

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of The Rural Municipality of Morris held a Special Meeting at 6:15 P.M., on Thursday, December 18, 1980, in the Council Chambers at the Town of Morris, with Reeve Alvin Rempel presiding. Present were Councillors: Wm. F. Recksiedler, Mrs. Lenore Eidse, Roy Kornelsen, George St. Hilaire, Dan Thiessen, and W. Glenn Curdt., and Secretary-Treasurer, Alice Loving.

Also attending were about a dozen ratepayers, Mrs. Barbara Shewchuk, Reporter, Scratching River Post, and Mr. Charles Chappell, of Aikens, MacAulay & Thorvaldson, of Winnipeg.

The Special Meeting had been called by the Reeve to determine whether it was advisable for Council to terminate the employment of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Councillor Lenore Eidse began the meeting by reviewing the recent meetings, (beginning with the November 17th meeting) that were dealing with the Secretary-Treasurer's position, reading from her own notes. According to her report, at the November 17th meeting the majority of Council agreed that the Secretary-Treasurer should step down, but a week later, at the November 24th meeting, they had changed their minds. She called this a shocking display of lack of integrity on the part of Council.

Councillor Thiessen confirmed what Councillor Eidse had said, adding that there is very poor communication in Council, and during the week they were at the Convention (Nov. 17-20th), the others had not talked to him, or tried to sway him to their side.

Councillors Curdt, St. Hilaire, and Recksiedler took exception to the report made by Mrs. Eidse, and the "quotes" she had taken from their statements.

Reeve Rempel defended his inviting Mr. Chappell to the meetings, without the consent of the majority of Council, saying it is his responsibility to get advice from a lawyer if Council won't take his advice, and that he was protecting himself.

Secretary-Treasurer, Alice Loving, asked for an exact definition of the problem, and what she was charged with.

At this point, approximately an hour after the meeting began, Mr. Chappell advised Council to go into camera.

Resolved into a Committee of the Whole with lawyer. Moved by George St. Hilaire, Seconded by Dan Thiessen: #276/80. Resolved that we go into a Committee of the Whole to continue the discussion regarding the Secretary-Treasurer. Carried.

Moved by Roy Kornelsen, Seconded by Lenore Eidse: #277/81. Resolved that Mr. Chappell stay in the Council Room, with the Committee of the Whole. Carried.

After approximately an hour and one-half of discussion, the Council adjourned from a Committee of the Whole, Moved by Dan Thiessen, and Seconded by W. G. Curdt, and resumed into regular Council.

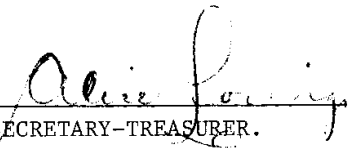
Employee Relations Committee to set out a list of duties. Moved by Dan Thiessen, Seconded by Lenore Eidse: #278/80. Resolved that an agreement be drawn up by the Employee Relations Committee, setting out a list of duties for the Secretary-Treasurer; This list will be discussed at the regular meeting in January, 1981; And Further that the Secretary-Treasurer will respond to this list in writing accepting the conditions. Carried.

Mr. Charles Chappell left the Council Meeting.

Resolved into a Committee of the Whole to interview candidates for assistant. Moved by Lenore Eidse, Seconded by Glenn Curdt: #279/80. Resolved that we go into Committee of the Whole to interview the candidates for the Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer. Carried.

They were called in separately, in the following order: Mrs. Norma Bergstresser, Wendy Lai, Terry Terichow, and Edouard Courcelles. After the interviewing, Council decided to hold a Special Meeting at 9 A.M. on Monday, December 22, 1980, and to call Terry Terichow to attend at 9:30, and Edouard Courcelles at 10:30 A.M. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M.


REEVE


SECRETARY-TREASURER.