

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Herm Martens presided.

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

Agenda

Moved by Ralph Groening, Seconded by Leo Kornelsen:

#22/00. Resolved that the agenda for the February 9, 2000 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Minutes

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#23/00. Resolved that the minutes of the January 12, 2000 regular meeting and the January 14, 2000 special meeting be now adopted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Delegation

At approximately 11:00 a.m., council met with Mr. Ron Janke and Mr. Milt Braun to discuss the expansion and redesign of the Morris Golf Course. Due to the 1997 flooding and the high waters of 1999 the Board for the Morris Golf Course has decided to undertake a course redesign to undertake some flood proofing of the course. They will be purchasing the land to the north of the existing course and will be constructing greens and fairways on this area to compensate for the holes that will be lost due to the flood proofing work. It is estimated that this project will cost \$300,000.00 and that the clubhouse also has to be relocated and it will be placed closer to the highway on the new land. The Town of Morris will be issuing tax receipts for this project and they will be approaching the Town of Morris to also contribute to the project. They are now requesting that the Municipality make its equipment available for the project. Council expressed support for the project and it was mentioned that there are many farmers in the area that have scrapers and that much of the dirt moving work could be done at very little cost with the assistance of volunteer work from scrapers in the area. Council indicated no objection to the request, however, a comment was made as to the timing of the project and time that our equipment would be needed. It would be preferred that our equipment be scheduled, if possible, so as not to be requested to work at various times and dates but to have it done all at one time. Mr. Don Harder was to consider the matter and the scheduling situation.

Public
Works
Foreman

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, then met with Council. He indicated that for the Sperling water standpipe situation, the pressure at the standpipe would fill a 1,000 gallon tank in about 22 minutes. We will be checking into what can be done to increase the pressure and volume at the standpipe. He asked about the issue of the Municipality plowing dirt roads for school bus routes. Council's view at this time is that we not undertake such plowing practices and that school buses should travel the gravel road routes that are set for the route and driver.

Council then recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Public
Works
Foreman

Following lunch, Council continued their meeting with Mr. Don Harder. Mr. Harder indicated that there is planned that 5 bridges in the Municipality are in need of replacement with culverts. The costs for the culverts for these replacement will be approximately \$27,000.00. He then gave Council a listing of estimated culvert needs for the year. He told Council that the Ford Bi-directional tractor was currently having minor warranty work being done to it.

Public
Hearing
-Condit.
Use 1/2000

At 1:30 p.m., Council held a public hearing for Conditional Use application No. 1/2000 for a hog barn expansion, with manure pits, on the NW 1/4 of Section 2-6-1 WPM. applied for by Mr. Kenton Penner. Mr. Kenton Penner spoke to Council that he wishes to expand the existing operation from 400 feeder pigs to that of 900 feeder pigs. He then indicated that since making this application, he had changed his plans and now wished to construct a lagoon for the barn rather than having pits. He indicated that there was concern expressed regarding the hauling the manure for the pits on municipal roads to the fields for disposal. This lagoon would be have a 2 year storage capacity. At this time, he did not know if his north water pond would be filled in or used as a standby water supply. Because of this change of having a lagoon, council expressed a concern relating to section 10.5 of the Municipal guidelines regarding a lagoon and the approval of neighbours. This neighbour approval process had not been done. It was mentioned that the annual costs for putting straw cover on to a lagoon of this size would be approximately \$500.00 plus the straw. Mr. Gerald Loewen spoke at this time and stated that he is in support of the barn. He has 800 feeder pigs and does put straw cover on his lagoon and feels that it works very well in significantly reducing the odour from his lagoon. At this time, the hearing was ended and Council indicated that a decision on the application would be reached as soon as possible.

Delegation

Sgt. Vatamaniuk and Cpl. Dick Graham of the Morris R.C.M.P. detachment met with Council. Sgt. Vatamaniuk reviewed their quarterly report and also their annual report with Council. He indicated that they are still having shortages of staff in the detachment but has hopeful that the situation would be alleviated soon. He stated that his staff does spend much time in responding to calls and situations rather than patrolling areas. This is unfortunate at this time, however, he does believe that the situation will change in the near future and that the members will be able to undertake more patrolling duties. An issue called "Restorative Justice" is being promoted by the justice system and must be done on a voluntary basis. This is when the victim, the perpetrator, moderator and the R.C.M.P. meet to help to resolve and deal with the crime that happened. For this "Restorative Justice" there would have to be local committees established to deal with the situation further.

Delegation

At approximately 3:00 p.m., Mr. Richard Vermette, met with Council to request that a driveway replacement. In 1993, a driveway was removed along the north of Section 22-4-1 EPM on the 1/2 mile line and was not replaced. He is now requesting that this driveway be replaced. It was mentioned that this driveway would require 2 - 36" culverts approximately 11 meters long. It was mentioned to Mr. Vermette that as there was existing driveways onto the fields that he should be financially responsible for this driveway that he is now requesting. Mr. Veremtte stated that he did not agree and that the municipality should replace his driveway. The situation of drainage in this area has a lengthy history and Council did indicated to Mr. Vermette that they would consider the request. Council did question the length of time that has passed from when the culvert was removed in 1993 to the current.

Driveway
Access

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Stan Siemens:
#24/00. Whereas a request for a second access onto a quarter section of land was presented;
And Whereas the Municipal policy is to have one access per quarter section/parcel;
Therefore Be It Resolved that we do not pay for a second access per quarter section/parcel.

Carried. For 5
Against 2

Delegation

Mr. Don Harder then met further with Council and Council requested further information of the operation of our Landfill Sites and the costs of their operation. They then discussed the operations in general and what the costs might be. Operation of small equipment would be a requirement for this changed site plans.

Mr. Harder indicated that we do received good service from the Lowe Farm Co-op and he hoped that we would continue to conduct our business there. He discussed having a open house for the new shop area and Council felt that it was a good idea and that we should have it on April 14, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. if arrangements can be made.

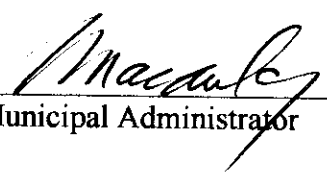
Advertise
Landfill
Site
Positions

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Denis Robert:
#25/00. Resolved that we advertise for the position of Landfill Site Operators for Rosenort and Lowe Farm and that application be in by February 29, 2000.

Carried. For 7
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Leo Kornelsen:
That the meeting be now adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with Council agreeing to hold a special meeting on February 10, 2000 to continue the remainder of the agenda of the February 9, 2000 meeting.


Reeve


Municipal Administrator