

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. on the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

Council Members Present were: Ralph Groening, Leo Kornelsen, Stan Siemens, Sieg Neumann, Barry Fraese, Denis Robert.

Agenda

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#45/01. Resolved that the agenda for the March 14, 2001 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Support
For Farm
Rally

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#46/01. Whereas the farm economy in the Province of Manitoba is in need of immediate substantial support from the Province and Federal Governments; And Whereas the farm industry needs to be supported to allow equity on the world market;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Morris fully supports the efforts of the Farm Rally on March 14, 2001 in Winnipeg in promoting a greater equity for the farming industry.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Delegation

Cpl. Dick Graham, Morris R.C.M.P. Detachment, met with Council and reviewed the 2000 report from their detachment. He indicated that the force is now at full staffing in Manitoba and 1 year ago they were approximately 100 short. He then answered Council's questions relating to the detachment.

Minutes

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens:

Resolved that the minutes of the February 14, 2001 regular meeting and the February 15 and 21, 2001 special meeting and the February 19, 2001 public hearing be now accepted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

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

Delegation

Mr. Troy Selfi and Mr. Les Harper of Little Dipper Holdings, met with Council to discuss the possibilities of establishing a used oil holding area in the municipality. Mr. Troy Selfi is planning to purchase Howard Lewis's property and would like to establish 2 storage tanks (10,000 gallons each) on the property. Their plan is that they would pick up used oil from all over their coverage area and would then pump it into these storage tanks. They indicated that they do need environmental approval and that they have spoken to most of the neighbours and there were no objections expressed to the proposal. The locations that they would pick up the used oil must be registered with the Province. The tanks would belong to Little Dipper Holdings and the company would lease this property.

They were told that Council would have to look onto any zoning requirements for the proposal and also the Dept. of Environment requirements.

Delegation

Mr. Ray St. Godard, Larry Gluck, Abe Paetkau, Ben Wiebe, Arnold Hoffer, Paul Wolman, Lawrence Dyck, and Elwyn Eidse, Mike Booy of K-Line met with Council to express concerns over the proposed barns for Section 22 and 27-5-2 WPM.

Mr. Ray St. Godard stated the K Line is proposing to construct hog barns on Section 22 and 27-5-2 WPM. K Line met with area residents to explain the proposed 2600 sow barn operations. He indicated that straw cover is not working properly. Having a 400 day storage capacity for the lagoons is not enough. He is opposed to the barn proposal.

Mr. Larry Gluck expressed concerns over operations of this size. They are proposing two 2600 sow hog barns. K Line had indicated to the residents that such barns do provide employment and significant grain usage for the operation. He indicated that he questions the truth in such statements. Much of the grain for barns is currently being brought in from Alberta, because of disease in Manitoba grains. The employees for the barn operations need not be from the local area and most will not be from the local area and questions what benefits they may be to the local area. These operations would produce 156,000 weanlings each year and if the weanlings are being sent to the United States, then what is the benefit to the area or the Province. There have been many barns built in the last 5 years and even with that, the property taxes have still increased. He questioned what is the benefit if millions of dollars be being spent on the construction of barns in the Municipality if the tax benefit is very minimal. All of this new barn construction is not helping the taxes situation. He then presented Council with a petition from the area people in opposition to these proposed barns.

Mr. Ray St. Godard mentioned that these are large barns and they would be about 5 miles away from Lowe Farm and the smell from these barns will affect Lowe Farm. When are barn applications going to stop, when will there be enough barns.

Mr. Ben Wiebe told Council that he was 3rd generation on his farm and he currently has barns to the north of him and now this proposal would put barn from the West. How can outsiders come into the area, build their barns and not live here themselves and in building their barns, they take away the standard of living for that area.

Mr. Abe Paetkau questioned if we follow our own livestock guidelines and the Provincial policy. He was informed that these are guidelines for Council and are not regulations.

Mr. Larry Gluck questioned the track record of this company. Kroeker farms has little concern for standards and in the recent past they had dumped manure into the drain and had been fined for this.

Mr. Mike Booy responded that that situation never happened.

Councillor Ralph Groening noted that building of barns has not realized an increase in benefits to communities. They have not increased the number of people living in areas, no new businesses have happened, etc., that kind of growth has not happened.

Mr. Ray St. Godard asked if the barn operation will be paying the difference for the lost value in the sale of the house.

Mr. Paul Wolman stated that smell and water contamination was their main concern. Also that for these barn projects, there is no one living on the sites. He mentioned that Silverwinds Colony is NW of the proposed sites and prevailing winds would greatly affect them.

There was some general discussion on the matter and the delegation was then ended.

Public
Works
Foreman

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, then met with Council and explained what the public works employees had been working at over the winter months. He indicated that they plan to purchase a wire welder for the shop in the near future.

He stated that the drainage program for 2001 had been finalized and that maps had been mailed out to residents of the Municipality. And that a copy of the map had been given of Mr. Dave Buhler of the Provincial Regional Water. In early April, plans are that we would be starting to do some survey work. Rob Goertzen will be called back on April 2, 2001 and Jack Klassen's call back will depend on the snow melt. The employees may need to be called back sooner, depending on the spring thaw.

He asked about the Lowe Farm and Rosenort Water Plants and Reservoirs, and whether we would be selling the equipment in them. Council felt that the equipment was no longer used and that it should be sold and that we should contact John Chalmers, J. R. Cousin and the AMM Leader in the sale of this equipment. There was then the question as to what to do with the water ponds.

He mentioned that a caretaker was needed for the new addition at the shop. He then informed Council that for the 2001 year, the road gravel and calcium requirements would be approximately \$227,000.00.

Equipment
Committee

The Equipment Committee then presented Council with various price quotations that had been obtained for tractor units and also for a new 3/4 ton truck. Prices received were from Enns Brothers Ltd. and Reimer Farm Sales. The truck quotations were from Rosenort Motors of Rosenort, Brodeur Brothers of St. Pierre, Janzen's of Carman and Wilf's Elie Ford Sales of Elie. In reviewing all of these prices, it was Council's opinion that the John Deere 4400 Tractor from Enns Brothers was the best price received. It was also felt that attachments for this unit should be purchased at this time.

On the matter of the possible purchase of a truck, Council felt that the best price received was for a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado from Rosenort Motors.

Purchase
JD 4400
Tractor
Mower &
Blower

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Stan Siemens:

#48/01. Resolved that we authorize the purchase of a John Deere 4400 Tractor Loader unit and a 72" rear discharge mower from Enns Brothers Ltd. at a cost of \$28,320.00 plus taxes with the tractor being equipped with industrial tires;

And Further Be It Resolved that we purchase a 60" rear mount snow blower, from Enns Brothers at a cost of \$1,565.00 plus taxes according to their quotations of March 4, 2001.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Purchase
3/4 Ton
Truck

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#49/01. Resolved that we agree to purchase a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Extend Cab from Rosenort Motors, at a cost of approximately \$21,600.00 plus taxes, with our 1998 Dodge Club Cab being traded in according to their quotation of February 21, 2001.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Authorize
Purchase
Used 3/4
Ton Truck

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#50/01. Resolved that the Equipment committee be authorized to purchase a used 3/4 ton truck at an approximate price of \$13,500.00 plus taxes.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

By-law
1548A/01

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#51/01. Resolved that By-law No. 1548A/01, being a by-law authorizing necessary borrowing for a sewer and water system in Sperling, be now given first reading.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Gravel
Prices

Moved by Sieg Neuman, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#52/01. Resolved that we accept an offer from Lavallee Trucking to supply our road gravel need for 2001 with prices being the same as 2000 with Council accepting the possibility of having to possibly review the matter depending on fuel price changes.


Carried. For 7
Against 0

Shop
Caretaker

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#53/01. Resolved that we hire L. C. Cleaning to undertake cleaning services for the new addition to our Public Works Shop at a contract price of \$100.00 per month.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens:
That the meeting be now adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with council agreeing to meet again on Thursday, March 15, 2001 to continue the remainder of the agenda of March 14, 2001.



Reeve



Municipal Administrator.