

LOCAL SERVICES BOARD OF LORING, PORT LORING AND DISTRICT
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Minutes of Board Meeting April 15, 2010

Attending: Alan Dare, Dan Brooks, Mike Legault, Kerry Booth, George Walters,
Nancy Wice, Secretary-Treasurer, 1 community member

Meeting brought to order by Chairman Al Dare at 7:30 pm.

Conflicts: None declared

Minutes: The minutes of the March 11, 2010 meeting were read by Nancy.
Motion by Mike, seconded by Dan to accept as read. All in favour.
Motion carried.

Darrell Rogerson expressed his concerns over the rescinding of Roberts Rules of Order. He was given a copy of the Standard Operating Procedures to review.

Correspondence: Received from Ontario Library Services – posters for youth volunteering, one will be hung up at Library and one at the Legion.

Financial Report: Financial report of March 31, 2010 was read by Nancy. Motion to accept report by Kerry, seconded by Dan. All were in favour, motion carried.

**Bylaws, Motions
And Notices of**

Bylaws: A draft of the 2008-2009 audited financial statement was reviewed by the board members. One item that needed to be adjusted was the amount owing as a deficit in the Capital Projects costs, so the following motion was passed:

Be it resolved that the board of directors authorize the transfer of \$29,724 from general equity to capital equity as of September 30, 2009 to offset the capital equity deficit.

Motioned by Mike, seconded by Dan, all were in favour, motion passed.

A motion to accept the draft of the 2008-2009 financial statement as audited was made by Mike, seconded by Kerry. All were in favour, motion passed.

Department Reports:

Finance & Administration:

Dan, Al & Nancy went to meet with the accountant in North Bay and the accountant was appreciative of how well the books were organized this year. Further to the meeting with the accountant, it is showing in the accounts that there is over \$14,000.00 in tax levy arrears owed to the LSB. A request to NMDMF for an updated listing of that amount resulted in them telling us they had nothing to do with it, and that Min. of Finance collects and administers this. Nancy will try to contact someone else who can clarify. Also the accountant advised that we should look at putting the infrastructure and contingency funds into a money making account. Dan will add some items to the critical path, dock contract by March 15, 911 signage contract by May 1, close off sign orders by May 1, insurance quotes by end of July, review website agreement in February and sign installation June 15-Sept 1.

Marketing:

Website will be ready soon. Karl will meet with the Board and show those who need to know how to administer the website. We still need a colour map with LSB area boundaries to scan for the website. Kerry will check with MNR.

Safety/Library:

Mike is working on touching up old signs, peeling off old numbers. He has installed a few signs, but needs more poles. The poles are at Allan Nicholls house, Mike has trouble getting in contact with Allan. Nancy will write him a letter requesting the return of the poles.

We need a new contract for a 911 sign installer. Nancy will post the request for proposal by this coming Tuesday.

Mike gave some invoices to Nancy to pay for the Library.

Kerry reports that the Fire Department has purchased a brand new 2011 pumper tanker, delivery will be about July 1.

Recreation:

Kerry reports that some of the board members went to look at the Sprucedale Activity Centre and were impressed.

Gary Benedet has completed the drawings for our Rec Centre layout. There will be a cement slab poured for the building that will be utility room, washrooms and another 19x10 room, that might house the future LSB office. Depending on available funds, it will get shelled in this year, and completed next year. Darrell advised to make it a little bit bigger, keeping in mind future needs.

Rod Hampel had a look at the dock. The dock has moved and all the cement weights underneath are mixed up, it will have to be lifted and re-positioned into place.

We need a new contract for someone to look after the dock. Nancy will post Request for Proposals by Tuesday next week.

The new Rec Committee will meet next week and chose a chair.

Kerry asked Dale Brooks for some fill from the road construction to fill the dip by the culvert.

Al asked Kerry to send a letter to the horticultural society to plant some flowers in front of the sign.

Mike went to the Summerfest meeting, and Sandy & Rick Curry will have a volleyball tournament and use the nets.

Government Relations & Infrastructure:

Darrell has received a letter from the MNR saying that the surveyed land will not be for sale or available for public development, but saying that for this to happen, an amendment must be processed, which can be considered that the door is still open. We will continue to pursue.

Darrell sent local government study questionnaire to 10 small municipal townships in our area. He has received 4 back and is still working on it.

Darrell has no news on the Brown Township park boundaries.

Al is still working on garbage disposal. He has determined that Ess Narrows dump has 300 members, so the total membership in the area is 900.

Al is having ongoing meetings concerning the new tourism regions. The Region 12 committee that Al is a member of will decide what to do with whatever funds are going to be available. The funds are mandated for training, marketing and product development.

Old Business:

Darrell is still asking about the proper procedure for public voting on the budget.

The public votes on the budget, but only the board votes on the by-law. Dan suggests that we make a list of all the concerns over the LSB Act, send a copy to all LSBs in Ontario, and try to get some changes made to the Act.

Dan & Al will meet to do this.

Nancy determined a Visa Debit card is only available in the US. Scotiabank will issue us a credit card, as long as there are 2 signing officers on the account. Nancy & Dan will go to Scotiabank to apply for the card.

Nancy reports that, as asked in previous meetings, the total assessed values of the properties in the LSB area are about \$307 million.

It was discussed to ask OLG for a grant to fund the emergency services.

New Business:

Nancy presented 3 bills to be paid:

Mike Legault \$24.94 (paint for 911 signs)

Argyle Volunteer Fire Department \$600.00 (annual office space)

Argyle Volunteer Fire Department \$141,200.00 (annual fire protection contract)

Motion to pay all bills by Kerry, seconded by Dan, all were in favour, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 27, 2010 at the firehall in Loring.

Prepared By
Nancy Wice
Secretary-Treasurer

Posted: April 20, 2010