elected Elected

The R. M. of Morris voting will be At-Large with SIX Council positions available.
The term of Office is to be a four year term until November, 2006.

ELECTION DAY - OCTOBER 23, 2002

	Poll 1 Sperling	Poll 2 Lowe Farm	Poll 3 Morris	Poll 4 Aubigny	Poll 5 Rosenort Rural	Poll 6 Rosenort Urban	Advance	TOTAL
Edel, Eric	16	105	106	37	17	60	2	343
Fraese, Barry	33	96	74	27	35	119	5	389 E
Groening, Ralph	30	141	79	38	34	91	7	420 E
Kornelson, Leo	24	117	120	29	44	134	4	472 E
Neumann, Sieg	20	118	105	39	39	116	8	445 E
Robert, Denis	23	88	99	52	32	102	5	401 E
Wiens, Lionel	26	194	101	21	33	91	4	470 E
VOTERS	51	220	158	60	51	154	8	

For the 2002 Municipal Elections there were 2205 eligible voters and 31.8% cast ballots