

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday February 11, 2004 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Fraese, Kornelsen, Neumann and Robert were present with Reeve Martens in the chair.

Leo Kornelsen-Denis Robert

#24/04 Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented and as may be amended.

Carried 5
Against 0

The Acting CAO was instructed to write Mona Brown regarding water funding, PVWC regarding a water audit, Steve Topping regarding land in the Aubigny dyke, and notify Gretna that the R.M. of Morris will not continue with the regional dog catcher proposal. The Acting CAO was also instructed to obtain several prices for the installation of a central vacuum.

Denis Robert – Barry Fraese:

#25/04 Resolved that the minutes of the January 14, and January 19 2004 meetings be approved as presented.

Carried 5
Against 0

FLOODWAY
EXPANSION
MEETING

Mr. Doug McNeil and Jim Thompson from the Manitoba Floodway Expansion Authority and Jim Osler and Laura McKay from Intergroup Consultants attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Mr. John Osler advised Council that Intergroup and Tetris are doing an environmental assessment, which includes public consultations. They are also planning to deepen and widen the existing floodway to increase the protection from a 1 in 90-year flood to a 1 in 700-year flood. Reeve Martens replied that the R.M. of Morris is in favor of the expansion providing that they do not just move the problem from one area to another. John Osler confirmed that compensation would be available for everyone, both North and South, who experienced greater than natural flooding.

JIM FRIESEN
ADVISED ON
MUNICIPAL
ACT

Jim Friesen from the Provincial Technical Review Committee attended the meeting at 11:30 a.m. He advised Council that the Courts have decided that The Municipal Act can now be used to regulate development, but The Planning Act is much stronger. The right to attach conditions to a development will be taken away, and replaced with something new. Livestock operations will be permitted as opposed to being a conditional use.

GREG FRIESEN
LUD of
ROSENORT
LAND FOR
INDUSTRIAL
PARK

Mr. Greg Friesen and Mr. Harry Brandt from the LUD of Rosenort attended the meeting at 1:00 p.m. They advised Council that there is a 100-acre parcel of land for sale that could be used as an industrial park. There has been some interest in a lot, but nothing definite. The Acting CAO was instructed to try to arrange a meeting with Rob Campbell and Walter Siemens in Rosenort between March 15 to 26, 2004. This meeting should be in the afternoon and the LUD Committee will arrange a location and local participants.

PETITIONERS
FROM
RIVERSIDE

RENNIE

~~Ken~~ Schultz acted as a spokesperson for four adult residents of Riverside that attended as a delegation at 2:00 p.m. He advised Council that he assumes the speed limit is 90KMH at the intersection of roads 2 East and 28 North. The distance from dyke to dyke is ¼ mile both ways. The delegation was concerned about safety from people speeding and going through the existing stop signs. They mentioned the playground and mailboxes. There are three persons in this area, which are all large truck drivers that are opposed to additional stop signs. Council discussed this situation briefly and referred it to the Roads Committee for a recommendation.

The annual meeting for the Pembina Valley Water Co-op is going to be on February 20, 2004 so the Planning Session will not start until 11:00 a.m. that day.

The Acting CAO was instructed to cancel rooms for Councillors Neumann and Kornelsen for the Municipal Officials Seminar in Brandon.

Reeve Martens reported that the Tourism Brochures are now out and the Building Inspector report should be done by Councillor Groening.

Councillor Groening reported that the drainage Committee is planning just under 50 miles of drainage. The Lowe Farm/Kane Recreation District amalgamation will be discussed in March. Councillor Groening reviewed the 1/3 each split of building inspectors costs for 2004. He also mentioned rural water and a 2% increase for the Valley Library. The Morris Recreation Commission is planning to hire a student earlier this year.

Councillor Fraese reported that he will be adding Riverside for dust control for the coming years.

Councillor Kornelsen reported that the Lowe Farm Fire Department was overspent by \$1500.00, Sperling was right on budget and Rosenort was \$5000.00 underspent. All fire departments need work on secession planning. The Rosenort C.C.D. has transferred canteen to minor hockey, and has increased their rent to compensate.

Councillor Neumann reported that the Livestock Committee had met with John Derksen and is recommending that he be hired as a dogcatcher with a retainer, plus a cost per dog.

Councillor Robert reported that the Morris Arena books are being audited and they expect a budget in March. The Weed Board opened tenders, and the Mack Truck was sold to Westburne. All other equipment was purchased by R.M. of Montcalm. The Aubigny C.C.D is getting their books audited. The Landfill Committee needs a new pricing strategy, which will be discussed during the Planning Session. The R.M. of Morris will have to purchase a 1/2 ton truck and an ATV for weed spraying.

R.M.
10% for
Dykes

Barry Fraese-Dennis Robert
#26/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris is prepared to pay the 10% community contribution for the Aubigny, Rosenort, Riverside, and Lowe Farm dykes, providing the Province of Manitoba waive all interest charges and approve the in-kind contribution. This payment will be made as soon as debenture financing can be obtained. In-kind contributions are equal to \$141, 500.00. This is further conditional that public land within the dyke limits aside from borrow pits, be transferred to the R.M. of Morris.

Carried 5
Against 0

Leo Kornelsen-Sieg Neumann
#27/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris accept the recommendation from the Livestock Committee for the hiring of a dog catcher effective February 15, 2004.

Carried 5
Against 0

Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
#28/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve the use of straw covers for lagoons as a replacement for the required plastic covers for the 2004 season and notify all persons whose conditional use requires plastic.

Carried 5
Against 0

Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
#29/04 Resolved that By-law #1570/04 to borrow monies for general operating purposes be given first and second reading.

Carried 5
Against 0

Ralph Groening-Barry Fraese

#30/04 Resolved that the R.M. of Morris request technical and financial assistance from the Manitoba Water Services Board for the proposed 2004 rural water line extension project.

Carried 5
Against 0

Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening

#31/04 Resolved that Reeve Martens be authorized to sign the Sustainable Development Innovations Fund Agreement

Carried 5
Against 0

Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening

#32/04 Resolved that the January 2004 accounts from checks #14307 to 14420 totaling \$308,819.78 as authorized by the Finance Committee be approved.

Carried 5
Against 0

Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening

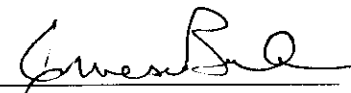
#33/04 Resolved that By law # 1571/04, regarding destruction of records be given 1st and 2nd reading.

Carried 5
Against 0

Councillor Fraese then moved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to meet again at 9:30 a.m. on February 12, 2004.



Reeve



Acting CAO