Rural Municipality of Morris

Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting August 10, 2022 - 09:30 AM

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on August 10, 2022, commencing at 9:30 a.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers.
Reeve, Ralph Groening and Councillors Rick Giesbrecht, Mervin Dueck, Stan Siemens, and Al Rowe were present with Reeve Groening in the Chair. CAO, Larry Driedger, Recording Officer, Rosella Janz, Public Works Manager, Paul Robert, and Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow, were also present at the meeting.
Councillors Shane Kroeker and Scott Siemens sent their regrets.

1 Agenda

1.1 Agenda Additions: None

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

2022-129
Stan Siemens
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the August 10, 2022 Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Council Meeting Minutes

2.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes

2022-130
Al Rowe
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on July 13, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 Business Arising From Previous Minutes: None

3 Finance/Personnel

3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings

2022-131
Stan Siemens
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202201158 to 202201389 totalling $2,255,888.27.
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

CARRIED

3.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements - January 2022, February 2022, March 2022, April 2022, May 2022, June 2022, and July 2022

2022-132
Rick Giesbrecht
Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the January 2022, February 2022, March 2022, April 2022, May 2022, June 2022, and July 2022 Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

3.3 Administration Salary Adjustment 1

2022-133
Mervin Dueck
Rick Giesbrecht

WHEREAS resignations and retirements among the Administration Staff have provided opportunity to review duties and assignments within the Administration Staff;
AND WHEREAS comparisons have been made against several neighbouring municipalities in order to determine levels of compensation for 'like' positions;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the maximum grid amount for the Reception/Utility Officer be set at $23.70 per hour and for the Accounts/Payroll/Planning Officer be set at $26.50 per hour;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT these new rates be effective after May 28th, 2022.

CARRIED

3.4 Administration Salary Adjustment 2

2022-134
Stan Siemens
Mervin Dueck

WHEREAS resignations and retirements among Administrative Staff have provided opportunity to review duties and assignments within the Administration Staff;
AND WHEREAS current staff have taken on various new duties since October of 2021;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the three Administrative Staff members, namely Jennifer Taylor, Kim Robert and Lorraine Lussier be paid a $2.00 per hour premium between the transition period of October 17th, 2021 and ending May 28th, 2022.

CARRIED

3.5 Administration Salary Adjustment 3

2022-135
Rick Giesbrecht
Mervin Dueck

WHEREAS Lorraine Lussier is retiring in 2022;
AND WHEREAS Lorraine Lussier has agreed to work on a consulting basis to help train other

Administrative Office Staff members with various items;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lorraine Lussier be engaged on a consulting basis as required and that she be paid a consulting fee of $50 per hour.

CARRIED

3.6 Audit Report & Financial Statements for 2021

The audit report and financial statements were presented as information. The auditor will present the findings at a Special Council Meeting on September 1, 2022.

4 Public Hearings - 10:00 a.m.

4.1 Public Hearing - 10:00 a.m.

2022-136
Mervin Dueck
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT RM of Morris Council open this Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing any comments or concerns related to the following item:

- Variation Order Application No.01/2022 - Gregory Dale Friesen

No members of the public attended the hearing.

CARRIED

4.2 Variation Order Application No. 01/2022 - Gregory Dale Friesen

4.3 Close the Public Hearing

2022-137
Stan Siemens
Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT RM of Morris Council close this Public Hearing.

CARRIED

5 Delegations: None

6 Action Correspondence

6.1 Community Futures Triple R Biz Camps - Sponsorship Request

2022-138
Rick Giesbrecht
Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council grant $500.00 to the Community Futures Triple R Biz Camps for 2022.

CARRIED

7 Reports

7.1 Reeve Report

The Reeve Report was reviewed.

7.2 Building Permit Value Report & Building Permit Listing - Administration

The report was reviewed.

7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report

The reports were reviewed. The Building Inspector / Fire Chief noted that the Tremont School Monument has been ordered and the CAO mentioned that payment has been received. It is estimated to take up to eight months to finalize this project.
The Building Inspector / Fire Chief plans to re-investigate damage to a street in Lowe Farm.
The Building Inspector / Fire Chief is awaiting confirmation from the surveyor before issuing a Request for Proposal for the Sperling Fire Hall.
The fire halls have all received their current financial statements. The CAO noted a misallocation in the financial statement regarding costs for the new paging system that will be corrected.

7.4 Public Works Manager Report

The report was reviewed. An additional 1.5 miles have been completed. Three crews are working on replacing culverts. An excavator/operator has been contracted to begin next week to help further than 2022 Drain Program. Framing for the Aubigny sidewalk is in place and it is nearly ready for pouring concrete.
Flood Rehabilitation: Many provincial assessments have been completed. Debris clean-up is a priority, however there is a shortage of trucks. Limestone is being hauled in. A concern was raised about road graders hooking onto flood debris that has been piled on the side of the road. The CFO will contact WSP about this issue.
Cypher Road Stabilizer: Testing is complete and Cypher Environmental is awaiting the engineering technical report. Timing of application remains unclear.

7.5 Rosenort Residential Sub-Division Update

A Letter of Intent was signed with a potential buyer on Monday. The tender agreement was posted on MERX. The closing date is August 18.

7.6 Lowe Farm Residential Sub-Division Update

The survey work is complete and materials have been ordered. The contractor hopes that asphalt will be completed this year at this year's quote, weather pending.

7.7 Seniors Housing Update - Councillor Shane Kroeker

The report was reviewed. The housing committee is meeting later this week to discuss the by-laws.

7.8 2022 Flood Financial Summary

The CAO reported that the Rural Municipality of Morris received an advance payment from the Province totalling 40% of the general ledger balances of the flood-related accounts as of June 14. A second request for advance payment has been submitted.

8 Information

The reports for items 8.1 to 8.5 were reviewed.

8.1 Subdivision No. 4152-22-8208 Valley Enterprises & Dueck - Conditional Approval

8.2 Subdivision No. 4152-22-8212 Horizon Agro - Conditional Approval

8.3 Year of Garden 2022 Photo Essay Program

8.4 RRV Flood Area Permit No. 2749-2 Hildebrandt - July 18, 2022

8.5 RRV Flood Area Permit No. 2750-2 Driedger - July 18, 2022

8.6 Noise Complaint - July 29, 2022

The concerns were reviewed. The CAO will follow up with the homeowner.

9 Other Business

9.1 Tax Sale Designated Officer

2022-139
Rick Giesbrecht
Stan Siemens

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 374 of the Municipal Act, a municipality may bid on and purchase property at a public auction and may direct a designated officer to bid on its behalf;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Rural Municipality of Morris appoint CAO, Larry Driedger, to bid on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Morris at the November 9, 2022, tax sale auction.

CARRIED

9.2 Tax Sale Reserve Bid

2022-140
Stan Siemens
Mervin Dueck

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 372 of the Municipal Act, a municipality may set a reserve bid in the amount of tax arrears and costs in respect of the property.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris place a reserve bid on all properties in the amount of all arrears and costs in respect of each property.

CARRIED

9.3 Variation Order Application No. 01/2022 - Gregory Dale Friesen

2022-141
Mervin Dueck
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Variation Order Application No. 01/2022 for Gregory Dale Friesen, to vary the height of a proposed shop addition to exceed 15 feet to 23 feet in an Urban Residential Zone, located at Lot 4, Plan 16960, also known as 45 Rosewood Drive, Rosenort.

CARRIED

9.4 Septic Clean-out Reimbursement

2022-142
Mervin Dueck
Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve reimbursement to Ryan Harder and Robert Evans for the receipts submitted at the rate approved in the Septic Clean-out contractor agreement.

9.5 Offer to Purchase Property - Lowe Farm Industrial Park

2022-143
Mervin Dueck
Rick Giesbrecht

WHEREAS we have received an offer from Joey Wiebe for him to purchase a lot in the Lowe Farm Industrial Park;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we accept the offer from Joey Wiebe subject to the following conditions:

1. That the purchaser be responsible for any and all legal and transfer costs;
2. That the purchase price be set at $20,000.00;
3. That the purchaser construct a building with a minimum value of $150,000.00 within 24 months of possession date;
4. That if no construction of the building has been started within 24 months then the property may be returned to the RM of Morris at a price of $15,000.00;

THAT the Reeve and CAO be authorized to sign any required documentation on behalf of the RM of Morris.

CARRIED

10 In-Camera

2022-144
Al Rowe
Stan Siemens

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go in-camera.

CARRIED

10.1 Return to Open Meeting

2022-145
Stan Siemens
Al Rowe

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

CARRIED

11 Adjournment

2022-146
Stan Siemens
Rick Giesbrecht

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:48 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on September 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED

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Reeve **Chief Administrative Officer**