

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday, September 13th, 2006 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Reeve Martens and Councillors Groening, Fraese, Kornelsen, Robert, Neumann and Wiens were present with Reeve Martens in the chair.

156/06 Lionel Wiens – Sieg Neumann

Resolved that the agenda be adopted as may be amended.

Carried

The CAO was asked to talk to the Department of Highways regarding the turning lanes at Rosenort and see if these can be postponed until next year. Council held a hearing regarding conditional use # 4-2006 and no person appeared to be heard.

157/06 Ralph Groening – Leo Kornelsen

Resolved that conditional use # 4- 2006 in Lowe Farm be approved.

Carried

158/06 Denis Robert – Barry Fraese

Resolved that the minutes of the August 9th, 2006 meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

159/06 Lionel Wiens – Sieg Neumann

Resolved that the minutes of the August 24th, 2006 meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

At 9:30 a.m. Council held a hearing regarding By Law #1607 to amend the development plan. No person appeared to be heard although written comments have been received from Manitoba Transportation and Manitoba Conservation. Neither one of these comments objected to the development plan amended.

160/06 Leo Kornelsen – Sieg Neumann

Resolved that By Law #1607/06 development plan amendment be read a second time.

Carried

161/06 Sieg Neumann – Ralph Groening

Resolved that the following accounts be approved:

1241-1249 Totalling_____ \$6136.15

1275-1441 Totalling_____ \$313,569.01

Carried

Council held a hearing at 10:00 a.m. regarding By Law #1608/06, being a Zoning By Law amendment. No person appeared to be heard although written comments had been received from Manitoba Transportation and Manitoba Conservation. Neither of these bodies registered an objection.

162/06 Barry Fraese– Leo Kornelsen

Resolved that By Law #1608/06 being a Zoning By Law amendment be read a second time.

Carried

The CAO was asked to write to a certain supplier and advise that payment would be sent once the job was completed. The CAO was also advised that Council would prefer to have pages 1 to 8 of the Financial Statement on a monthly basis.

163/06 Sieg Neumann – Lionel Wiens

Resolved that the August 2006 financial statement be adopted as distributed.

Carried

The CAO was asked to cancel the contract for pest control at the Rosenort Landfill.

164/06 Sieg Neumann– Lionel Wiens

Resolved that the following accounts be approved:

1474-1519_____ \$314,513.48

Carried

At 10:30 a.m. Council held a hearing regarding By Law 1609/06. This By Law would amend the Zoning By Law to allow wind energy generations system as a permitted use in the Agricultural Restricted zone and General Agricultural zone.

Mr. Bob Spensley from Sequoia Energy attended the meeting. He advised that at St. Leon, their total payments were approximately \$1,000,000 per year which are split approximately equally between municipal taxes, school taxes and land owners for rent. There are a total of 62 towers at St. Leon, which generate 100 mega watts of electricity. These towers have a 25 year life time expectancy, with low and predictable operating cost. Sequoia is a privately owned company, which is based out of Winnipeg. The Meridian project is one of Sequoia's top 5 in Manitoba.

165/06 Denis Robert – Lionel Wiens

Resolved that By - Law # 1609/06 regarding Wind Energy Generating Systems be read a second time.

Carried

166/06 Sieg Neumann – Leo Kornelsen

Resolved that By - Law # 1609/06 regarding Wind Energy Generating Systems be read a third time and passed.

Carried

167/06 Ralph Groening – Barry Fraese

Resolved that By - Law #1606/06 regarding rural water debentures be read a second time.

Carried

168/06 Leo Kornelsen – Barry Fraese

Resolved that By - Law #1606/06 regarding rural water debentures be read a third time and passed.

Carried

169/06 Lionel Wiens – Leo Kornelsen

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris adopt the recommendation from the Employee Relations Committee dated June 30th, 2006.

Carried

Council held a Conditional Use hearing at 11:30 a.m. for Conditional use # 6-2006. A total of six persons attended the hearing being Mr. Rudy Bergman from Box 7 Glenlee, Manitoba, and Mr. Reg Spears from Box 290 Landmark Manitoba, R0A 0X0, Mr. Wilfred Harder from Box 88 Lowe Farm Manitoba, Mr. Denis Brown from Box 96 Lowe Farm, Mr. Weldon Isaac from Box 332 Rosenort, Velma Armit from 454 Hudson Street in Winnipeg.

Mr. Rudy Bergman spoke on behalf of the proponent. He advises that Ptarmigan Swine intend to sell this house to an existing employee who has lived in the home for a year. The employee has children and wants to buy this home and an 11-acre site.

Mr. Wilfred Harder advised that the notice was not clear. He has land, which is North of the barn and has not been offered the manure.

Mrs. Armit advised that they get all of the smell, but have no advantages from this hog barn. They live 2 miles east of the hog barn.

Conditional Use # 6-2006 does not involve the expansion of this barn, but is required because the owners of the barn intend to subdivide a yard site and sell it to a private owner. This new yard site would be within the minimum separation distances from the barn.

Council then adjourned for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

Mr. Don Harder attended the meeting at 1:15p.m. He presented his monthly report to Council.

The CAO was instructed to check into a certain easement, and advise the Reeve whether or not one was signed.

Mr. Dulaney Blatz attended the meeting at 1:45p.m. He advised he had paid his \$6,000.00 performance bond 2 years ago. He had been told that after 1 year 50% would be refunded, after 2 years 25% would be refunded and after 3 years the final 25% would be refunded. He had filled his barn in January 25th, 2005, and had applied for the money early in 2006. He was advised that the R.M. of Morris was waiting for an inspection. A fly over was done on June 20th, 2006. The lagoon was open on June 20th, 2006, but was covered on June 21st, 2006. Mr. Blatz had ordered additional straw 3 weeks before this date. His is the western most barn in this Municipality and therefore is last on the list for getting a custom applicator to apply straw. His lagoon has been covered 3 times this year. In August he received a complaint about weeds. He borrowed a rotary mower for weeds from a relative. This resulted in some delay before the weeds could be cut. His Poplars are now 6 to 9 feet tall. He has ordered 700 replacement trees for next year. The first cover included 25 barley straw bales and about 12 wheat straw bales. Unfortunately all of these were 2 years old which do not give as good of cover.

Councilor Neumann, representing the Livestock Committee responded that the R.M of Morris Compliance Officer will do an onsite inspection and the committee will review the refund.

Mr. Brian Klassen attended the meeting at 2:05p.m. He personally dislikes the airway system of manure application. He was advised that the R.M. of Morris does not allow this type of system. The airway does not work in clay soil or in high straw conditions. His former customers are now using this airway system. Mr. Klassen believes that he is losing work because he plays by the rules. A demonstration had been done, but a true demonstration would be applying manure from the bottom of a feeder lagoon on a cool wet day. Mr. Klassen presented the Council with some pictures showing that the manure was all exposed from the airway system. He advised that this airway system just squirts the manure behind the tines and it does not inject into the soil.

Council decided to meet again on Friday morning at 8:30a.m.

170/06 Sieg Neumann – Leo Kornelsen

Resolved that the R.M. of Morris agree to sell part lot 1, plan # 522 to Jack Wiens for \$1.00 on the condition that he puts a building on this property within one year.

Carried

171/06 Ralph Groening – Sieg Neumann
Resolved that R.M. of Morris approve conditional use #6-2006 for South ½ SW9-4-1 West for Ptarmigan Swine.

Carried

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 2:30p.m.

Reeve

CAO