

Notes from Meeting with Residents held on February 27, 2007 at 2 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Hurst
Frank Pizzuto, CAO
David Mailloux, Clerk
Helmut Spicer, Min. of Agr. & Food
23 residents (see list attached)

Mayor Hurst opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He explained that this meeting was being held to listen to the concerns of the people regarding the smells, etc. that were coming from local pig farms. Mr. Dennis Rivest, the operator of the farms was invited to attend, however he was not able to attend because his wife was having surgery.

Morris Kurzuk stated that he has lived on the 6th Concession North for 25 years and the smell is worse than it has ever been. There seems to be a different and worse smell than in the past. He said that kids are getting sick. Mr. Kurzuk referred to articles he has read in a Western paper where farmers have a process for manure that reduces the smell. He also asked if Mr. Rivest changed farming practices which may be the cause of a different smell. Mr. Spicer said that some producers add things to the feed to promote growth efficiency. Also he said pigs are genetically different today.

Mr. Kurzuk asked how often Mr. Rivest could spread manure.

Mr. Spicer replied that it is based more on what the ground can take. Manure from different operations is also different. Generally 3000 to 6000 gallons/acre per application; ¼" can be applied.

Mr. Spicer stated there were 2 sets of rules – one for regulated farms and one for non-regulated farms. Mr. Rivest farms fall into the non-regulated class.

Mr. Robinson stated that the manure lagoon on the 6th Concession North farm is seeping into the Long Marsh Drain. Also rain takes manure across a resident's lot.

Mr. Spicer stated that MOE takes care of manure crossing your property.

Kirsten Kurzuk asked what the Ministry of Agriculture & Food is prepared to do to enforce the rules.

Mr. Spicer replied that the Nutrient Management Act takes effect when a farm produces 300 Nutrient Units (about 2000 feeder pigs). The plan was that by 2008 everybody would be captured. Now it does not look like everyone will be captured by 2008. There are Agricultural Environmental Officers for regulated farmers.

Paul Beaudoin – there must be some way of stopping this from happening.

Gloria Masko – has lived in the area for 67 years. It has never been this bad.

Ron Masko – stated that this farm burns pigs that have died.

Larry Taylor – believes that the Malden farm can hold 5000 pigs. They seem to spread a few strips of manure each day. Mr. Rivest does not want to conform. Odours can cause depression, birth defects, etc. Believes we can control locally by bylaw.

Sue Beaudoin – is there anything available to check walls of lagoon?

Mr. Robinson – gave example of other pig farmers who manages operation so that there are no problems with smell.

Elizabeth McGuire gave example of ditch on 7th Concession being polluted by run-off from field. They cannot enjoy yard because of smell. Mr. Rivest spreads when he feels like it. Smell penetrates clothes, cars, etc.

Jean Hodolich – lives southwest of Malden farm and some days smell is really bad. She feels that property values are being lowered.

Ron Masko – about time that Council supports the residents needs.

Richard Serran – will Rivest ever fall under the Nutrient Management Act?

Mr. Spicer – not sure what timeline is – it is being shifted.

Mr. Serran – why was Bruce Crozier, MPP not invited to the meeting?

Sarah Charette – is separate barns the reason that he is not included under the Act? Are they separate entities?

Mr. Spicer – the NMA Branch would be the best source of info. If manure is going off field, it is considered a “spill” – MOE job to inspect. People need to call MOE or Spills Action Centre. Sometimes more than 1 call is necessary to get results.

Mayor Hurst – observed that residents had a problem. We will get further info and call another meeting in 3 or 4 weeks. MOE and MPP Bruce Crozier will be invited.

Mr. Serran – how many nutrient units will 140 acres support?

Mr. Spicer – not sure off the top of his head.

Clerk D. Mailloux asked Mr. Spicer how the Normal Farm Practices Act relates to this situation.

Mr. Spicer explained that a resident or a group could appeal to the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board with the complaint and a hearing would be held to determine if the farmer was adhering to Normal Farm Practices or not.

CAO Frank Pizzuto suggested that Mr. Spicer could do a few things to assist:

- 1 – have a discussion with Mr. Rivest
- 2 - use contacts at MOE – cooperative efforts between MOE & Ag & Food
- 3 – provide information re: the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board

Mayor Hurst thanked everyone for attending and stated that they would be notified of the next meeting. We will investigate if a bylaw is a possibility.

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| Tim & Kim KEOH | 6016 6 TH CONC | [Signature] |
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| Carol Beaudoin | 6091 6 TH Con | Carol Beaudoin |
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