

The Regular Meeting of the council of Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217 was held in the Municipal office on Friday November 8, 2019 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present were Reeve, Corey Senft, Councillor Tomas Arthur, Dale Czemerer, Bill Huber(left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.), Twila Miller, James Slywka, Greg Van Luven

Administrator: Frank Kosa

Call to Order:

Reeve Senft called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda:

#230/19-VAN LUVEN:

That the agenda be adopted, with the addition of business item a(1), discussion on declaring the Municipality an Agriculture Disaster Area, and that one account payable item be added to the accounts.

Carried

Minutes Regular Meeting:

#231/19- HUBER:

That the minutes of the October 4, 2019 Regular Meeting be adopted.

Carried

October Financial Report:

#232/19-MILLER:

That the October financial report be accepted as presented.

Carried

Accounts Payable:

#233/19-SLYWKA:

That the accounts payable represented by cheque No.4287 to 4316, payroll 546 to 549 and on line payments in the amount of \$178,181.78, less cheque number 4314 in the amount of \$3,819.38, as that cheque be voided, net payables \$174,362.40.

Carried

Re-issue of cheque to Hired Gunn Const. Ltd.

#234/19-VAN LUVEN:

That a new cheque in the amount of \$2,572.50 be issued to Hired Gunn Const. Ltd. for the work completed as of November 8th on the road East of Sec 3-23-13-W2, known as the Michelson road, that amount is 50% of the quoted price of \$4,850 plus gst.

Carried

Delegation:

Corporal Darcy Jacksteit of the RCMP presented to Council the quarterly policing report the period of July-Sept, 2019. There was discussion on the matters relating to the recent break-ins at local government offices and private businesses. A general discussion was had on matters relating to programs to encourage not only the general public to work with the RCMP to deter crime in the municipality and community. There should be a dialogue opening up between the youth and RCMP in order to develop better lines of communication.

Reeve Senft thanked Corporal Jacksteit for his presentation.

Council Reports:

Division 1:

Councillor Huber informed Council that the roads are in fairly decent condition taking into consideration the wet Fall. He would like to see his north-south backroads graded more often next year. He informed Council that Schill Trucking is hauling gravel from the SW-18-23-13-W2 site.

Division 2

Councillor Van Luven that the quick turn around of the weather did not permit the road side slopes on the Canterbury to be seeded this Fall, and should be seeded in early Spring. He has cleaned culverts due to beaver's building up blockages in the Jumping Deer Creek, south of Lipton.

Division 3

Councillor Czemerer informed Council that road signs were knocked down on the Dysart South Grid and that he contacted the RCMP to report the incident. The signs were re-installed by the Public Works personnel. In general the roads are in fair condition for the winter. He will be meeting with Highways personnel at the East Central Road Committee meeting to discuss obtaining clay for the upgrade to the approaches to Highway # 22 on the Dysart South Grid.

Division 4

Councillor Slywka stated that there is approximately six miles of backroads that have not been cut, and there are some rocks in the ditches that will have to be picked in the Spring. He stated he advised Jackson Bros to crush 15,000 yards and that they were waiting for a larger jaw in order to crush the rocks. He will discuss with them what their proposed schedule is and report back.

Division 5:

Councillor Miller stated that the weather perhaps did not permit the second cut in the ditches, but in the Spring there are bushes and willows that can be mowed. In general the roads are in good condition.

Division 6:

Councillor Arthur stated he cleaned a culvert by Barry Bradshaw's that was plugged, and there are a couple of culverts that have been damaged by the mower and should be repaired or adjusted one by Denis Brodner's by the highway.

Reeve:

Reeve Senft expressed concern of the excavation on Richard Behnke land adjacent to the road west of Blairs. Perhaps Mr. Behnke is installing a sleeve under the road for his waterline. The backroad that Kevin Domm requested to have repaired did not occur due to the wet Fall. There is a culvert damaged on the west side of the road by Mike Franks. The seasonal employees have been laid off, and should by some reason the weather changes and permit them to be called back, they would fall under the terms of the contract.

Council Reports:

#235/19-CZEMERES:

That the Council reports be accepted.

Carried

Declare the Municipality of Lipton No. 217 an Agriculture Disaster Area:

#236/19- CZEMERES:

That Council declare a state of agricultural disaster for the Municipality of Lipton. It is estimated that 40 per cent of the wheat and canola has not been harvested due to adverse conditions starting with an extremely dry spring which delayed the germination process which ultimately delayed the maturity of the grains. Through the harvesting period there was a significant amount of rain along with a number of snowfalls. Other compounding factors such as the trade issues and the cost of drying the crops that have been harvested all attribute to increases the stress levels in the agriculture community as reported by the

Provincial Stress Line Program.. In view of these unfortunate circumstances, we are requesting that the senior levels of government will explore some form of financial payout and not in the form of a loan or cash advance, as these types of programs are designed to assist producers to market their grains over the period of a year and does not address the un-recoverable cash loss experienced, that would meet the upcoming bills for fertilizer, mortgages and seed for the 2020 growing season.

Further that letters be sent to the Premier, Minister of Agriculture, Leader of the Opposition, the Federal Minister of Agriculture. Andrew Scheer Leader of the Opposition and SARM President Ray Orb informing them of the situation in the Rural Municipality.

Carried

Recess:

237/19-ARTHUR:

That the meeting be recessed at 12 p.m. and resume at 1:30 p.m.

Carried

The meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m. with Reeve Senft, Councillor Arthur, Czemerer, Miller, Slywka and Van Luven. Councillor Huber did not return to the meeting.

Cupar Nursing Home Representative:

#238/19-MILLER:

That the Municipality appoint Councillor James Slywka as its representative to the Cupar Nursing Home Board of Directors for 2019-20.

Carried

North Valley Inter-municipal Organization:

#239/19-MILLER:

That Council Municipality enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the North Valley Inter-Municipal Organization for the year 2019-20, and that the progress of the organization be reviewed in December 2020.

Carried

SARM Resolution Committee :

#240/19-VAN LUVEN:

That the information from SARM seeking parties interested in being a member on the SARM Resolution Committee be noted and filed.

Carried

Gas Tax Grant Agreement:

#241/19-CZEMERES:

That Council enter into an agreement with the Provincial Government under the Municipal Gas Tax Fund Agreement as part of the Federal Government Gas Tax Revenues for a period of five years, with a grant total of \$116,509.80

Carried

Gas Tax Grant Capital Program:

#242/19-SLYWKA:

That the Council infrastructure investment plan under the terms of the Municipal Gas Tax Agreement be the Dysart North #639 Grid Clay-capping project, the project being 16.5 kilometres in length..

Carried

Engineering Services for IIP Project:

#243/19-MILLER:

That administration proceed to obtain quotes from four engineering firms for the development of the specifications for the clay-capping project under the IIP Program, that would include supervision of the work upon the project(s) being awarded within the financial ability of the Municipality.

Carried

RCMP Report:

#244/19-ARTHUR:

That the RCMP Report for the period July to September be noted and filed.

Carried

Insurance Review for 2020:

#245/19-ARTHUR

That the values of the Municipality's insurance was reviewed and adjusted in 2019 and that the insurance the Municipality carries is adequate for the year 2020.

Carried

Correspondence:

#246/19-SLYWKA:
That the correspondence be noted and filed.

Carried

Administration Report:

#24719-MILLER
That the administration report be accepted.

Carried

Adjourn:

#248/19-MILLER:
That the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Carried

Reeve:

Administrator:

Next Meeting: Monday December 9 , 2019 at 9:00 a.m.