

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Council Members present: Ralph Groening, Leo Kornelsen, Barry Fraese, Lionel Wiens, Denis Robert, Sieg Neumann.

Agenda

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:

#195/03. Resolved that the agenda for the September 10, 2003 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Delegation

At 9:05 a.m., Mr. Garry Haggerty attended the meeting to discuss the proposed Development Plan with Council. He discussed the Rural Residential and Restricted Agricultural Areas.

It was felt that with this clarification of the document, it would be ready for circulation to the Province. 20 copies of the document should be made with approximately 12 being sent to the Province.

Mr. Haggerty indicated that the zoning by-law would be ready soon for council to review. It was decided to meet on September 30, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. to start work on the zoning by-law. It was felt that we would then be able to hold preliminary informational meetings in late October, 2003. However, the exact date for these meetings will be decided upon at a later date. Council felt that meetings in Rosenort and Lowe Farm would be sufficient for these preliminary meetings.

Public Works Foreman

At 10:05 a.m., Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman met with Council. He indicated that 40 miles of drainage work have been completed and the spreading of the dirt has begun. We are still waiting for approval to undertake the proposed work on the outside drains on the Shannon Drain.

The Prairie Grain Road Project has started on September 4th on Road 31N and that road should be done by September 12, 2003.

The road to the Jason Holdings barns road is almost completed.

For the bridge south of Riverside, it is still planned to be repaired this fall. The repair of the bridge would be replacing the top and paving the top.

Council discussed the situation of an employee working at the Morris Arena and the shortage of workers for the fall months.

The gravel roads would be done as soon as it rains so that a proper job can be done with the grading.

Rural water lines installation is to start on September 15, 2003.

The Manitoba Water Services Board are taking Crown Utilities holdback and deficiency situation to their bonding company for the outstanding works for their 2002 water line installation.

We have purchased tires from KK Penner which was the lowest price received.

It is unknown at this time the status of the insurance claim concerning the bridge that was burned earlier this year.

Council discussed the loss of the pump of the Lowe Farm Fire Department. It was frozen during the fire this winter. There is no insurance coverage for an item such as this that is ruined by being frozen. They currently have a 3" pump available from the Rosenort Fire Department. There is need of the motor for the pump and a mechanic may be needed to put the motor onto the pump. It was felt that the cost of this motor could be deferred to 2004.

Lowe Farm
Fire Dept.
Water Pump

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#196/03. Whereas the Lowe Farm Fire Department had a water pump freeze as a result of a fire call in the winter of 2003; And Whereas a 3" pump is available from the Rosenort Fire Department, however a motor is needed for this pump; Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris authorize that a motor be installed on this pump and that charges for this pump be deferred to the 2004 year.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Minutes

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#197/03. Resolved that the minutes of the August 13, 2003 regular meeting and the August 29, 2003 special meeting be now adopted by Council.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

At 11:15 a.m., Council held a public hearing for the rezoning of property in Rosenort under By-law No. 1567/03. There was no one present for this hearing.

By-law
1567/03

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#198/03. Resolved that By-law No. 1567/03, being a by-law for the re-zoning of the Rosenort Tea House to General Commercial be now given 2nd and 3rd readings and finally passed in Council as a whole.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

JEPP
Application

Council felt that we should make application under the JEPP program for a water pump which could be held for area fires. This pump could assist area fire departments where additional water is needed from ponds, rivers, etc. For this area of the Province, the water supply for fire fighting is largely from ponds and rivers.

JEPP

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:
#199/03. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris make application under the J.E.P.P. program for a water pump which may be used for flood fighting purposes.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Rec. Confer
Brandon

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Lionel Wiens:
#199/03. Resolved that Councillor Ralph Groening be authorized to attend the Provincial Recreation Conference on November 7-9, 2003 in Brandon.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Triple R
Evening
Donation

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#200/03. Resolved that we donate a contribution of \$150.00 to the Triple R Entrepreneur and Volunteer Appreciation evening on October 22, 2003.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Accounts

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:
#201/03. Resolved that we authorize payment of the accounts for September 10, 2003 in the amount of \$121, 836.38.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Building
Inspector

At 1:30 p.m., Mr. Ray Muller, Building Inspector, he reviewed the building permit reports until August, 2003. Council also discussed the compliance of hog barns and the results of the recent fly-over. Council requested a copy of the recent letters that were sent out to barn owners. It was discussed the compliance of a new hog barn along PTH 23 and it was mentioned that there were no trees planted around the site as required in the conditions of approval. It was instructed by Council to notify that operation that they have until September 30, 2003 to have trees planted as required. This non-compliance to our Conditional Use Order would have a \$5,000.00 fine with the owner having the right to appeal the decision to Council.

Council also discussed the office location of the building inspector.

Golden
Corners
Tax Cancel

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#202/03. Resolved that we agree to cancel the 2003 property taxes for the New Horizons Golden Corners in Sperling.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

AMM Seminar
in Portage

Moved by Ralph Groening Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#203/03. Resolved that Councillor Lionel Wiens be authorized to attend the AMM Seminar on Labour and Employee Relations Management on October 10, 2003 in Portage la Prairie.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Stop Sign
NW30-6-2W

Moved by Lionel Wiens, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#204/03. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris accept the proposal of the R. M. of Dufferin to install a stop sign on the NW corner of Section 30-6-2 WPM.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Tax Sale

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Sieg Neumann:
#205/03. Resolved that we hold our Tax Sale on December 15, 2003.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Rural
Water
Project


Council then discussed the matter of the 2003 rural water connections. The project is starting on September 15, 2003 and the contractor will start on the area SW of Morris. The matter of the house connections was discussed as to whether arrangements could be made to have them bored as part of the project. The contractor has given no indication of a willingness to provide a special rate. He has requested that the Municipality obtain caveats from the farmers to allow the line installation to be done on the edge of the fields.

Rural
Water
Projects

There are no agreements in place for this area of the project and it was felt that if the contractor was unwilling to make special arrangements for the house connections then he could install the water lines as the contract requires.

The meeting was then adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with Council agreeing to meet again on September 18, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. to continue the agenda from the September 10, 2003 meeting.


Reeve


Municipal Administrator