

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Councillors present were: Ralph Groening, Leo Kornelsen, Barry Fraese, Denis Robert, Lionel Wiens, Sieg Neumann.

The purpose of this special meeting is to continue the agenda from the September 10, 2003 regular meeting and to also have a progress meeting on our rural water line project.

Weed Dist
Settlement

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:

#206/03. Whereas the R. M. of Morris is withdrawing from the Morris Montcalm Weed Control District effective December 31, 2003; Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris request a cash payment for our share of the assets of that organization.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Planning
Session

Council then discussed the matter of holding a planning sessions to deal with issues of Council and of the Municipality. It was felt that this meeting will be held on November 13 (evening), 14 (all day) and 15 (morning), 2003 and that we would hold this meeting at the Canada Inn on Pembina Highway. A facilitator for this meeting is to be arranged for this. This planning session is pending subject to arrangements being made.

Rural
Water
Construct.
Meeting

At 10:00 a.m., Council met with representatives concerning or 2003 water line project. Present were Robyn Lytle of MWSB, Erle Einarson and Jacqueline of PFRA, Jake Friesen and Brad Friesen of Dig All construction and Don Harder, Public Works Foreman for the R. M. of Morris.

There is 2300 feet of 4" line installed to date and a right-of-way may be needed along the North of Section 16-4-1 EPM as it is uncertain at this time the exact location of the road allowance.

Mr. Lytle informed Dig All Construction that the pipes will need extra swabbing as they are not capped and dirt has been allowed to enter the pipe.

For the Aubigny line project, it may be installed on the east side of the road and the contractor would be responsible for the road crossings. Mr. Friesen stated that MWSB engineers should do a physical view of all projects before designing it on paper. The flush out at the north end of this line was discussed and it was felt that the line should proceed further east on PR 205 so that the actual flush out is further out of the urban area. Mr. Lytle will look into the possibilities of doing this.

It was mentioned that all of the water meters are to be sealed and that the Municipality should undertake this after the house has been connected to the meter.

It was decided to meet again on October 2, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Public
Works
Foreman

At 11:10 a.m., Council met with Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman. He mentioned that no response had been received from Trelleborg Tires following a meeting recently with their representatives. We have rented a tractor to operate the rotary ditcher unit. Council felt that a municipal employee should no longer be available for the Morris arena. This is felt to be too disruptive to our public works operations. We would provide someone for this winter but that this would be the last time.

There was discussion on the rural water losses. Each meter is to be sealed which is to be done this fall. Also the possibilities of installing additional meters at strategic locations on the water mains.

Morris
Arena
Employee

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#207/03. Resolved that we notify the Town of Morris and the Joint Morris Recreation District that an employee of the R. M. of Morris will no longer be available for the Morris Arena after the 2003-2004 season.
Carried. For 6
Against 0

Council discussed the costs involved in maintaining the office grounds, however, it was felt that the situation should be left as it is currently.

Interest
Charges on
a/c Rec.

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#208/03. Resolved that for out outstanding accounts receivable, there shall be an interest charge of 2.0% per month for all accounts over 30 days.
Carried. For 6
Against 0

Charges
on NSF
Cheques

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#209/03. Resolved that for each N.S.F. cheque received by the Municipality there shall be a charge of \$25.00 against the writer of the cheque.
Carried. For 6
Against 0

Dig All
Offer for
Direct.
Boring

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#210/03. Resolved that we accept the offer from Dig All Construction to do directional boring to the service connections at a cost of \$4.00 per meter (minimum of 20 meters) with this cost being the responsibility of the homeowner for those that request directional boring for their house connection.
Carried. For 6
Against 0

Siemens
P&H quote
rural
water
connect.

Moved by Ralph Groening Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#211/03. Whereas Siemens Plumbing and Heating has made a quotation to Council for connecting a number of properties to the rural water mains;
And Whereas these properties were not included in the 2003 project but that Council wishes to connect these properties as soon as possible;
Therefore Be It Resolved that we accept this quotation and that the Water Committee be authorized to revise the connection in question at their discretion.
Carried. For 6
Against 0

Jason
Holdings
Water
Connect.

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#212/03. Resolved that Jason Holdings be charged the amount of \$14,000.00 to connect to the rural water line for their connection on the NW of Section 1-5-1 WPM with a connection of a 5/8" water meter with the water supply being into their cistern and not directly to the animal use.
Carried. For 6
Against 0

Assistant
CAO attend
seminars

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#213/03. Resolved that our assistant Chief Administrative Officer
be authorized to also attend the MMAA and AMM meetings and
conventions with conditions permitting.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Tax Sale

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#214/03. Resolved that for our Tax Sale in December, 2003, there
shall be a charge of \$500.00 per parcel for expenses incurred.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Copier

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:
#215/03. Resolved that Denis Robert and Sieg Neumann be
authorized to review the price quotations for a new photocopier for the
Municipal Office and that they be authorized to purchase same.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Low Farm
Fire Dept.
Pump

Council then discussed the damaged water pump for the Low Farm Fire
Department and that a motor was purchased for \$850.00 and is now
being connected to the pump. Council also briefly discussed a matter of
tires on the fire truck.

Moved by Councillor Barry Fraese:
That this special meeting be now adjourned at 12:35 p.m.



Reeve



Municipal Administrator