

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday June 4th 2013 at 7pm in the Morson 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: T Sepers, L Pentney, C Pratt & N Miller from Morson WI.

Council met at 7pm to hold a Public Meeting to consider by-laws to adopt a new Official Plan and a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law and that meeting was declared closed at 7:20 p.m.

The Council held a public meeting to discuss the draft 2013 Budget and Tax Rates. The expenditures, revenues, allocations to reserves and tax rates were discussed. The municipal tax rate will remain the same as last year and there will be a reduction in the residential education tax rate. T Sepers asked Council to consider hiring someone to coordinate and run an exercise program for seniors during the next winter. He suggested an amount of \$3500 to cover the program costs. Council will consider the matter. The meeting was closed at 7:55pm. The regular meeting of Council followed.

The Morson WI delegation produced pictures of our 3 tourism signs. The pictures showed the signs to be in a poor condition and the group asked Council to provide funding to renew the signs. The 2 signs on Hwy 11 are to be replaced. The group will get estimates as well as a few options for the wording and colours etc. The sign at the corner of Hwy 621 and Lighthouse Rd will be removed. The committee will report back to Council for approval of the new signs. The delegation also requested that the two large planters be removed from the Morson Cemetery as one has been damaged. Also there is a shortage of water to keep the flowers growing. The Rd Supt will look after this item.

MINUTES #13-42 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held May 7th 2013 and the special meeting for the Open House and Statutory meeting to consider our OP & ZBL held on May 14th, 2013, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #13-43 ANDERSON & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$116,378.13 and which represent disbursements for the month of May be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR FADDEN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE WORKS FOR MILLER CONTRACTING.**

GEOTHERMAL #13-44 LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that pursuant to our preliminary approval for a geothermal project at the Bergland Community Hall/Public Works/Fire Garage. Council appoint LBD Group Inc to design the project with drawings and specifications at an estimated cost of \$7800 plus HST and to design the Bergland Fire Hall geothermal retrofit portion of the project for an estimated cost of \$4800 plus HST. And further that Council approve the project and authorizes the submission of a formal funding application for the geothermal project.

BY-LAW 272 #13-45 LUNDGREN & MOEN & CARRIED that By-law No 272, being the Tax Ratio By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 273 #13-46 ANDERSON & FADDEN & CARRIED that By-law No 273, being the 2013 Tax Capping By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 274 #13-47 LUNDGREN & MOEN & CARRIED that By-law No 274, being the 2013 Tax Levying By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 275 #13-48 MOEN & LUNDREN & CARRIED that By-law No 275, being the Official Plan 2013 Adoption By-law, be enacted.

BY-LAW 276 #13-49 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that By-law No 276, being the 2013 Comprehensive Zoning By-law, be enacted.

FESTIVAL #13-50 MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that the following days be declared as "community festival days" for Morson Bass International, to be held on August 23 to 25, 2013.

MTA #13-51 ANDERSON & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that Council authorizes an allocation of \$5,000.00 to Morson Tourism Association for the 2013 year. This to include our membership and an ad in their publication.

TAX W/O #13-52 LUNDGREN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that pursuant to the Minutes of Settlement & Section 357 & attached listing, the following tax write offs be approved: General \$297.94 and Education \$238.72 and a total of \$536.66. **COUNCILLOR MOEN DECLARED A CONFLICT as her property was included in the write offs.**

OTHER The Rd Supt gave a verbal report on the roads, including gravelling on Peterson & Fisk Roads, repairs to drainage on Frenchmans' Rock Rd and Vauthey Road. Road Patrol was not completed on May 22 due to other commitments. A resident has inquired about ditching on Bud's Road North and Council asked to Rd Supt to determine what was necessary for road drainage purposes. The monthly CBO report was received and reviewed. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items; including the locum doctor house, EMO training, Justice Bode meeting June 26, 2012 NWHU levy refund of \$807.38, POA revenue of \$1377.70, Drain Supt budget of \$1500 was approved by the Ministry. Council will consider options for participation in NOMA 2014.

ADJOURN #13-53 LUNDGREN & MOEN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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