

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council, which was held on Tuesday November 5th 2024 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

- PRESENT** Mayor Colleen Fadden, Councillors: A Chojko-Bolec, K Cottam, N Gate & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt E Pearson. Visitors: B Pentney and Shawn Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton had a couple of question on Township operations 1) why do we store equipment and other things on the rink pad and 2) what was done about the cement for the public works garage addition that was poured on a cold rainy/snow day. Equipment and other items are removed and the contractor fixed the cement issue.
- MINUTES #24-60 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on October 1st 2024, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS #24-61 LUNDGREN & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amount of \$168,760.99 and representing disbursements for the month of October be approved for payment.
- BY-LAW 396 #24-62 GATE & CHOJKO-BOLEC & CARRIED** that By-law No 396, being the Municipal Auditor Appointment By-law, be enacted.
- RRDMA #24-63 LUNDGREN & COTTAM & CARRIED** that Council authorizes all members of Council and the Clerk-Treasurer to attend the annual RRDMA meeting in Fort Frances and a donation of \$200.00 be authorized in support of the meeting.
- IN CAMERA #24-64 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED** that Council go in camera to discuss personnel issues at 8:12 p.m. (Council chambers were cleared). Mayor Fadden declared the meeting open at 8:23 p.m.
- BONUS #24-65 CHOJKO-BOLEC & COTTAM & CARRIED** that Council authorizes a Christmas Bonus for each employee in the amount of \$250.00.
- OTHER** The Rd Supt reported on road work including setting up equipment for winter, scrap from the dumps has been removed, there is a problem of people going thru the garbage in the cages to retrieve cans & bottles, the OPP will be asked about the situation, the cemetery maintenance operations have caused minor damage to our equipment, Council will consider seeking proposals in the spring for grounds keeping. We are awaiting a contractor to replace roofing on the change shack and dugouts. The skating rink project has been completed. Councillor Cottam brought forward a request from a ratepayer as to when Luft Road will be surface treated, there is a plan to do the work in the future. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the next fire board meeting, property taxes outstanding balance and arrears and tax sale notices were mailed to ratepayers with some responses, 2025 OMPF is increasing by \$53,400 to \$708,200 and OPP costs are increasing from \$149,941 to \$179,037, CSPT revenue of \$422 has been received, a notice of the requirement to expend the CCFB funds was received from AMO, paperwork has been filed to our insurance renewal for Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, a notice of a change of operation at the RR Medical Clinic was received, we are

awaiting further information on how the medical clinic will operate. The Clerk-Treasurer had met with representatives from LAS & Canoe in order to gain further information on the programs they offer to municipalities. A quote was received for audit services for the period of 2024 to 2028. The Remembrance Day service will be at 10:45 Nov 11 at RR Legion.

ADJOURN #24-66 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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