

Organized Hamlet of Lone Rock

Board Meeting

January 23, 2022

7:00pm

Attendance: Lloyd Ludwig, Donna Woods, Terry Kashuba

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Meeting commenced 7:05 PM
2. **Opening Remarks from the Chairman:** Proceeding pm SMB issues. More material was requested by RCMP & Justice as part of inquiry. Counsel has been looking into the land rezoning & has found RM council meetings haven't met legislated requirements for 2 years so is going over everything in that time for validity. New business:
 - a. RM of Wilton's Minutes & financials are up on their website although there is question as to the validity as they are not the certified minutes. Gov relations has forwarded a report on public accounts which are supposed to be available for viewing at all RM offices which are more in depth than the financial statements.
 - b. The Municipal Board has made an interim ruling requiring the RM to provide all documents as required under section 117 of the Municipalities Act which under MA 5 includes everything. In that matter complaint has been registered to Law Society & they have requested further information.
 - c. Appeal Board issues are attached so as we can get started with the next batch of issues. We will again be utilizing Karen Crawford as our 77 Appeal Board nominee.
 - d. Metis nation is also looking at Lone Rock as ancestral lands which are being looked into as they did value assessments of each of the RM lots in over the summer & indicated they will be coming out with ground radar when the snow clears to look at some of the areas around the hamlet.
 - e. Tax exemptions has been completed & they have been excluded as shown in the budget. There is no reason as indicated by the SMB that these properties would be excluded. We have also included this with the Appeal Board roster.
 - f. As the RM of Wilton has not forwarded the resolution the Hamlet Board made as to special levy on all property purchased by them in the 2021 AGM minutes to the Appeal Board that amount will be added to the hamlet budget which added an additional \$72,000 to 2022 hamlet revenue. They also indicated that any of the funds that were not in our budget & used as per the legislation were legislation violations. We have forwarded the adjusted amount to Gov relations auditor. We will also need to contact the RM auditor as the financials we have some errors which will need to be corrected & resubmitted to Prov auditor.

k. The Hamlet Board from all minutes never agreed to a change from the 75% of annual revenue a formal breakdown has been forwarded to Gov Relations auditor as discussed at last meeting previous percentages should have been set at 75% so that will need to be audited from 2015 Also the percentage amount of transfer into Hamlet account for taxation was set at 75% & 85% for the special Levy the amount proposed by the RM wasn't agreed on. The RM of Wilton did not bring it to the Appeal Board so it reverts to Legislated amounts.

3. Government Correspondence: We have sent in a revised budget as to the increases of special levy amounts & removal of exemptions. As per Judge's ruling the 2015 -2021 budgets are being corrected. RM of Wilton budgets relating to Lone Rock are invalid until they have been heard by the Appeal Board. Although this matter was before Justice Zuk & stayed it didn't make it into the 1st batch of 77 Appeal board issues so we can add it to the next batch. As the RM under the legislation is not allowed to submit a hamlet budget as the budget must come from the Hamlet Board as per the legislation. As per justice Zuk until the Appeal Board hears those matters regarding budgets put forward by the RM for the Hamlet those budgets are stayed until the Appeal Board renders their decision.

4. In Camera Session: Legal discussion

Return from in camera session nothing to vote on or report as just a clarification on necessary steps in moving forward on further budgets & RCMP issues with our legal counsel. We will forward all the letters received from RM & RM counsel regarding status of Hamlet account to the RCMP for investigation as well as any information that comes from the SMB document book & March hearing.

5. SK Water Security Agency: We have received their report & it appears there was some errors in the information as some how someone advised that it was a sanitary system not a potable water system which changes the direction they were supposed to follow as well as what was provided to SK Health but they have issued a letter that they gave no instruction as to the authorization to remove the water system. We are also still in communication with Federal agency in that regard as some legislated changes were made in the fall which will impact.

There is also questions arising as to where the money is going as the money from these invoices is supposed to be placed in an account directed by the Hamlet Board as per the legislation & the RM of Wilton has yet to provide financials & invoices in that regard which will have to be looked into.

6. Rates on Well & Sewage Conversions: This matter has been directed by the Judge to be heard in front of the Appeal Board but as always the Hamlet is still supporting all water /sewer utility remain as part of annual tax notice. Further follow up with the Ministers office are needed as there seem to be a number of inconsistencies with the budgets provided by the RM & what is being collected. Also the question has been raised why is the RM charging infrastructure costs with the intention of shutting down the system & where are those funds going which will have to be audited prior if they intend to decommission the system as per the legislation that would also go into the Hamlet account.

7. Tax Rates: Discussion Hamlet Board still awaiting information that was agreed to by RM Council in mediation & as indicated by the Municipal Board zoning has to follow procedure first being consultation with the Hamlet Board then if not agreed Appeal Board process. The RM may have violated the legislation in this regard as the Hamlet Board is supposed to set the rate not the RM. A question was also raised as depreciation being an expense for appearance of deficit which is currently being investigated.

8. Hamlet Communications: Discussion Ombudsman is aware of matters before the SMB & is waiting for the outcome. A question was raised as to the approvals the RM received as to the investments made to purchasing the Lone Rock as there is a legislated procedure for that she was going to review & respond.

In Camera Session: Legal discussion

Return from Legal discussion nothing of note as the RM numbered company is still matter of review by Law Society & will follow up with justice as to hamlet resident's water sewer billing for services they aren't receiving.

9. RM Tractor & Hamlet Road Maintenance: We have received a reply from Gov Relations. They did want a breakdown of how many households were affected & how the \$500.00 was arrived there has been a court decision in that regards that was referred as to municipal liability once notice is given. We forwarded the photos from this winter of the Hamlet roads along with the RM notifications of road conditions

10. Street Lights: Street light has been fixed .

11. Trees & Buildings: Environmental problems persist with the buildings that were obtained by the RM this also lends to the 346 claim as more issues arise & are seeing more effects due to the destruction.

We were directed to also look into any property devaluations due to RM bylaw or resolution or actions of RM as those can either be determined by the 77 Appeal Board, SMB or Judge. It may be too early to fully quantify the devaluation yet so we are waiting for the summer to have an assessment done.

In Camera Session: Legal discussion

Return from in Camera discussion the firm has agreed to do the asbestos claim pro bono & will have residents sign forward documents.

Resolutions: Put forward by Lloyd Ludwig Seconded by Donna Woods

- (1) Follow up with minister with information as to budgets & Tax dollar spending as well as Hamlet Minutes & Water/Sewer billing & the removal of property tax exemptions in the Hamlet. Forward revised revenue amounts to Minister to adjust our budget including 2022 budget & update on the legislative violations as well as the matters forwarded to the RCMP
- (2) RM Directed to pay for legal fees & costs as provided for in the above mentioned legislation at the direction of the Organized Hamlet Board. As well as in the Annual Organized Hamlet of Lone Rock meeting.

- (3) 77 Appeal Board issues that follow are herin forwarded to the RM of Wilton to begin the MA 77 Appeal Board process Karen Crawford is the Organized Hamlet of Lone Rock nominee:
1. Copy of all permits, authorizations, Taxations, or permissions by any and all regulatory agencies whether federal or provincial with respect to shutting down municipal sewer and potable water services in the OH, including accounting of infrastructure account.
 2. Budget Deficits (Explanation & documentation
 3. Audit be done on Hamlet accounts 2015 to present inclusive of water/sewer utility.
 4. Code of Ethics Complaints to be reviewed by independent 3rd party panel & RM Wilton Code of Ethics bylaw review & amended to comply with legislation & any resolutions made regarding Hamlet Board Members quashed.
 5. Review all building permit approvals & denials in keeping with the "sK growth plan"
- (4) Set that the RM of Wilton implement the water & sewer Utility remains within the yearly taxes as in previous years & reimbursement or credit be supplied to those that have already paid them along with reimbursement for time periods in which loss of service or Boil water advisory in place. Confirm with SK water & Federal water agency a rate of \$12.00 a day for Boil water & or service disruption & set that as rate for compensation to be reimbursed to each ratepayer after 72 hr is implemented & billing will be prepared.
- (5) Approval of legal counsel forwarding letters to ministers & filing matters with the court that he deems appropriate & provide him with the materials that will go out to the media regarding the investigations.
- (6) The Organized Hamlet Board take over operations of the water & sewer utility & any infrastructure assets. In the alternative to raise the issue of the transfer never actually taking place to the RM which is still under investigation.
- (7) At direction of LAFOIP Commissioner & Gov relations the email of Lone Rock Organized Hamlet Board is : LoneRockOHB@hotmail.com This will remain the official email for all Gov correspondence in keeping with the archiving legislation & directions.

Resolutions are hereby voted on & unanimously passed.

12. Next Meeting: Next Hamlet Board meeting to be determined by consensus.

13. Meeting Adjourned: 9:05PM

Donna Woods.