

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday June 6th 2017 at 7pm in the Morson Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor V Pizey: C Fadden, G Anderson, W Lundgren & J Moen. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt absent. Visitors: G Prost, M Dawber & N Sopotiuuck from RR Library, T Sepers & J Patterson, both attending as members of the public seeking information on the budget and other matters.

G Prost presented information on the present library agreement and advised that the Board would like to see the funding arrangement amongst the municipalities updated to reflect a different sharing ratio as Rainy River is paying the largest portion and he said the Board does not want to cut the services however costs are increasing. He gave some statistic on who was using the services from each municipality. Council advised they will take the information under advisement.

Council then held a public meeting on the proposed 2017 Budget and a review of the present user fees. A Tax Impact on Median/Typical Property was presented. A review of the proposed budget was given as well as minor changes including a \$200 increase for the library. The user fees were reviewed and some updates will be considered for passage at the next council meeting. This portion closed at 9 p.m.

MINUTES #17-41 FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 2nd 2017, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS #17-42 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$253,008.77 representing disbursements for the month of May be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR FADDEN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE WORKS FOR MILLER CONTRACTING.**

LIBRARY #17-43 FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the Rainy River Library be advised that the Township of Lake of the Woods will contribute \$4,400.00 in support for the year 2017.

BY-LAW 322 #17-44 MOEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that By-law No 322, being the 2017 Budget & levying By-law, be enacted.

LT 11 SM270 #17-45 FADDEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to complete a comment sheet on the proposal by MNR to issue a Work Permit to construct a road to Lot 11 Plan SM 270. The Municipality recommends that MNR make a restriction on the Work Permit that will require the proponent of the road to agree to share in the ongoing maintenance costs with other owners of the private road from the end of Red Wing Rd to the place of commencement of the road as proposed in this application.

SWIM #17-46 FADDEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that pursuant to the request of LOW Recreation, Council authorize a \$500.00 donation towards McCrosson-Tovell School swimming.

TAX W/O #17-47 MOEN & ANDERSON & CARRIED that pursuant to the Minutes of Settlement & Section 357 applications & attached listing, the following tax write offs be approved General \$7,651.11 and Education \$4,538.63 and a total of \$12,189.74.

619 DETOUR #17-48 LUNDGREN & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council consent to the proposed detour route for Hwy 619 replacement of Gerhard and Peterson culverts. The proposal by the Sharp Group will result in a closure of a portion of Hwy 619 with a detour over Birch Rd for approximately 5 weeks. The contractor is responsible for all signage, advertising and public notices as well as upkeep and repair of Birch Rd during the detour.

OTHER The Rd Supt was on vacation and no reported on road. The monthly CBO report was received for review. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items draft budget with the overall tax rate the same as last year, an extra allocation to road capital projects, next Fire committee meeting is July 12 in Bergland, talked to MMAH and some movement on draft OP, POA funds were received, a Drain Supt allocation of \$1400 was approved, a Ministry of CS & CS survey was completed that may see some properties excluded from the OPP calculations, a Stats Canada survey on our capital expenditures was completed a report comparing per household costs for various social service and police cost was circulated to Council. Owners of properties subject to Tax Sale have paid or made arrangements for payment. There is a current Tax Sale for properties registered last year. Council will not sell the TVO tower(s) at this time, in response to a request to purchase which was received. Notice of Hydro request for a distribution rate increase was received. Bill 68 was passed which means proceeds from the tax sales would go to the Province rather than the municipality. The Province is not proceeding with requirement to have septic systems pumped every 5 years. The RRFDC annual meeting is in Devlin June 20. Notice of the Far North Electoral Boundaries Commission work was received.

ADJOURN #17-49 MOEN & LUNDREN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk