

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council which was held on Tuesday May 7th 2024 at 7pm in the Morson Council Chambers.

**PRESENT** Mayor C Fadden, Councillors: A Chojko-Bolec, K Cottam & N Gate. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt absent due to illness. Visitor: Nancy Miller outlined request for support for placement of face out boards and benches in Oscar Bay Beach & Gov't Dock parking lot, Council supports the concept and wants firm pricing. B Pentney.

**MINUTES #24-22 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on April 2nd 2024, be approved as printed.

**ACCOUNTS #24-23 CHOJKO-BOLEC & COTTAM & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$85,858.55 and representing disbursements for the month of April be approved for payment.

**INTERNET #24-24 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED** that the office internet service with Thunder Bay Tel be cancelled and Lake of the Woods will share 1/3 of the monthly cost of Starlink internet service.

**OTHER** The Rd Supt is away due to illness, the work on the garage addition is not completed yet as we are awaiting a door from an alternate supplier. Proposals for skating rink board replacement have been requested to be received by June 4<sup>th</sup> 2024. Council had a lengthy discussion on the suggestion that the Rec Committee be allowed to obtain lottery & liquor licenses, it was explained that the law restricts municipalities from receiving proceeds from either and the committee would have to be separated from the municipality control in order to obtain licenses as well as other conditions. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the recent fire meeting, work on the AMP is to start soon, public meetings on the OP & ZBL will be in the fall as the consultants await as the province updates the Provincial Policy Statement and delivery of mapping for some of the area municipalities. OMPF payment of \$163,700 was received, Council discussed possible support for RR Railroad Daze program in Rainy River and will await until all council members are present in order to make a decision. A draft budget was reviewed and discussed and direction provided to administration for completion of the document, the tax rates will remain the same as 2023. Council discussed the present policy on proclamations and will not make any changes. Tax sale proceedings will commence this month for eligible properties. Council discussed the service requirements due to the illness of the Road Supt.

**ADJOURN #24-25 CHOJKO-BOLEC & COTTAM & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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