

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. in the R. M. of Morris Council Chambers.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

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

At the start of the meeting, Council discussed the Conditional Use Hearing to be held at 10:00 a.m. and also discussed the situation of the water line installations being done east of the Red River.

Agenda

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#145/01. Resolved that the agenda for the July 11, 2001 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Minutes

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Stan Siemens:

#146/01. Resolved that the minutes of the June 13, 2001 regular meeting and the June 14 and June 27, 2001 special meetings be now accepted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Conditional
Use Hearing
6/2001
B. Mazinke
SW 23-4-1W

At 10:00 a.m., a hearing was held for Conditional Use No. 6/2001 applied for Mr. Bruce Mazinke.

Present for this hearing were: Bruce Mazinke, Bob Ritz, Warren Doerksen, Willie Herman, Len Recksiedler.

Bruce Mazinke spoke first advising Council that his plan is to build a 3,000 sow farrow to isowean hog barn. The application has been approved by the Provincial Technical Review Board and he asked Council to also give approval to this conditional use application.

Bob Ritz told Council that there are many hog barns in the area of Sewell and he then showed Council a map displaying the barns in the area. Given the location of these barns, the prevailing winds would have an effect on the area.

Willie Herman stated that all the shelter belts are gone, pig barns are now being built and there are no trees in the area to disburse the odour. There is a barn 1/4 mile away from his residence and he often does smell this barn. He asked the application who was building the barn, himself or a corporation.

Bruce Mazinke said it had not yet been established.

Councillor Kornelsen asked Mr. Herman how often he smells the barn close to him.

Mr. Herman responded that the close barn is only a small one and he smells that barn and they are building a new barn on that property that is not in operation yet.

Reeve Martens noted that two new barns in the area are currently under construction and the affect of these on the area is not known yet. He asked Mr. Mazinke of the impact if there is a delay in the decision of this application and was told that there are opportunities at this time and smaller barns are not as viable as larger barns.

Councillor Groening stated that there are currently a number of barns in this area and is a dilemma caused by the barns that surround the people of the Sewell community. He then noted the situation of road access into this proposed barn site.

Conditional Use Hearing Continued

At this time in the hearing, Reeve Martens then read letters of objection received by the Municipality from Len Recksiedler, Allen Recksiedler, Bruce Kennett and also a petition from people of the area opposing this barn application.

Warren Doerksen asked why that particular section had been chosen.

Bruce Mazinke responded that it was land that he owned, it is in a very unpopulated area and it was the only site area that they looked at.

Agriculture is changing and farmers are told to diversify and they are doing so with livestock. These barns also provide additional taxes to the Municipality.

Councillor Kornelsen asked if the petition signers were from the area and he was informed that they were.

Councillor Groening acknowledge that agriculture is changing. He asked what is being done concerning odour from the barn at his home yard. Mr. Mazinke indicated that he has barley straw cover on that lagoon in his yard. Mr. Bob Ritz stated that Alberta people want a tax reduction being near barns and this issue is now before the law courts.

Mr. Mazinke stated that this proposed barn is planned to have 10 employees and that the road access into the barn would be needed from the north.

Councillor Fraese asked Mr. Mazinke if they had considered a tarp cover for the lagoon.

Mr. Mazinke responded that they had not considered a tarp because there are problems that arise with tarps. Animals get onto the tarp and cannot get off, water accumulates on the surface of the tarp, pulling the tarp back is hard on the tarp and the life span of the tarp is not very long considering the cost of a tarp.

Mr. Bob Ritz told Council that he does not want to go against neighbours, but have to when it starts to affect ones residence.

Councillor Robert stated that people want more services and where does the money come from to provide these services. Barns do increase the municipal tax base and the ability to provide these services.

Len Recksiedler stated that people of this area have lived there for many years and now have to tolerate smell from these barns. When is there enough pigs. Odour is a problem and another concern is manure getting into drainage ditches.

Bob Ritz noted that there is new technology coming out and it should be investigated.

Councillor Groening told that the issues of odour and odour control have only recently been issued addressed by the hog industry.

Mr. Mazinke commented that there is a process of filters for the fans that is being worked on but is not proven as to the effect that it may have.

Bob Ritz stated that finding out the smell impact on a persons house or area is always after the fact and is too late then to change anything.

Councillor Siemens commented that there will be barns all around the Sewell community and has a concern on the effect on the community. The Municipality needs to decide when to draw the line and must take applications in the order that they apply.

Warren Doerksen mentioned that Bruce Mazinke had previously applied to build a barn on the SE of Section 6-4-1 EPM and that had ben approved but Bruce changed sites and actually built in his home yard in the R. M. of Montcalm.

Mr. Mazinke indicated that he would consider placing a plastic cover on the lagoon at his home yard barn site.

Len Recksiedler commented that promises need to be met and followed through on and someone needs to make sure that they are done.

Conditional Use Hearing Continued

Councillor Robert asked if the people would consider having a cover on the home yard lagoon as a condition to this barn approval.

Len Recksiedler responded that it cannot be considered when there are other barns in the area that are not in operation yet and they do not know what impact they will have on their living.

Councillor Groening informed the audience that the Farm Practices Review Board will consider problems and odour issues that are affect people.

The hearing was then adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Public
Works
Foreman

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, met with Council. He indicated that to date there has been 22.5 miles of drainage work done. The gravel program is to start today and the urban centres are all done.

For the new hog barns on Sections 22 & 27-5-2 WPM, he wanted to know the access road that is to be used into these barn sites.

At the Rosenort water plant, the filters have been moved out and should be advertized for sale.

The mowing is proceeding very well in the urban centres.

There was discussion on the municipal equipment and the employees.

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Delegation

Mr. Mike Brodeur then met with Council to discuss a problem situation of the school bus being able to turn around in his driveway. He has no equipment to maintain the driveway and the school bus will be damaging his driveway which he has no equipment to fix it with. In the past the school bus turned around on the bridge that was across from that yard site, however, the bridge is now gone and the bus turns around in his driveway and is making ruts and ruining his driveway.

Mr. Brodeur was told that most of the school buses use those peoples driveways to turn around where they need to turn around. For the Municipality to gravel and maintain his driveway would be setting a precedence and that is not a viable option.

Council did agree to consider having the west driveway as the yards main driveway and would be widened and gravel used going to the east driveway would be put on the west driveway and that this would be a one time only effort.

Accounts

Moved by Barry Fraese, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#147/01. Resolved that we approve the list of accounts for July 11, 2001 in the amount of \$189,771.99 with the following cheques being withdrawn:

Lyle Rance	\$325.63
ABC Fire & Safety	\$2,537.30

Carried For 6
Against 0

Rosenort
Fire Hall
Doors

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#148/01. Resolved that Council agree to replace the overhead door panels for the Rosenort Fire Hall due to their poor condition at a cost of approximately \$3,800.00 with this price being form Winnipeg Overhead Doors.

Carried. For 6
Against 0

Fire
Chiefs

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:
#149/01. Resolved that Council of the R. M. of Morris hereby makes the following appointments as Fire Chief to the Fire Department stated:

Lyle Rance Sperling Fire Department
Todd Paetkau Lowe Farm Fire Department

Carried. For 6
 Against 0

Low Farm
Sewer
System
Sump Pump
Program

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#150/01. Whereas the capacity of the Low Farm lagoon has been a concern expressed by the Department of Environment;
And Whereas the Municipality, in the past, has received special permission for early discharge from the Low Farm lagoon;
And Whereas Council wishes to take action to help alleviate this overload problem;
Therefore Be It Resolved that the Rural Municipality, on behalf of the Low Farm water and sewer system, does now offer to pay for the pump and tank at a cost of \$250.00 for those individuals that install a sump pump system that pumps weeping tile water outside of the building and not into the sewer system;
And Further Be It Resolved that this offer is to commence as of July 1, 2001 and be offered for an indefinite time and that residents of Low Farm are to be immediately made aware of this program.


Carried. For 6
 Against 0

Burning
Fine

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:
#151/01. Whereas the Rural Municipality of Morris has been charged by the Department of Environment for burning of refuse at the Sperling Waste Disposal Site on approximately June 5, 2001;
Therefore Be It Resolved that Council not dispute the charge and authorizes that this fine be paid.

Carried. For 6
 Against 0

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens:
That the meeting be now adjourned at 3:00 p.m. and that Council agree to meet again on July 18, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. to continue the remainder of the July 11, 2001 regular meeting agenda.


Reeve


Municipal Administrator