

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Fraese, Kornelsen, Neumann, Robert and Wiens were present with Reeve Martens in the chair.

251/04           Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann

Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented and may be amended.

Carried

252/04           Lionel Wiens-Denis Robert

Resolved that the minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

253/04           Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese

Resolved that the minutes of the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting be adopted as distributed and amended.

Carried

254/04           Sieg Neumann-Lionel Wiens

Resolved that the minutes of the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

Councillor Groening reported on the Northwest Water Association.

Reeve Martens reported on the Pembina Valley Development Corporation and on conservation districts. The Pembina Valley Water Co-op had a meeting. Reeve Martens asked if the R.M. of Morris should make a presentation at the floodway hearings. Council agreed that the Reeve will draft a positive presentation. The C.A.O. was instructed to find out where and when the hearings are to be held. Reeve Martens reported further that Red River Basin Commission is meeting in January and therefore the council meeting will be on Wednesday only. Reeve Martens also suggested that the R.M. should try to get their money back from the Red River Coalition.

Councillor Groening reported that the Building Committee will be meeting on Friday.

255/04           Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris resolve into camera to discuss recreation.

Carried

256/04           Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris resolve back to open session.

Carried

Councillor Fraese reported that the Sperling C.C.D. will be holding their Christmas party on December 17<sup>th</sup>. They are also holding a breakfast meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Morris Manor meeting will be next week, and they are looking to build six 800-850 sq. foot apartments. Councillor Fraese also reported on the Red River Health Foundation and advised that he is the new chair. This foundation will try to work with the churches in the future.

Councillor Kornelsen reported that the RCMP are two members short. An appreciation evening will be held for the volunteer fire departments on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The fire departments need some new masks by 2009. The recommendation is for 12 or 18 masks with a cost of \$57,000.00 for 18. Sperling needs a total of 4 masks, which can be handled through their budget. Councillor Kornelsen has also received complaints that the Rosenort C.C.D. taxes are getting high.

Mr. Don Harder, the Public Works Foreman, attended the meeting at 11:00 a.m. He advised that 37 miles of drainage have been done and he will shut down on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Nine and a half miles of dirt have been spread and the rotary ditcher worked well until frost. The gravel roads are ready for the winter. Water plant automation is done. Under rural water, 109 hook-ups are complete. The employees are presently reading meters. Chlorine samples are being taken and there are some problems on some of the new lines. In January, the Public Works department will start installing 185 extra MIU boxes. Some employees will be laid off on December 10<sup>th</sup> and some additional ones will be laid off on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gerry Friesen will replace Mr. Henry Dueck. The Lowe Farm ditching is about 50% done and was shut down because of frost. For the GPS, two townships have been done and Peter Williams will be here on Friday. The R.M. could purchase some more equipment. Lewis has a used piece of GPS equipment that would be available for approximately \$23,000.00. This would mean, that if we bought it jointly with Rhineland, each municipality would have their own machine. The R.M. can also purchase a new Rover backpack for \$46,000.00. Drainage licenses have been applied for. Mr. Harder is working on prices for rural water for 2005. The Atlantis prices for aerial photos look positive.

The C.A.O. was asked to write to Mr. Ray Foreman regarding clearing up the 2003 Rural Water project. This letter should ask when the clean-up can be expected and what are the guarantees.

Councillor Robert reported briefly that the Public Works department and Equipment Committee have considered purchasing a used combine to be used for road-side mowing. The total cost could be up to \$10,000.00 including rebuilding the combine.

257/04 Denis Robert-Leo Kornelsen

Resolved that the equipment committee be authorized to purchase a used combine and convert it for road-side mowing at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00.

Carried

Mr. Harry Brandt from the Local Urban District of Rosenort attended the meeting at 1:15 p.m. He advised that Waste Management is prepared to do the 3-year contract at \$15,979.00 for residential and small business. The L.U.D. is expecting to accept the contract from Waste Management effective February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Luc Bartel attended the meeting at 1:30 p.m. He had been advised that he would get a bill for 100% of the cost for rebuilding the road to his barn. He had also been advised that this cost would be approximately \$12,000.00. He realizes that he is responsible for the construction of this road plus two years. His argument is that the road gave out because of traffic that had nothing to do with the barn. This year in October, with the rain and the farmers hauling across this road it became rutted out. Mr. Bartel named the farmers that had been using the road. He advised that he had spent approximately \$30,000.00 per mile to build this road in the first place. Mr. Bartel suggested that his share should be one-quarter of the total cost. Mr. Bartel also asked about his performance bond. He has received a refund of one-quarter of his bond. Council advised that he will have to wait until spring to make sure that the trees are growing. Mr. Bartel said that his trees had been cultivated at the beginning of August. Mr. Bartel then left the meeting.

The C.A.O. was instructed to obtain a copy of the Conditional Use for Mr. Bartel.

Councillor Wiens reported on the Employee Relations Committee. The public works staff has a two-year contract. Councillor Wiens suggested that there should be some discussion for an on-call rate for people that have to stay at home to monitor the water system. Councillor Wiens also reported that the Lowe Farm/Kane annual general meeting was held on November 30<sup>th</sup> with a very poor turnout. Councillor Wiens advised that the Employee Relations Committee would do an evaluation of the Public Works Foreman and the Chief Administrative Officer on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

258/04 Lionel Wiens-Ralph Groening

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris close the municipal office at 12 noon on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> with December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> January 3<sup>rd</sup> to be holidays in lieu of statutory holidays.

Carried

The C.A.O. was asked to post a sign on the door advising the public of these hours. Council decided to hold two variation hearings on December 30<sup>th</sup> commencing at 9:00 a.m. The following correspondence was received.

#### ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

From	Subject	Disposition
A) Leighton Siemens	Revision of Interest Charges	Noted & Filed
B) Inter-gov affairs	Subdivision Approval Application	See resolution
C) Inter-gov affairs	Subdivision Approval Application	See resolution
D) Inter-gov affairs	Subdivision Approval Application	See resolution
E) Pinchin Environmental	School Division Mould & Air	CAO to check
F) R.R.V.S.D.	Environmental Study	CAO to check
G) Pinchin Environmental	Mould Investigation Report	CAO to check
H) Morris & Area Rec District	Monthly Board Meeting	Noted & Filed
I) P.V.D.C.	Strategic Plan	See resolution
J) MuniWare	Municipal Support Agreement	See resolution
K) Inter-gov affairs	Morden Assessment	Noted & Filed
L) The Municipal Board	Unissued Borrowings	CAO to reply

259/04 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve application for subdivision #4152 04-4742 on the following condition – That a variation order be obtained for a 2 acre yard site and 200 feet frontage.

Carried

260/04 Lionel Wiens-Sieg Neumann

Resolved that application for subdivision #4152-04-4741 be approved subject to obtaining a variation for site size and frontage based on approximately 6 acres.

Carried

261/04 Leo Kornelsen-Sieg Neumann

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve application for subdivision #4152-04-4723 subject to a suitable development agreement be reached.

Carried

The C.A.O was instructed to contact the Town of Niverville for a draft development agreement.

Council then adjourned for the day at 4:15 p.m.

  
Reeve

  
C.A.O.