Morris, Manitoba,
February 18th, 1949.

Minutes.

Due to bad weather and road conditions, the regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris, which was scheduled to be held on February 11th, was postponed for one week and held on February 18th, All members being present, the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted as being correct, by motion of Councillors Stevenson and Collette. CARRIED.

P.S.Braun to be Weeds Inspector for 1949.

A letter from the Weeds Commission of the Dept.of Agriculture, in which the Council was asked to appoint a Weeds Inspector for 1949 was read.

Neufeld - Ribordy;

That P.S.Braun be, and is hereby appointed Weeds Inspector for the Rural Municipality of Morris for the year 1949, to be paid 60 cents per hour for time spent and 10 cents per mile travelling expenses while on duty as Weeds Inspector. CARRIED.

Delegation to go to Winnipeg re. grasshopper destruction and equipment.

MacKenzie - Collette;

That Reeve Heppner, Councillors Stevenson, Neufeld, Ribordy and Davidson be a committee to go to Winnipeg with regard to making the necessary arrangements re.equipment and poison to spray road-allowances for the destruction of Grasshoppers in the year 1949, and they shall also obtain prices on a bull-dozer and scraper for the D.7 Caterpillar Tractor. CARRIED.

Requisition re. Molloy S.D.fall term levy.

A requisition for the Molloy School District from the Department of Education was presented to the Council for consideration.

Collette - Stevenson;

That the request of the Department of Education re. the Molloy School Districts' fall term levy be hereby approved. CARRIED.

Notices to be posted re. applications for operators.

Stevenson - Collette;

That the Clerk be instructed to post notices at Sewell, Lowe Farm, Kane, Sperling, McTavish, Silver Plains, Aubigny and Morris, asking for applications to fill the following positions:-

One ferryman for the Silver Plains ferry, wages to be $110.00 per month and a bonus of $15.00 per month if the operator completes the season; one maintainer operator; one D.8 tractor operator; one D.7 tractor operator; one Ford tractor operator; one elevator grader operator; one blade grader operator; two dragline operators; two dragline oilers and one bridge foreman. Tractor, grader and maintainer operators and bridge foreman to be paid 80 cents per hour, dragline operators $1.10 per hour and dragline oilers .55 cents per hour. Applications to be in the hands of the Clerk by noon, March 8th, 1949. CARRIED.

Joyce Thomson to be hired.

MacKenzie - Stevenson;

That Miss Joyce Thomson be given a trial for one month as assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer, at a salary of $85.00 per month. CARRIED.

P.L.& P.D. and burglary and holdup Insurance.

Ribordy - Davidson;

That the Council confirm the action of the Reeve and Clerk of puting P.L. & P.D. Insurance coverage on the maintainer, and that the Municipality put on $3,000.00 burglary, inside holdup and outside holdup Insurance on its' monies and documents in posession of the Clerk. CARRIED.

1949 general mill rate to be 40 mills.

With all available figures before the Council, re.1949 assessments, 1948 estimates and 1948 expenditures, the Reeve and Councillors considered the 1949 budget.

Stevenson - Davidson;

That the general rate for the Rural Municipality of Morris including Municipal Commissioners' levy, General School levy and Drainage levy for the year 1949 be set at forty (40) mills on the dollar and special rates and levies be as per requisitions and/or BY-LAWS effecting the several items and the business tax be set at ten (10%) percent. CARRIED.

1,000 bags of cement to be ordered.

Neufeld - Collette;

That this Municipality order 1,000 bags of cement from the Beaver Lumber Company, at Morris. CARRIED.

Bills and accounts.

Bills and accounts were handed to the Finance Committee, who reported that the Treasurer should be authorized to pay same as per list.

Davidson - Ribordy;

That the accounts amounting to the sum of $4,479.47, approved by the Finance Committee be passed, and the Reeve and Treasurer be hereby authorized to issue cheques for the several amounts. CARRIED.

Comminications.

The following communications were read:

A letter from Major Flannigan of the Salvation Army, expressing their sincere thanks for the $200.00 grant given them by this Municipality last month.

FORM No. 149-P
THE WILLSON STATIONERY CO., LTD.

A letter from the Carman Memorial Hospital District re. travelling expenses of Mr.Griffiths,who is the representative from this Municipality to the Carman Memorial Hospital Board.The Secretary was asked to reply that we had received advise from the Department,that we were responsible only for collection of taxes for the Hospital Districts and appointing representatives from this Municipality to the various Hospital Boards.That any fees paid were to be paid by the boards.

A letter from the Monarch Lumber Co.,at Sperling,in which they asked to have specifications for bridge timber required this year. The Clerk was asked to advise them that we do not anticipate purchasing any bridge timber this year.

A letter from Mrs.Mildred Dickson asking as to what plans were being made with regard to combating grasshoppers this year,should they become invasive.The Clerk was asked to reply that nothing definite by way of arrangements was known as yet.

A letter from the Canadian Oil Companies Ltd.,asking that we pay $267.90 for loss of gasoline caused by the Municipal snow plow damaging one of their tanks at Lowe Farm,and that a further account would be forthcoming for the cost of repairing the tank. The Clerk was asked to advise the Company that their agent asked our operator to enter on their premises and plow the snow,and as the operator was not authorized so to do by any member of this Council and no charge was made by the Municipality for the work done there,we do not feel that we should be responsible for the cost of the damage.

Mrs.Openshaw met the Council with regard to having the Title to 579 Wallsey Street,St.James,Man.,being property held in the name of this Municipality,turned over to her father,Mr.Mazollok,who was the previous owner.She advised that they were willing to make a settlement to the Municipality for the amount owing the Municipality by her father, if the Municipality would transfer the Title.She was advised that we would check our records to determine the amount we would accept and let her know the amount and conditions of acceptance.

Mr.Doherty of the Canada Credit Reporter Ltd., met the Council with regard to collecting old accounts for the Municipality, he was advised that we would look over the accounts and let him know whether or not we would be interrested.

The meeting then adjourned,next meeting to be held in the Court house at Morris,on Friday,March 11th,1949,commencing at 10.00 O'Clock in the forenoon.

D. Heppner
Reeve.

Geo. P. Stringer
Secretary-Treasurer.