

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008

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Present: Reeve Peter Skrupski  
Councillor Bob Bodnaruk  
Councillor Karen Lalonde  
Councillor Brian Thompson  
Councillor Ken Lucko  
Councillor Lorne Vaags  
Larry Tetrault, Chief Administrative Officer  
Randall Znamirovski, Chief Financial Officer  
and Manager of Administration  
Colleen Draper, Recording Secretary

Reeve Skrupski called the public hearing portion of the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

08-225 SKRUPSKI  
VAAGS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED (6-0)

**OPENING REMARKS**

Reeve Skrupski reported that the proposed mill rate increased by .38 or 2.7% mainly because of increases in fuel and labour costs.

The CAO presented a detailed overview of the changes in the financial plan from the first copy distributed on April 21. He advised that the auditor's report was not yet available and would be presented at a separate meeting. He gave a detailed overview of the budgeted and capital expenditures, reserves and five year capital plan proposed by Council in the 2008 Financial Plan accompanied with a power point presentation.

Kim MacAuley requested clarification on the total cost of the Oakbank sewer and water project through Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB). The CFO advised that the total cost is \$20,000,000 with \$10,000,000 each being covered by the Municipality and MWSB. There is also the opportunity to receive 1/3 funding through a Canada Manitoba Infrastructure grant.

Gord Barton addressed Council regarding clarification on discrepancies between 2007 actuals and 2008 budgeted amounts. The CFO advised that Protective Services included drainage claims from the Disaster Financial Assistance Program in 2007 but not in 2008. He also advised that 2007 allowance for tax assets was larger than in 2008 because of a larger number of properties in tax sale in 2007.

Peter Williams addressed council regarding his concerns with the protective services budget. He provided hand outs regarding risk assessment and hazard analysis in the municipality. The CFO explained that there are 5 fire stations which are located within 5 miles of the middle of the area in question, 4 of which are fully staffed 24/7, 365 days a year.

Kim St. Vincent questioned council whether a five-year contract with the CAO was signed. She requested a list of every employee who earns over \$50,000.00 and copies of job descriptions. She also asked for clarification on the total legal costs spent in 2007. Council advised Mrs. St. Vincent that a five-year contract had not been signed and asked that she provide a written request to the CAO for any information required.

Janet Nysten noted that the December 31 year end financial report was not available by March 15 as required under the Act. The CFO advised Ms. Nysten that he had contacted Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs that it would not be completed by the deadline. Ms. Nysten requested a summary of the 2007 capital items which the CFO provided to her. She also requested clarification on the Dugald utility deficit recovery. Ms. Nysten questioned commercial development. The CAO replied with figures for 2007 and 2008, for 2008 commercial development is approximately 50% of residential development.

*Council took a short break.*

Gord Barton questioned council why the fire station proposed in the industrial area was removed from the 2008 budget. He asked council to consider the safety aspect and the values of properties in the industrial area.

Reeve Skrupski advised that he would meet with the Fire Commission to discuss further.

*The Chair closed the portion of the Public Hearing.*

Financial Plan

After some discussion Council applied \$250,000.00 for the fire station in 2009 and \$135,000.00 in 2010.

- 08-226 SKRUPSKI THOMPSON BE IT RESOLVED THAT council adopt the financial plan for 2008 consisting of:
- (a) an operating budget;
  - (b) a capital budget as amended;
  - (c) an estimate of operating revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year; and
  - (d) a five year capital expenditure program.
- CARRIED (4-2)

BY-LAWS

By-Law #08-09 - Rates of Taxation

- 08-227 VAAGS SKRUPSKI BE IT RESOLVED THAT first reading be given to By-Law No. 08-09 being a By-Law of the Rural Municipality of Springfield to establish rates of taxation and impose taxes for 2008.
- CARRIED (4-2)

ADJOURNMENT

- SKRUPSKI That this meeting stands adjourned the time being 9:30 p.m.
- CARRIED (6-0)

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Peter Skrupski  
Reeve

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Laurent Tetrault  
Chief Administrative Officer