

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 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, Denis Robert, Stan Siemens, Leo Kornelsen, Barry Fraese, Sieg Neumann.

LUD new  
Member

L.U.D. of Rosenort Elections: Mr. Harry Brandt was nominated to the position of L.U.D. of Rosenort Committee Member and was the only nomination received. On April 12, 2000 Mr. Harry Brandt was declared elected by acclamation to the position of Committee Member for the L.U.D. of Rosenort.

Agenda

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Barry Fraese:

#63/00. Resolved that the agenda for the April 12, 2000 regular meeting be now approved as it is now amended or as may be amended.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Minutes

Moved by Seig Neumann, Seconded by Ralph Groening:

#64/00. Resolved that the minutes of the March 8, 2000 regular meeting and the March 9, 2000 and April 4, 2000 special meetings be now adopted as presented by the Municipal Administrator.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Support to  
Drop in  
Centre &  
Day Care

Moved by Sieg Neumann, Seconded by Stan Siemens:

#65/00. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris express a letter of support for a Family Services Centre and a Youth Drop in Centre being established in Morris.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Reeve  
Report

Reeve Herm Martens then reported on the recent Mayors & Reeves meeting. There is a new Infrastructure Program in the works which is hoped to be out soon. There was expressed a problem with certain roads being #1, #75, #16 being Federal roads.

He mentioned that there were concerns mentioned relating to the Freedom of Information Act and its impact on Social Assistance applications. Also raised was the situation of some municipalities wanting the Province to take over all welfare applications.

Drainage is a municipal responsibility and the Municipality needs a by-law concerning drainage.

The A.C.R.E. program is continuing and the R. M. of Morris has a good return on containers relative to sales in the area.

For Autopac, there was a question relating to fire departments and their responding to calls with the concern of where, what they pay for.

Public  
Works  
Foreman

Mr. Don Harder, Public Works Foreman, met with Council. He mentioned dust control and whether the program would continue this year. The drainage maps have been sent out and drainage work actually started on April 4, 2000.

For Spring Cleanup, the Town of Morris is doing theirs on May 8 to 12, 2000 and that the R. M. of Morris should do it at the same time.

Regarding the landfill sites, he asked of the operators being hired, the use of cell phones and the sites and also the charges for tires being delivered at the sites.

He informed Council that all employees would be called back by April 17, 2000.

Drainage  
Report

Councillor Ralph Groening and Mr. Don Harder reviewed with Council the drainage requests that have been put on hold or will not be done. Some requests need more study or checking and others cannot be done based on the request that was made.

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

Public  
Works  
Foreman

Mr. Don Harder then continued his presentation to Council. The John Deere motor grader needs further work on it, however, Brandt Tractor has no loaner to provide. For our Bi-directional tractor, Little Morden Service is supplying new tire rims for this machine as they were to be replaced on warranty.

Purchase  
of 3/4 Ton  
Truck

Moved by Denis Robert, Seconded by Stan Siemens:  
#66/00. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris agree to purchase a 1993 GMC 3500, 3/4 ton truck at a cost of \$13,664.04 from F & L Truck Centre, Dugald, Manitoba.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Health  
Dist. Found.  
Fundraiser

Moved by Leo Kornelsen, Seconded by Stan Siemens:  
#67/00. Resolved that the R. M. of Morris agree to purchase 8 tickets to the fund raiser event on April 15, 2000 for the Red River Valley Hospital District Foundation.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Meeting  
with Town  
Re: Bldg  
Inspect.

Reeve Herm Martens informed Council that a meeting had been held with the Town of Morris representatives regarding the cost sharing arrangement for the Building Inspector. It was decided at this meeting that, subject to Council approval, because of the time allocations of the Building Inspector the sharing would be 55% for the R. M. of Morris and 45% to the Town of Morris. In the discussion on this topic, council felt that other joint issues should be resolved prior to accepting this cost splitting.

Delegation

Mr. Bob Schretka, of Centra Gas, met with Council to discuss possible projects in the Municipality. He asked that tax revenue generated from Centra Gas lines be used to help with the shortfalls.

A proposed project to install a line to Lowe Farm would cost \$408,000.00, less hookup fees, less tax dollars would still leave a overall shortfall of \$219,000.00. The Lowe Farm project has bigger lines to allow for expansion lines in the future and that has added to the initial cost as well. A normal household saves \$435.00 when converted to gas for basic needs of heating and water heater.

There is a proposed line from Ste. Agathe to Morris and they would have feeder line off this main line. There is also consideration for a service line projected from PR 246 from Ste. Agathe. The service to Sperling would be done from Carman.

To do the entire municipality would cost \$4.0 Million dollars and their estimate is there would be 460 hookups west of the Red River and 77 on the east side of the Red River. To make these projects, he advised that the local School Division be contacted to contribute funding to the project the equivalent of their portion of school taxes on the added lines.

Delegation

Mr. Kenton Penner then met with council to discuss his hog barn application and conditional use. He stated that he does want to construct a new barn and the new barn would have different dimensions and the lagoon would be located to the east of the proposed barn. It would be a bottom fed lagoon with a 400 day storage capacity at prairie level. He noted that he would consider higher trees on the north side of the site, if required. Having a plastic cover on the lagoon is not desirable as it is very costly and is not proven, but he would be placing straw on the lagoon.

Mr. Mark Stevens then spoke the Environment requirements for the lagoon is that it must have a minimum setback of 100 metres from the property lines or a water course. The other provincial recommendations are guidelines only and are not requirements or law.

Bd. of  
Revision  
Date

Moved by Stan Siemens, Seconded by Seig Neumann:


#68/00. Resolved that our Board of Revision be held on November 9, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried. For 7  
Against 0

Moved by Councillor Stan Siemens;

That the meeting be now adjourned at 4:50 p.m. with Council agreeing to meet again on April 13, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. to continue the agenda of April 12, 2000.

  
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Reeve

  
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Municipal Administrator