

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Thursday January 4th 2018 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor C Fadden, Councillors G Anderson, N Gate, W Lundgren & J Moen. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Ed Pearson.

MINUTES #18-01 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 5th 2017, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #18-02 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$163,530.92 representing disbursements for the month of December be approved for payment. **MAYOR FADDEN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE WORKS FOR MILLER CONTRACTING. COUNCILLOR MOEN TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THIS ITEM**

BY-LAW 327 #18-03 MOEN & GATE & CARRIED that By-law No 327, being the 2018 Municipal Forest Fires Management Agreement By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 328 #18-04 LUNDGREN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that By-law No 328, being the 2018 9-1-1 CERB Services Agreement By-law, be enacted.

FCM #18-05 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Municipal Asset Management Program for Township of Lake of the Woods Asset Management Planning for 2018. And further that the Township of Lake of the Woods commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program: 1) Activity Policies and Procedures Framework, 2) Activity Training and 3) Activity Data Collection and Reporting. And further that the Township of Lake of the Woods commits \$4,400.00 from its budget toward the costs of this initiative.

BRIDGE #18-06 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council receives the bi-annual structure inspection appraisal report from our engineer K Smart Associates Limited.

RRDMA #18-07 GATE & MOEN & CARRIED that Council authorizes the following to attend the annual Rainy River District Municipal Association meeting in Fort Frances January 13 2018: C Fadden, N Gate, J Moen, B Lundgren & P W Giles and further that a donation of \$50.00 be authorized for a coffee break at the conference.

OTHER The Rd Supt gave his oral report on road work with the roads being plowed and sanded as needed. A discussion was held as to whether or not we should sell our old grader, for now we will keep it. A replacement tanker truck has been purchased and once the tank pumps have been hooked up the unit will be put into service for this joint WRRFD purchase. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items including the budget, increases in WSIB rate from \$2.90 to \$3.01, MPAC from \$27087.82 to \$27444.42, the 2018 education rates with residential reduced from 0.179% to 0.170%, no action taken on various levies and memberships, MMAH reported on 2016 financial indicators and concern with the HIGH report in total cash as % of current liabilities, the Clerk-Treasurer has responded to their concern, accessibility compliance and EMO annual compliance reports have been filed. Final drainage allocations and grant applications are being completed. Councillor Gate reported on the Recreation Committee lutefisk supper and craft and a music circle will be held on Jan 20th.

ADJOURN #18-09 LUNDGREN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk