

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council held on Tuesday March 3rd 2009 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

Present Mayor: V Pizey, Councillors: C Fadden, N Gate & J Moen. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt E Pearson, Stewart McNally Fire Chief. Visitors Sheila Gate & Jodi Gouliquer
Sheila & Jodi representing Bergland Friends of Recreation offered to pay extra day for hall rent if Council charged every other organization for extra days in the hall when they set up the day before an event. Council will review the present hall use policy for possible updating to address the issue. Jodi also advised that she is qualified to offer 1st Aid & CPR courses. Fire Chief McNally updated Council on the department, they are invited to a structure burning exercise in Rainy River March 14 and CN is offering a dangerous goods course March 28. He is presenting working with Frank Sheppard on the budget and training for the summer. Council should consider fencing off access to the heliport to keep snow machines off the water & septic lines. And the door at the west end of the building is being repaired in the Bergland garage/fire hall.

The meeting opened with a public meeting to consider the minor variance application by T Sepers, the Clerk-Treasurer gave a background report and recommendations. No comments or inquires were received from the public. No members of the public present make comments on the file.

- 46A0901 **09-21** MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that Minor Variance File 46A0901 A Sepers be approved subject to the attached four conditions.
The Mayor declared this public meeting closed at 7:20 p.m.
- MINUTES **#09-22** GATE & MOEN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held February 3rd 2009, be approved as printed. **COUNCILLOR FADDEN** Declared an interest in the accounts of R A Gill & Miller Contracting from the previous month.
- ACCOUNTS **#09-23** MOEN & GATE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$120,618.91 and representing disbursements for the month of February, less the accounts for Bergland General Store, R A Gill & Miller Contracting, be approved for payment.
- ACCOUNTS **#09-24** MOEN & GATE & CARRIED that the accounts in the amounts of \$1,134.76 and representing disbursements for the month of February, for Bergland General Store, R A Gill & Miller Contracting be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR FADDEN** Declared an interest in the accounts of R A Gill & Miller Contracting.
- TARRING **#09-25** FADDEN & GATE & CARRIED that MTO be advised that the Township of Lake of the Woods wishes to do the following surface treatment for 2009: Otilie Rd, Oak Point Rd & the heliport, 2.3 km double application 6.1 m wide.
- BY-LAW 222 **#09-26** MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED that By-law 222, being the 2009 Tax Capping By-law, be enacted.
- BY-LAW 223 **#09-27** MOEN & FADDEN & CARRIED By-law No 223, being the Tax Ratio By-law, be enacted.
- FIN STMNTS **#09-27** GATE & FADDEN & CARRIED that Council receive the audited Financial Statements for the year 2009.
- OTHER The Road Supt to submit his prioritized road work report to council. There was a discussion regarding enforcement of the entrance permit requirements. The Rd Supt to check with OPP regarding laying trespass charges for those loggers not getting authority to place entrance across our ditches. The fees for the permits are to be reviewed along with other fees. The Clerk-Treasurer reviewed his report including the Stewardship agreement with SKRR Stewardship Council & OGDE & Web filing being approved, a quote from Debra Smith for 911 numbering on the lake was received and Council considering the cost etc, a consent application from H & E Petkau was circulated to Council for next meeting, Capping Option include "Stay at CVA Tax option this year which freezes properties at CVA once achieved, see By-law 222, a note on garbage fees was included in the report, some business no longer operating will be reduced and the Clerk is to check on fees in relation to collection contract with an increase in the fees on the mainland to cover the cost. The Clerk-Treasurer is to check with the Town of Rainy River for cost of our residents to use their recycle service. We are now the 3rd highest municipal contributor for RRDSSAB costs. The Mayor reported on the budget and it is noted that we are paying on a per capita basis \$910

while other places such as Fort Frances is paying \$265, Atikokan \$234, Emo \$206, Rainy River \$132. The Mayor will be requesting a review of the budget and apportionment formula. The Clerk-Treasurer will be on vacation March 23 to April 3. The next stage of the waterfront park is to be considered with construction of the pavilion etc.

ADJOURN #09-28 FADDEN & MOEN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

_____ Mayor

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