

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

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

This special meeting was called by the Reeve for the following topics: The Floodway Operations Review Committee Report, the meeting with the Minister of Government Services on January 18, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. at the Legislative Building, the Sperling Water situation, a proposal for a casino at Morris, the proposed P.V.W.C. water line east of the Red River, the Council meeting on January 12, 2000 and the conflict with the TIC conference and certain employee situations with the Municipality.

Floodway
Document
Discussions

Reeve Martens explained to Council that the Province of Manitoba has proposed amendments to the Floodway Operating Rules and that it does now provide for compensation to flood victims and that this new amendment would now appear to satisfy those municipalities that were not in favour of the unamended document.

Floodway
Amended
Report
Approval

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#1/2000. Whereas the Red River Floodway Operating Rules document has now been amended according to a letter of January 6, 2000 from the Water Resources Branch;

And Whereas this amendment acknowledges compensation available to flood victims involving the floodway;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the R. M. of Morris is now in favour of this amended Floodway Operation review Committee Report and authorizes the signing of this document.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Minister
Meeting
-MEMO
Claim

Reeve Martens informed Council that a meeting has been arranged with the Hon. Steve Ashton, Minister of Government Services to discuss our flood claim and wanted to know which Council Members would also be able to attend.

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Denis Robert:

#2/2000. Resolved that all members of Council be authorized to attend a meeting with the Minister of Government Services on January 18, 2000 at 1:30 at the Legislative Building.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Sperling
Water
Project

For the Sperling Water Project, the Municipality needs to yet appoint a contractor to undertake the construction and installation of the necessary plumbing needs for the placement of a standpipe at the Sperling Fire Hall. Council then discussed various aspects of the proposal.

Siemens
Plumbing
-Sperling
Standpipe

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#3/2000. Resolved that Siemens Plumbing and Heating be engaged to install the water truck stand pipe in the Sperling Fire Hall according to the specifications supplied by P.F.R.A.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

January Meeting

As our January regular Council Meeting is in conflict with the TIC conference in Winnipeg, it was decided that our second day meeting would be held on January 14, 2000 and that our meeting on January 12, 2000 may also be shortened. There was mention of a conditional use application, however, because it did not receive the necessary 14 days notice and the conflict with the TIC conference, it was decided that this conditional use hearing be reschedule to our February, 2000 regular meeting date.

Employee Situation Discussion

At 11:00 a.m., Council met with Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman to discuss certain employee situations. These discussions involved the landfill sites at Rosenort, Lowe Farm and Sperling, the operating personnel for the Rosenort and Lowe Farm water and sewer systems and also the operation of a small mower unit.

With regards to the Landfill Sites, Council discussed some of having these operations done by a single employee and how the rescheduling of days and times of operation could accommodate this use. Following a lengthy discussion on this matter, Council believed that some progress was being made in the situation.

Prior to the lunch break, councillor Leo Kornelsen indicated to Council that he would be unable to return for the afternoon session.


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

Employee Situation Discussion


Following lunch, Council continued the discussion and planning of the employment situation involving the matters of the morning discussions. It is felt by Council that one person could possibly be responsible for the landfill site operations and possibly another person to administer to the sewer and water systems in the Municipality and also operate a small mower/snow blower unit. Council also discussed the situation involving our water and sewer systems, the personnel currently working at these systems and the fact that a small mower/blower unit is now available and needs to be manned to properly operate in the Municipality. It was debated whether to hire a person for the summer months for the mower/blower and incorporate that position into a year round position involving the operation of the sewer and water systems. It was felt that sufficient discussion and resolve had now taken place and that the matter would be decided upon at our next regular meeting allowing Council time to further contemplate the situation.

During the afternoon session, Councillor Stan Siemens excused himself from the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and Councillor Sieg Neumann excused himself from the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Ralph Groening:
That this special meeting be now adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



Reeve



Municipal Administrator.