

Hamlet of Lone Rock

Board Meeting

October 4, 2018 7:00pm

The Church

Attendance: Melissa Heney, Lloyd Ludwig, Elaine Heney, Donna Woods, Sean Heney, Sheila Zurek, Kelly McNaughton, John Sorenson, Delores Sorenson, Brian Heney, Freda Shortt, Terry Kashuba, Candice Blain

- 1. Welcome & Introductions**
- 2. Hamlet Utility Board & Home Owners Association:** Following up from last discussion & information received from Government ministries we will ask for a vote & then follow the procedure as outlined. Although the hamlet does not qualify for a seat on the RM council under the act there is provision where this can be assigned which we will continue to communicate with the advisor. Motion moved by Kelly seconded by Sheila recorded as unanimous.
- 3. SK Water Security Agency:** There are provisions within the act to allow for small provider status which the Hamlet falls in to have a resident with some training handle oversight of water & lagoon systems although a class 1 operator is preferred a challenge can also be made for specific circumstances which the hamlet would likely fall this would reduce the hamlet cost by roughly 80% which is 1 of our largest expenses & allow for alternate options to be researched as well as grants this is an ongoing discussion. Seek an hourly rate shift on current requirements till this could be implemented.
- 4. Resignation of Board Member Election of New:** Freda Shortt submitted her resignation as she is moving. This has triggered an election to fill open position on Board which Donna Woods was nominated by Lloyd Ludwig which was seconded by Kelly McNaughton Donna accepted nomination & was elected by unanimous vote. Candice Blain was then nominated as an alternate by Lloyd Ludwig which was seconded by Brian Heney & she accepted the nomination & was elected by unanimous vote.
- 5. Rates on Well & Sewage Conversions:** Although it is entirely up to the homeowner to pursue this may be premature as the Minister of Gov Relations indicated there are many further steps the RM will need to go through before they are granted status change as hamlet consultations have yet to be started which should have been a 1st step & they will be required to maintain until change is granted & with a conversion timeline. Some preliminary quotes have been submitted which decrease with number of purchasers.
- 6. Tax Rates:** If the conversion does happen further information will need to be sought as to what the increased rate with decreased service will mean to hamlet services to maintain the 75-80% ratio of tax dollars spent on the hamlet this will have to be brought up with the RM as well as what is the alternate plan if the rezone & change in water or the property conversion is not

granted by the Government. This also lends to changes as CRA has indicated that Micro Farms don't require specific land designation but farm income.

7. **Audit of Hamlet:** This will show what amounts are available to the hamlet for future budget as well as if all the RM owned property was also taxed at the same rate which as indicated by the advisor increases incentive for sale of lots & development which then adds to the hamlet tax base. More than likely this will raise many questions will forward list of questions to the RM to see if answers can be obtained. The RM has denied request for both Financial & Management audits so follow up request have been made as per procedure in having the Gov compel audits be performed & supervisor appointed.
8. **In Camera Session:** Legal Counsel Information.
9. **Hamlet Communications:** At present have not heard a reply as to RM selection of their candidate or a date for the matters to go to Appeal Board. A list of 17 questions has been submitted to the RM with only 1 being answered as to status of Financial & Management audits. Follow up has been made as to answers to those & a growing list of other questions.
10. **RM Tractor & Hamlet Road Maintenance:** Have forwarded questions as to Hamlet tractor & grader hasn't been seen in Lone Rock this year.
11. **Communication with Government:** Both Provincial & Federal Ministers & Premiers have been contacted regarding the current situation in Lone Rock with a note as to application for any funding for the RM regarding both levels of government & specifically the Canada SK Infrastructure plan. A report is being finalized as to issues as well as potential solutions in going forward with the Hamlet of Lone Rock as well as consideration of resort village incorporation.
12. **Existing Well Map:** This is still a work in progress as a map is being formed as to who has wells & potential joining as well as potential for community well or water service is still being left for review & consultation.
13. **Hamlet administrator:** Municipal advisors have advised this can come out of budgeted items which can be requisitioned from the RM but a question also arises as would it be more beneficial of Homeowners Association & Utility Board that an administrator could be funded from those funds & be a central hub which could then also handle all the requests from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation CBC doc producers... & handle logistic requests from all the Gov agencies faster? Further information will be collected for cost benefit analysis.
14. **Post Office:** Inquiries into Canada post have been made regarding local post office as to operations but have not heard back as of yet.
15. **Next Meeting:** Next Hamlet community meeting to be determined by consensus.
16. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:20PM