

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Notes on a meeting held on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 commencing at 7:30 p.m.  
Councillors Leo Kornelsen and Barry Fraese, Herm Martens, Lyle Rance, Brian Rance,  
Todd Paetkau, and Henry Thiessen were present with Councillor Kornelsen in the chair.

MPI Rate Change

- Generally favourable comments on increase to \$600.00 Basic and \$800.00 Complex for MVA's.

Reserves

- All Chiefs supported establishment of a reserve for replacement of fire equipment. Rosenort's main truck will be 20 years old in 2008. Suggested amount to reserve per year is \$50,000.00.

Centralizing fire departments

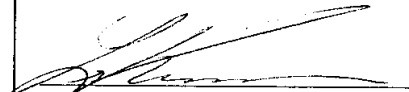
- Fire fighters felt that moving it out of villages would necessitate paid crew at the hall and then the volunteer pool would quickly dry up. Service would decrease. Taxpayer receiving good value for tax dollar.
- Recruitment will continue to be a challenge. Very few young people staying around our communities. Fire departments are holding their own.
- Mutual aid would reinforce small number of fire fighters that respond to a call. Morris helps out at many R.M. fires. Sperling has 12 volunteers- gained 3, lost 1-2 more Public Ed Officers. Lowe Farm has 13 volunteers- gained 6, invited 1. Rosenort has 19 volunteers.
- Communicate with taxpayers


Public representative would be welcome by fire department.

Budget

- Surpluses have been wiped out to take care of deficits in the Sperling and Lowe Farm fire department.
- Sperling would propose a bare bones budget of:  
\$18,430 overhead with new items – insurance & debenture  
6,500 equipment  
\$24,930
- Lowe Farm is looking for 2 more hydrants in Lowe Farm and 1 in Kane. They are also wondering what the new items in the budget are for - hydrant rental, insurance (bldg debenture or accident). They will contact Ernie. Will forward budget to office.
- Rosenort budget proposed at \$40,000.00 including new insurance and debenture.
- Anything that is carried on trucks has is no PST. PST would apply to suits, boots and radios.
- Purple fuel can be used in trucks and equipment.
- Lori asked that the ~~fire~~ fire fighters sign and write down the unit number on the bill.

Steak Supper in mutual aid district planned for June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

  
Chair

  
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