

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the R. M. of Morris Council Chambers.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

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

Delegations
A. Weiss
Hog Barn

At the start of the meeting, Council met with Mr. Jeff Senebald and Allan Reimer of Elite Swine and also Mr. Alvin Weiss. Reeve Martens thanked them for attending the meeting on such short notice.

Reeve Martens indicated that there were some questions that needed clarifying and answering concerning the proposed hog barn site of Mr. Weiss.

On the matter of the water line, the service connection goes directly to the house basement where the water meter is located. It was questioned why Von Ast Construction was planning to tee off that line. Mr. Senebald stated that they were not planning to connect to that line. He was informed that should the barns wish to connect separately, then it would have to be after the water meter in the house.

On the issue of the lagoons and ponds, it was stated that the proposed lagoon is 100 feet East of the house. The lagoons have not been started yet as they have not received the necessary permits from the Provincial Government. They are not certain what is to be done to the existing lagoon.

Council stated that there must be trees around the barn and lagoon site and they should be up as soon as possible. Elite indicated that they had to amend their original site plan due to the north/south borders and did not fit the original plan to the construction footages required.

Councillor Neumann raised the concern about water levels for flooding and was informed that the barns have all been approved by Water Resources.

The south portion of the existing dyke is situation on neighboring property and not his own property. Council expressed concern over that portion of the dyke being on someone else's property and that it could be jeopardized by future owners. Mr. Weiss clarified that if that were to happen, he does have enough room on this property for that portion.

Mr. Allen Reimer mentioned that the revised site plan had been faxed to our compliance officer. It was then mentioned by Council that such changes in future should be direct to the Municipal Office and Council.

On the matter of the location of the railway line and the front dyke, it was stated that the railway is far enough away, it just does not show on the site plan.

Mr. Senebald made comments with regards to the feasibility of straw cover vs plastic covering on lagoons. Based on the project costs and the percentage of straw vs plastic tarp, the plastic cover is a very expensive portion of the project. Council stated that they would not be amending the conditional use, but did indicate that the matter could be discussed at a future date.

Mr. Senebald stated the Elite has no legal right to enforce that the barns, that they may have an interest in, have straw cover or any type of cover on their lagoons.

Hog Barn
Operation
13-4-1W

At 10:10 a.m., Mr. Weiss left the meeting and Mr. Senebald and Mr. Reimer, remained to discuss a barn operation on the SW of Section 13-4-1 WPM. Reeve Martens explained that this operation has not been complying to his Conditional Use requirements. The manure spreading was done on a quarter section of land and did not file a plan. The manure had saturated the field and was running into the ditches. The manure pumping was done by Overland Pumping. In 3 years, the lagoon still does not have straw cover, and there was a letter sent in June to the barn owner requesting that straw cover be completed by July. In July, 2002 the Municipality undertook a fly over of the barns in the Municipality. It was mentioned that from the pictures taken of the lagoons, in this case it was very evident that the lagoon was not covered or any effort made to cover it. There were many dead trees in the shelterbelt that had not been replaced and there was also a question raised concerning dead animals. The barn owner has made very little effort to communicate with Council.

Council stressed the fact that the conditions on these barns are of a very serious matter and wanted to discuss these issues and solutions with Elite representatives.

Mr. Senebald stated that Elite takes manure management very seriously as well and that proper manure management is required, but it is not enforced by Elite.

Council thanked Mr. Senebald and Mr. Reimer for attending the meeting and they left the meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Council discussed the issue of office staff overtime due to the new computer system being installed. The office staff has had worked some overtime hours and Council discussed compensating the staff for the extra hours.

Our Public Works has also had to hire extra employees, with one employee being for the GPS system being installed and data being collected, a mower operator was hired and a general laborer was also hired due to Denis Dingwall now working at the arena early in the fall.

Eden Found.
Fund Raiser

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:

#192/02. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris supports the Eden foundation in the amount of \$200.00 for their fundraising banquet on October 18, 2002 in Winkler.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Sale of Lot
16-693
Lowe Farm

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#193/02. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris Council accepts Mr. Jack Toews offer to purchase Lot 16, Plan 693 in Lowe Farm, Manitoba for the amount of \$500.00 with the condition that he purchases the neighboring property from Gerald Henry and also that he has one year to construct a dwelling unit on the above mentioned property.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Office Time
- new
computer

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#194/02. Resolved that Council requests the office staff record the additional hours worked during the change over of the new computer system and that these hours be submitted to the personnel committee.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

New Employee
Hiring

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#195/02. Resolved that Council agree to the following hiring
Doug Bergen, laborer/operator \$11.14/hr
Ron Janke, GPS operator \$14.00/hr
Claude Robert, mower operator \$11.50/hr
Carried. For 7
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens:
That this special meeting be now adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



Reeve



Municipal Administrator.