

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Monday November 6th 2017 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. Visitor: John Penner. Mr. Penner appeared before Council to find out if the RV trailer on a lot near his property was being allowed to stay there or was Council requesting its removal as it had done for his property. After discussion on the matter the Clerk-Treasurer was requested to send another letter to the property owner requiring the removal of the RV.

**OATH** The Clerk-Treasurer administered the oath of office for Nancy Gate and the Mayor welcomed her to the Council.

**MINUTES #17-77 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on October 3rd 2017, be approved as printed.

**ACCOUNTS #17-78 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$174,480.12 representing disbursements for the month of October be approved for payment. **MAYOR FADDEN DECLARED A CONFLICT AS HER SPOUSE WORKS FOR MILLER CONTRACTING. COUNCILLOR MOEN TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THIS ITEM**

**CONSENT #17-79 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED** that Council requests Plan 48R-2228 for the Pentney consent 46B1701 have the 323.47m established prior to approval of the consent. And in regards to the parkland tax for cash-in-lieu value, Council accepts the \$5000.00 to satisfy our condition. **(RESCINDED BY #17-87 Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 2017).**

**HEALTH #17-80 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that Council authorize a letter of protest to be sent to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care regarding the proposal to amalgamate the health units to align with the boundaries of the LHIN. This would mean the combining of the Northwestern and the Thunder Bay District Health Units.

**BILL 148 #17-81 ANDERSON & GATE & CARRIED** that Council support the resolutions of Drummond/North Elmsley & Montague protesting the proposed on call provisions of Bill 148.

**WE OWN IT #17-82 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that Whereas public services are, by their very definition, open to all members of the public and therefore of benefit to all members of the public; And whereas the management and oversight of privatized services are, by their very definition, private and therefore of benefit primarily to investors; And whereas there is ample evidence that privatized public services provide lower quality services to fewer members of the public; And whereas there is also ample evidence that privatized public services cost more because of their need to generate profit for wealthy investors; And whereas proposals to privatize public services have a consistent track record of breaking promises to maintain or even improve quality while reducing costs; And whereas a growing number of communities around the world are reaping significant benefit by in sourcing services

that had been previously privatized or outsourced; Be it resolved that the Township of Lake of the Woods recognizes that the public delivery of public services ensures more transparency and accountability to the public, democratic oversight and control of public service delivery by our community's elected representatives, and avoids the diversion of public funds into profits for private corporations. Be it further resolved that the Township of Lake of the Woods call a moratorium on privatizing or outsourcing any of its public services without first undertaking a rigorous, credible and fully public and transparent review of the privatization or outsourcing proposal Be it further resolved that the Township of Lake of the Woods review current privatized and outsourced services with a view to in sourcing them in order to lower costs and/or improve services.

**IN CAMERA #17-83 MOEN & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that Council go in camera @ 9:05 to discuss personnel issue. The meeting was declared open again @ 9:10.

**OTHER** The Rd Supt gave his oral report on road work with the roads plowed and sanding is underway for the snow event this past weekend, tree removed work was completed, one fire truck is in for a safety and the 2<sup>nd</sup> will go after that, he as ordered a tank for the spring delivery and the new toilet facility at the Government Dock. The monthly CBO report was received for review. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items including a budget update, changes to the tax sale procedure to allow registration after 2 years and we will change our policy to reflect that, tax reminder notices were sent out as well as notice of potential tax sale to 28 properties owing at least 3 years taxes, a report on the recent Treasurer's Forum, final payment of OMPF for 2017 in the amount of \$158,875. The Clerk-Treasurer will be on vacation Nov 14 to 22. D & D Davidson letter was received re removal of their RV, they stated they will be building in the spring and asked to leave the trailer there during construction, see note re Mr. Penner above. Recreation Committee with be holding a craft sale & music circle on Nov 18 and Lutefisk supper Nov 25. Councillor Lundgren reported on the Locum House meeting.

**ADJOURN #17-84 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk