

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday December 4th 2012 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

- PRESENT Mayor: V Pizey, Councillors: C Fadden, G Anderson, W Lundgren & J Moen. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Ed Pearson. Visitors: Nancy Gate & Fire Chief Gerry Armstrong.
The Mayor presented the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal & certificate to Nancy Gate in recognition of her many years of community service.
Fire Chief Armstrong reviewed his written report from last month. Due to the lack of fire personnel he recommends closure of the Morson Fire Station with a limited response from Bergland Fire Station and that the residents are notified of these changes. Council had a general discussion about the fire service and their desire to keep our equipment as presently deployed.
- FIRE **#12-78 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that pursuant to the recommendation of the Fire Chief and due to lack of fire personnel the Morson Fire Hall be closed effective January 15th, 2013. The Clerk-Treasurer is to mail a flyer to notify residents of the closing and post a notice on our website.
- MINUTES **#12-79 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held November 6th 2012, be approved as printed. **COUNCILLOR FADDEN** declared an interest on the Miller Contracting invoice, approved at that meeting, as her spouse was an employee of the contractor, she was absent for the meeting.
- ACCOUNTS **#12-80 ANDERSON & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$131,051.06 for general purposes and which represent disbursements for the month of November be approved for payment.
- AMPLAN **#12-81 FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED** that pursuant to the MIII Asset Management Program Grant, Council accept the proposal from Infrastructure Solutions Inc. And further that ISI be appointed for the preparation of our Asset Management Plan.
- PARKS **#12-82 FADDEN & MOEN & CARRIED** that Council support the request of Sioux Narrows Nestor Falls to have the Province cancel its decision to prohibit night camping at various Provincial Parks, including Caliper Lake Provincial Park.
- INSURANCE **#12-83 LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED** that Council accept the renewal proposal for insurance coverage from AON Reed Stenhouse effective January 1 2013. Their quote being the lower of two received. The insurance values be increased to the limits as contained in their proposal.
- TAX W/O **#12-84 ANDERSON & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that pursuant to the Minutes of Settlement & Section 357 and attached listing, the following tax write offs be approved: General \$288.70 and Education \$240.07 and a total of \$528.77.
- IN CAMERA **#12-85 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that Council go in camera to discuss personnel issues at 9:15 p.m. The meeting was declared open at 9:20.
- CHRISTMAS **#12-86 FADDEN & MOEN & CARRIED** that Council authorize Christmas bonuses as discussed.
- OTHER The Rd Supt gave his verbal report. A used culvert is to be disposed of. In response to a letter written by the Clerk-Treasurer MTO again advises that Transfield cannot sell us sand for winter maintenance. The monthly CBO report was received and reviewed. Council reviewed the monthly report of the Clerk-Treasurer including updates on the locum doctor house, MIII funding, bridge inspection, tax arrears and tax sale notices having been sent out. A budget update was submitted to Council for review. The draft OP has been circulated to Council and the draft ZBL is expected soon. OMP Funding for 2013 will remain at \$574,500 the same as 2012, the overall funding is being cut over the next 4 years.
- ADJOURN **#12-87 FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:22 p.m. And the next meeting be held on January 8th 2013.

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