

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2003 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, Lionel Wiens, Denis Robert, Sieg Neumann, Barry Fraese, Leo Kornelsen.

Budget
Public
Hearing

At the start of the meeting, council held a public meeting for the purpose of presenting the 2003 financial plan (budget) for the Municipality.

Mr. Larry Gluck and Mr. Dick Enns were in attendance for this hearing.

Mr. Grant Macaulay, C.A.O., then presented and explained aspects of the proposed budget and the floor was opened to questions and answers on the budget. Most of the questions were relating to equipment purchases and also to roads. The hearing was adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.

Agenda

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
74/03. Resolved that the agenda for the April 9, 2003 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Minutes

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Denis Robert:
75/03. Resolved that the minutes of the March 12, 2003 regular meeting and the March 20, 2003 special meeting be now accepted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Councillor Groening reported on attending the fundraising meeting for the new Morris Arena. There were about 40 people attending and there was difficulty in finding volunteers for this committee.

In Camera

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
76/03 Resolved that we now go into camera to discuss issues of personnel and livestock.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Adjourn
In Camera

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
77/03. Resolved that we now adjourn being in camera.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

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

Public
Works
Foreman
Report

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, then met with Council. He indicated that a track hoe is currently digging a new pit for the Rosenort Landfill Site. We are starting to grade the roads and will also be starting on the drainage work. The Riverside and Horndean roads will be regarded and repacked in the near future. The gravel work will be done soon for the road into the new barn being built by Schroeders. It was discussed that any water and sewer repair work done with Municipal equipment should be billed to that utility.

Foreman Report

Mr. Harder asked about farmers that wish to do haying along our roadsides. It was suggested that these people submit a deposit and that the bales be picked up within one week.

Spring Clean-up is planned for May 12 to 16, 2003.

There was discussion on the Prairie Grain Roads Projects and that in 2003, we will be undertaking one project and starting on the other with plans to complete the second project in 2004.

The dyke at Landmark feeds could possibly be causing a problem to our water and sewer lines at that location. It is possible that the weight of the dyke is shifting the riverbank and causing the water and sewer line breaks. The cost to remove that portion of the dyke would be approximately \$2,500.00.

Our two new employees in public works are: Norm Wiebe, backhoe/loader operator and Paul Rainer, mower operator with their being a 3 month probation for each employee.

The work being done in the shop of the barricades and low bed repairs are now ready for painting.

There was discussion on a possible street paving project in Lowe Farm. Such a project of this would include 6" of C-base, 6" of A-base and 3" of asphalt. There is to be contact made with the Dept. of Highways on the grant-in-aid streets and the possibility of financial assistance for these roads. Council felt that they should have an immediate public meeting on the matter and it was decided to hold this meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowe Farm Community Centre.

On the matter of the Trelleborg tires, we are not having any success with our warranty claims and we should get a legal opinion on the aspects of the warranty and what rights we may have in this issue.

Delegation

At 1:45 p.m., Mr. Dave Shwaluk, Manitoba Water Services Board, met with Council. He informed Council that the Manitoba Water Services Board and PFRA had met recently and it was decided that each would be paying 1/3 of a \$1M rural water line project in the R. M. of Morris. These funds are available for 2003 only and any future funding is uncertain.

Committee
Report

Committee Reports

Reeve Martens – Mayors and Reeves meeting

- the DFA is changing its funding formulas
- AMM will be requesting a copy of our grants-in-lieu information
- For infrastructure work there is \$3B allocated over 10 years.
- Some Municipalities are charging fees for utilities being on municipal right-of-way.
- Broadband Internet service is hoped to be available to all rural areas by 2005.
- Province is bringing in a 1 tier welfare system and that each municipality will be charged for this service based on a 5 year average of costs from 2001 back.
- For Intensive Livestock Operations, the Province needs greater clarity on their planning and the guidelines need to be changed for the different area of the Province and that the guidelines cannot be left as is and become policy.

Seminar

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
78/03. Resolved that Reeve Herm Martens be authorized to attend the Meeting and Rules Order seminar in Winnipeg on April 11, 2003.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Committee Reports

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Councillor Groening – Building Inspector – a committee meeting was held and they conducted an evaluation and decided upon a salary adjustment for 2003.

Councillor Robert – reported on the Aubigny Hall and the park on the west side of the Red River. The Committee is considering selling the park area and purchasing an area inside the dyke that could be used as a park.

He mentioned the possible closure of the old Ferry road, west of Aubigny and using the road area for future development.

On the east side of the dyke, a driveway is needed into that field. The dyke construction took away the existing field access and has not yet provided any access to this field.

St. Pierre
Vet. Dist.
Law Suit

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
79/03. Resolved that we join the R. M. of Ritchot and the R. M. of Montcalm in defending legal action by the St. Pierre Veterinary Board and that Reeve Martens be appointed as our representative to a joint committee on this issue.

Carried. For 6
Against 0


Morris
Arena
Levy


Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
80/03. Resolved that we authorize the amount of \$15,804.00 as our share of the 2003 levy requirement for the Joint Morris Community Centre District.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Barry Fraese:

That this meeting be now adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with Council agreeing to meet again on Thursday, April 10, 2003 and continue the agenda from the April 9, 2003 regular meeting.


Reeve


Municipal Administrator