

The regular mid-month meeting of Ross Township Council was held on December 20th, 2000 in the Council Chambers.

Present were Reeve Alvin Stone, Deputy-Reeve Jack Ferguson, and Councillors Don Rathwell, Donna Campbell and Teresa Chapeski.

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in repeating The Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the December 6th and 13th meetings were adopted as circulated.

A Public meeting was held to discuss a Road Closing between Lots 20 and 21, Concession 4, Plan 49R-14495 Parts 1 and 2, Township of Ross (Kevin Oattes). The Notice of Public Meeting was advertised in the Cobden Sun for four weeks and sent to Bell Canada, Ontario Hydro, Public Works Canada, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Transportation. The only reply was from the Ministry of Transportation stating no interest.

Moved by Chapeski, seconded by Ferguson that Council of the Township of Ross give three readings and pass By-Law No. 27-2000, being a by-law for stopping up, closing and conveying part of the unopened Road Allowance leading to Jeffrey Lake between Lots 20 and 21, Concession IV, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on RP 49R-14495 in the Township of Ross (Kevin Oattes).

Auditor Tom Foran was present to review the year 2000 Budget to date and to instruct Council as to what action should be taken before year end to make a smooth transition into the new Municipality of the Township of Whitewater Region.

Correspondence for Information:

- Historical Society Christmas Newsletter
- Hazardous Waste Budget and Actual for 2000
- AMO - Communications Concerns
 - Two more bills passed
- Jp2g Consultants sample letter to MOE
- MOH - Notice under Ambulance Act
- Lanark Mutual - Fire Dept. charges and shared venting

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Rathwell that Council of the Township of Ross authorize Greg Davidson and Shane Severin to proceed with the purchase and installation of the following equipment for the Haley Townsite Water System:

- (a) A new air compressor for Sullivan Street pumphouse.
- (b) A chlorination analyzer for Heather Street pumphouse at an estimated cost of \$10,000.
- (c) An alert alarm system with telephone line to Beachburg beeper.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Chapeski that Council of the Township of Ross direct Greg Davidson to request three (3) quotes for an Engineers' Report, which would include an application for funding to OSTAR to cover necessary requirements to meet compliance needs at the Haley Townsite Water System. Study and application to be filed prior to January 31, 2001.

Moved by Rathwell, seconded by Campbell that Council of the Township of Ross pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS the employment agreement with the Clerk-Treasurer has provisions for compensation of Council meetings necessary for the administration of Municipal business;

WHEREAS in the years 1999 and 2000 the Clerk-Treasurer was required to participate in numerous meetings of the Transition Board and was recording secretary for the Protection to Persons and Property Sub Committee meetings for Restructuring;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk-Treasurer has chosen to retire as of December 31, 2000 and will not be able to take the accumulated time off in lieu;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Ross approve payment to the Clerk-Treasurer of \$2172.80 representing ninety-seven (97) hours accumulated over and above normal working hours.

The Office Staff is instructed to close the Office at noon on Friday, Dec. 22nd.

Moved by Chapeski, seconded by Campbell that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m. and a brief meeting will be held on December 29th at 1:00 p.m. to close out any unfinished business before amalgamation.

Alvin Stone, Reeve

Eleanor Tabbert, Clerk

