

Organized Hamlet of Lone Rock

Community Meeting

October 23, 2019 7:00pm

Donna Woods's residence

Attendance: Lloyd Ludwig, John Sorenson, Delores Sorenson, Melissa Heney, Hands Pederson,, Elaine Heney, Donna Woods, Candice Blain, Temina Ludwig, Greg Blain,

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Meeting commenced 7:05 PM
2. **Opening Remarks from the Chairman:** Review & update of last meeting minutes regarding Judicial review proceeding through the courts. There has been no ruling from judge yet. Went through year in review.

New business brought forward discussion as to the new applications that were heard in court October 3rd 2019 & the instructions given by the judge in proceeding forward with the Appeal Board & other matters. We will await that ruling but will proceed with the Judges instructions.

Conversion of Hamlet to Resort village or for implementation of referendum of self-governance or territorial conversion with all in attendance in favor & carried to move forward with the formal implementation. The Board will still be going door to door to speak with all the residents of Lone Rock & get the signatures on the documents.

Water & Sewer Bills have not been approved by the Hamlet Board & are under review by the Municipal Board as this was 1 of the matters discussed in recent court application from what the Judge indicated RM council should have brought matter to the Appeal Board for decision before making application to the Municipal Board so as it sits water & sewer billing is on hold until Judge makes a decision. Municipal Board is also waiting for that decision before proceeding. All in attendance agree water & sewer are to be returned back to annual Tax notices.

The budget is now under review of the Judge so there isn't any at current as it was changed by the RM both before & after mediation which the judge is looking at with Boards application to have RM budget removed & Hamlet Budget re-instated with all the attached questions answered & as per instructions are working with government agencies to assemble all of the financial data & will send another formal request for explanation if no meaningful discussion is had we will forward to police dept for further review.

In light of RM & also Hamlet members court applications & instructions given in court Tracy Kashuba has stepped down as Appeal Board nominee & Darrell Dunn has agreed to fill that position until Tracy is reinstated or Judge rules. We may need to make another court application to have the RMs nominee removed as it wasn't clear if the Judge was also going to review their nominees' obvious bias & include it in the ruling or as RM attorney wanted it as another application after letter was sent to RM advising them. The letter has been sent advising the RM so it's just matter of moving forward. All attending in favor.

3. **Septic Tank pumping:** Septic Pumping was paid for in 2018 taxes which was approved in the 2018 RM council meeting & NutBrown has been contacted to pump out the tanks & send bill to RM of Wilton.
4. **Fundraising:** The recreation board is having a Halloween Dance (Saturday) October 26, 2019 7-11pm anyone that wants to volunteer is more than welcome & clean up volunteers are still needed for the Sunday morning.

Future fundraising there has been a lot of interest from region & many ideas coming in with November -fall supper, December -Craft, Bake sale , scavenger hunt & sled rally.

5. **Next Meeting:** We might combine the next meeting with the community events & will let residents know if anything comes back on court cases at the Halloween Dance or at the other events in next few months
6. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:30PM

Report to Voters of the Hamlet of Lone Rock for 2019

1. There have been many discussions with area farmers & people as far away as England as to the current situation in Lone Rock the legal battles & the issues surfacing with the RM of Wilton we expect this will increase once the documentary comes out & with the Social Media efforts to raise awareness. The hamlet board has made a request to address the legislature in this regard & are awaiting the reply. The hamlet board will continue to pursue best interests of Hamlet voters.
2. We are still awaiting a decision as to the February court application & have also launched another 2 Cases which are also awaiting decisions as there is some issues as to the 2019 budget as it was passed without the Hamlet Board Approval & did not follow the legislated steps & there & is also the water Bills which are presently being decided before the court as well as proper procedure for instituting the Appeal Board & whether our petition for audit was sufficient as it relates to only the Hamlet. The civil claim has also been put forward & is proceeding as to the legislated requirements.
3. There has also been some development in the Hamlet moving forward with self-governance as the wording of the binding referendum has been constructed so as to meet legislative & judicial requirements.
4. There have been many discussions with the Water security agency as to proper procedure what needs to be done & the legislative requirements. There have been many things that have come to light which requests have been made to address.
5. The Ombudsperson has been contacted & the Hamlet Board submits regular updates as to the situation they are awaiting the court's decision so as they are not overstepping their decisions. This may come down to very similar situation as RM of Sherwood.
6. The minister of Government relations is in constant contact along with other Governmental Agencies that have provided direction as to how to deal with the ongoing situation & there have been new appointments in both the Lieutenant Governor & Minister of Municipal Affairs offices.
7. Saskpower has been contacted about the streetlights & it was placed in priority review.
8. There has been some confusion as to tax rates which are still under review as the RM hasn't been following the legislation as to reports & interaction with the Organized Hamlet Board which has been noted & is now being looked into. We have received some financial information from both the Mediation that was attended by the Hamlet Board & through the courts & are assembling a third party review back to 2015 from that information.
9. Letters have been sent regarding practices in the property assessments to review how they were implemented & undertaken which is still waiting a reply
10. Road maintenance is an ongoing issue which is being addressed & the Hamlet Board has reached out to Minister & Premier for guidance & assistance.