

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday, March 9th, 2005 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.

56/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented and may be amended.

Carried

57/05 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the Variation Board approve variation order #1/2005 to allow a 16-acre yard site.

Carried

Councillor Robert confirmed that the money for the equipment warrantee reserve was to come from the equipment reserve. The reason for this was that the R.M. of Morris had not purchased the extended warrantee this year as they usually had in the past. The intention was to set this money aside and then to self-insure.

The C.A.O. was asked to amend the committees by eliminating the Welfare Committee, changing the Private Dyke Committee to Weed Control, add Councillor Kornelsen to the Personnel Committee, change Lowe Farm/Kane CCD to have Councillor Wiens as a representative, the Community Dyke Committee will become Council as a whole and the Morris New Arena Board will be eliminated.

The C.A.O. was asked to advertise for tenders for hay cutting and to make sure that water meter tampering would be included in any new water-rate by-laws.

58/05 Lionel Wiens-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris adopt the minutes of the February 9th, 2005 meeting as distributed.

Carried

Council requested that paperclips be put on the separate tabs in order to separate the agendas in the future.

The C.A.O. was asked to write to a certain corporation and ask to make sure that there are no liens on the R.M.-owned trencher.

Council decided that Michelle Robert would look after the registration desk at the Bonspiel.

59/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris adopt the minutes of the February 15th, 2005 meeting as distributed.

Carried

60/05 Sieg Neumann-Lionel Wiens
Resolved that the accounts from check # 0179 to # 0310 totaling \$318,140.38 be approved.

Carried

61/05 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris write off the cost of gravel for Lowe Farm in 2004.

Carried

62/05 Ralph Groening-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris transfer \$20,000.00 from the Rural Utility fund to operating in 2004 to cover the estimated cost of wages.

Carried

63/05 Sieg Neumann-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris adopt the year end financial statements as presented and amended.

Carried

Mr. Jeremy Angus from the Rivers West Group attended the meeting at 10:30 a.m. He advised that he has been working for various government departments but has consistently been working on designating the Red River as a heritage river. He gave Council a PowerPoint demonstration and advised that they were intending to apply for a cultural designation only. Their purpose would be to develop the Red River Corridor for tourism and other uses.

64/05 Denis Robert-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris support the designation of the Red River as a heritage river in the cultural classification.

Carried

Mr. Don Harder, the Public Works Foreman, attended the meeting at 11:20 a.m. He advised Council that the pipe-fusing course is coming up and that snow clearing on driveways will not be considered until next year. The drainage plan should start very soon. Mr. Harder asked to have the numbers and the roads budget upped slightly. The Lowe Farm street tenders will close at 3:00 p.m. on March 10th, 2005. Mr. Harder recommended that the R.M. budget \$47,000.00 for culverts, which is lower than usual.

65/05 Denis Robert-Leo Kornelsen
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris purchase the culverts needed in 2005 from Westman Culvert.

Carried

Mr. Harder continued his report and advised that the waterlines hopefully will be ready for tender soon. The MIU's will be completed by March 17th, 2005. Mr. Harder is waiting for the Province to classify water plants and is hoping that all of ours will be Class 1. The Rosenort Housing subdivision and the Industrial Park cost estimates are now complete. All of the road-top data has been collected for GPS. Mr. Harder also reported that the hydraulic wobblers are now finished. The old grader that is to be traded has gone to Winnipeg to have the snow equipment removed.

The C.A.O. was asked to invite Lewis Instruments to the next Council meeting.

66/05 Ralph Groening-Denis Robert
Resolved that Michelle Robert be authorized as the primary office person in charge of GIS.

Carried

The C.A.O. was asked to change the budget for weed control to \$32,000.00.

67/05 Lionel Wiens-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris resolve into camera to discuss GPS equipment and Morris arena.

Carried

Councillor Robert left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

68/05 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the Council resolve back to open session.

Carried

The C.A.O. was asked to bill the R.M. of Rhineland \$27,000.00 for their share of the joint GPS unit.

Mr. Brian Osborne attended the meeting at 2:30 p.m. He presented Council with the Tobacco Creek model watershed plan.

There was a considerable amount of discussion between Council and Mr. Osborne.

Councillor Wiens had to leave the meeting at 3:00 p.m. due to a prior commitment.

69/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris table By-Law No. 1584/04 being for the Morris Wellness Centre and withdraw it from the Municipal Board.

Carried

Council decided to hold a public meeting on March 22nd, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in order to attempt to set up a Morris CCD.

Councillor Groening reported that the R.M. needs some water policy. Four people in the Rural Municipality of De Salaberry want water hooked up. The committee is recommending that this cost should be \$10,500.00 each. All four persons must agree or nobody gets hooked up. There are also three hook ups in the R.M. of Montcalm. Councillor Groening reported that the committee is planning to do approximately 75 miles of line. The estimated cost would be \$550,000.00 for pipe and 80 services at \$2,500.00 for a total cost of \$750,000.00.

70/05 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris raise the hook-up fee for rural water effective April 1st, 2005 to \$10,000.00 for residents and \$12,500.00 for non-residents based on a signed agreement with their municipality.

Carried

71/05 Leo Kornelsen-Ralph Groening
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris accept the recommendation of the Employee Relations Committee and hire Jennifer Vermette as a casual office employee.

Carried

72/05 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve the concept plan for the Rosenort Industrial Park.

Carried

73/05 Ralph Groening-Sieg Neumann
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris approve the application from the Lowe Farm Development Corporation for the Hometown Manitoba program.

Carried

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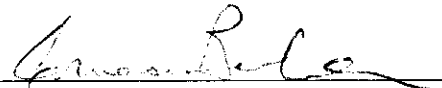
74/05 Leo Kornelsen-Barry Fraese
Resolved that the R.M. of Morris charge \$50.00 for hard copies of the
Development Plan or Zoning by-law.

Carried

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



Reeve



C.A.O.