

Minutes of Annual Meeting for the Hamlet of Spruce Lake , April 26. 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

1. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read. There were no errors or omissions. Karen Rivard moved her minutes be adopted as read, Lyle Nasby seconded. Carried.
2. Financials. The 2017 proposed budget was examined. The only question was with regard to \$7000.00 that had been budgeted for equipment. We explained that we planned to purchase a new mower since we have put off the purchase for the past several years, The current mower has become extremely unreliable. Everyone was satisfied with this explanation. There were a few questions regarding some expenses for water and sewer. Once explanation was given, everyone was satisfied.
3. Major plans. We further discussed the new mower and also announced that we have budgeted to gravel and dust- treat the entire Hamlet. Everyone was in support of these plans.
4. Rebuilding of the road on the south boundary. A lengthy discussion led to consensus that we go ahead and allow for exploration of options. Our main concerns are that we not see an increase in traffic and that we find a viable solution for enforcing the speed limit on that piece of road no matter how it is improved.
5. Access to the Hamlet. In a discussion with the RCMP, Darren Millard learned that one of the possible reasons we have quite a bit of petty crime may be because there are so many ways for people to enter and exit the Hamlet. It was discussed which of the accesses would be most practical to close off. Lyle Nasby moved that we make application to the appropriate authorities to close off access to the Hamlet at the following locations: 1st Street North from Highway 26, 2nd Avenue from the south boundary road, and the trail past the Anglican church that isn't a street. Margaret Hoffman seconded the motion. Carried.
6. Streets. Olive Schneider suggested that since we are going to limit access some streets will have next to no traffic. In light of this, she suggested that we not bother to dust-treat 1st St. North or the west end of Main Street. We will certainly consider the savings in this.
7. After much discussion, we agreed to apply for a by-law to prohibit the washing of commercial vehicles within the Hamlet. We also decided to investigate a by-law restricting which streets commercial vehicles can use and where they can park.
8. Water. It was agreed that we need to ensure that the holding tanks in the pump-house be cleaned and that we will also make sure the hydrants are flushed. Rachel filled everyone in on her progress with securing grants to improve our system. So far, she has been frustrated and dead-ended. The message seems to be that we would not be a priority because our population is too small.
9. We need to contact Brenda Bambric and remind her to maintain her lots.
10. Darren Millard's term was up. Olive Schneider moved Darren remain on the board. He accepted. Karen Rivard seconded. Carried.