

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF LORING, PORT LORING AND DISTRICT
P. O. Box 148, Port Loring, Ontario P0H 1Y0

Minutes of Board Meeting November 19, 2009

Attending: Alan Dare, Dan Brooks, Mike Legault, Kerry Booth, George Walters, Nancy Wice, Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting brought to order by Chairman Al Dare at 7:35 pm. Al stated that the committee reports would be combined with the budget presentation for this meeting.

Conflicts: None declared

Minutes: The minutes of the October 22, 2009 meeting were read by Nancy Wice. Motion by Dan Brooks, seconded by Kerry Booth to accept as read. All in favour. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Received from MNDMF, Growth Plan For Northern Ontario

Financial Report: Bank balances of October 31, 2009 were read by Treasurer, and it was noted that more detail of the 2008-9 fiscal year will be seen in the budget presentation. Motion to accept report by Mike, seconded by Dan. All were in favour, motion carried.

Bylaws, Motions
And Notices of
Bylaws:

Bylaw 2009-07 to authorize Ontario Ministry of Finance to collect tax levys on behalf of the Board for 2009-10 fiscal year. This is to allow the LSB levy to be included on the PLT tax bills and makes it easier for LSB to receive the money and not have to collect delinquent accounts. Motion to pass bylaw by Dan, seconded by George. All were in favour, motion carried.

Budget Presentation:

Dan started by saying that upon review of the books, there needs to be some adjustments and transfers of balances in order to clean up the books and start fresh. Also we will focus on what we can do to start growing the community again, because if we keep going the way we have been, soon there will be no community. The school is down to 55 students. At one time the school board had said that the school would close when the enrollment went below 100, but due to busing, they have kept it open. Mike said that the school board has only committed to keeping the school open until 2013. Dan predicts that if the school closes, young people and young families will move away, and without young families the community will essentially shut down.

It was motioned by Dan, seconded by George to transfer amounts borrowed amongst the powers back to their proper accounts, by moving the \$40,145.83 surplus in the general account as follows:

\$580.80 to be paid to Library reserve, then in turn paid to Water reserve to relieve old debt showing in the books

\$720.29 to be paid to Water reserve to relieve old debt showing in the books
\$38,844.74 to be transferred to Recreation reserve
\$5,000.00 to be paid from Recreation to 911 to relieve old debt in books
911 reserve will now be approx \$11,000.00, and Recreation reserve will now be \$42,570.75 (includes \$2,366.78 for Dock reserve)
All were in favour, motion carried.
Also motioned by Dan to pay the PLWS the balance now transferred into the water account of \$1,301.09, seconded by Kerry. All were in favour, motion carried.

The budget was presented and committee heads spoke about what their budget allowed for.

George presented a detailed plan for marketing, including a website set-up plan and ongoing website maintenance to keep the community informed of events, businesses, contacts and news. He has many contacts in radio, TV and newspaper which he will connect with and take every opportunity to market our community. Other proposals include a 1-800 number for the community, a lighted event sign, an area to display archives. Darrell Rogerson congratulated George on a well presented plan.

Al and Darrell Rogerson spoke about Government Relations plans. Darrell will continue his work with MNRs plans for land appropriation in our area, lobbying to have "shelf lots" released for sale, and investigating the logistics of our area becoming a municipality. Al will research the possibility of adding the powers of garbage collection, sewage and street lighting. Al will also work on a long term plan for the community, preparing a site plan for the 17.6 acres of land at the recreation centre, and getting our voice heard in the MNMDF's Growth Plan for Northern Ontario. Their budget is for travel expenses, site plan and professional fees.

Kerry stated that the fire budget is the same as last year. OFM planned to replace the pumper in Loring, but so far has not done, they may have to do it themselves, waiting to see how much money came in from Trash & Treasure. The Library does not need any funds, just the grant from Ministry of Culture. Library had a successful year, usage up by 229%, and book checkouts up by 141%.

911 committee will not need any funds this year, still money in reserve. Mike wants to finish the 911 audit, and fix the outstanding errors and omissions.

The Recreation budget allows for maintenance of the grounds, purchase of sporting equipment, and \$35,000.00 for the washroom and septic.

An increase to the Infrastructure Reserve of \$40,000.00 and the Contingency Reserve of \$5,000.00 is included in the budget. Levy proposed is \$116.63. All persons present at meeting agree it is a good budget. Motion to approve budget by Mike, seconded by Kerry. All were in favour, motion carried.

Old Business:

Nancy asks about petty cash amounts outstanding the books. There should be no petty cash funds except the \$100 for the library. Dan motions to write off the other amount as an accounting error, seconded by George. All in favour, motion carried.

Mike says the dock is not yet moved, maybe have to leave it where it is for this winter.

The deeds for the recreation centre land, the dock, the land purchased from Darrell are in the LSB office. Deed for right of way will be given to PLWS.

New Business:

Nancy will be in the LSB office in the Loring fire station on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am. Anyone is welcome to come to the office during opening hours.

Nancy presented 2 bills to be paid:

\$42.85 Hydro One for the recreation centre

\$85.44 Nancy Wice for office supplies and postage

Motion to approve payments by Mike, seconded by George. All in favour, motion carried

Kerry will award the lighting contract for the recreation centre tomorrow. Two bids came in at approx. \$12,000.00 each. Work will be done ASAP.

Kerry stated that the change room door was kicked in again, he caught some youths in there last night, and has called the OPP to report it. Charges may be laid, and/or restitution demanded.

Mike stated the 911 signs have been ordered, he is just waiting for a proof.

Updates are needed to the tax roll before sending it to the Ministry.

Dan has a current 911 listing for all properties in the Board area.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by George, seconded by Kerry. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 7, 2009.

Prepared By
Nancy Wice
Secretary-Treasurer

Posted: November 26, 2009