

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris held a special meeting on Thursday, September 6, 1990 at 9:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Morris.

Reeve Dan Thiessen presided.

Councillors present were: George St. Hilaire, Allan Dickson, Harold Dyck, Glenn Curdt, Bill Martens.

U.V.D. of Rosenort Committee present: Art Friesen, Earl Braun, Jim Heinrichs.

The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss the aspects involving the incorporation of Rosenort should such an event take place.

Council feels that there are important matters which need to be discussed and possibly resolved before any legislative proceedings for the incorporation of Rosenort.

The first matter discussed was the division of assets of the R. M. of Morris. With the incorporation of Rosenort, some form of arrangement must be reached regarding the assets of the Municipality. It was generally agreed that a valuation of current market value would have to be established. These assets would include items such as heavy machinery, trucks, fire trucks, all buildings and contents, etc. The matter of percentage of assets is a matter which Council informed the U.V.D. Committee needed major negotiating. The U.V.D. of Rosenort is currently at approximately 12% of the municipal assessment however, in 1977 they were only at approximately 5%. Therefore, Council indicated that they could not agree to the division being at 12% but would have to be a negotiated lower.

Mr. Art Friesen indicated to Council that the Committee had every intention to negotiate these situations in a positive attitude in order to finalize terms of an understanding or agreement in order to allow for the proceeding of the Incorporation of Rosenort.

The next item discussed was that of the Rosenort Fire Department. The questions asked involved the future administration of the department, area to be served by the department, and generally the operation of the department once division takes place.

The matter of bridges on the proposed boundaries was also discussed. There are two bridges in question and Council expressed the view that the maintenance and capital of the future work on these bridges should be shared on a 50-50 basis. The U.V.D. stated that they felt the south bridge should be a lower share because the use of the structure is more from the rural area than from Rosenort. Council indicated that normally work on boundaries between municipalities is done on an equal shared basis.

At the petition requesting incorporation there was indicated an additional area of land which the U.V.D. wished to include in their incorporation. These proposed additional land boundaries were now discussed. Council indicated that the land requested was far too great and that a large increase in the boundaries which came into effect on January 1, 1990. The total area requested to be included in the incorporation is an area greater than the Town of Winkler has for its population of approximately 7,000 people. Council expressed that fact that these additional land areas were either excessive or possibly not needed.

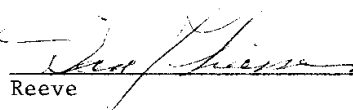
The topic of the nuisance grounds was also discussed and the U.V.D. indicated that they would prefer an arrangement of paying a usage fee instead of paying of percentage of capital and operation. This type of arrangement would help to stabilize their initial budgets when they become incorporated. They were informed that any alterations to the arrangements affecting the Rosenort nuisance grounds would also have to involve the Town of Morris as they are currently paying 50% of the cost of the nuisance grounds.

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Also discussed was the matter of the additional land which the U.V.D. of Rosenort wished to include in their incorporation. It was indicated that the land being taken was being removed from municipal taxes forever and that possible thought should be given to the aspect of compensation to the municipality for the loss of this land which would be taken by the Village.

At the close of the meeting it was agreed that the Council and the U.V.D. would meet again in approximately a months time. For the next meeting, the valuation of current market value would be available and it would give time to reflect on some of the topics discussed this day.

The special meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.


Reeve


Secretary-Treasurer