

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES BUDGET MEETING – APRIL 13, 2015

Minutes of the Road Department budget meeting held on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Foekens, Racicot, Vezina
Clerk-Treasurer Buob
Visitors: Leadhand Kelly Johnson
Absent: Councillor Loan

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. The draft #1 Road Department budget was reviewed. Items were discussed line by line. The training line was discussed. Mr. Johnson did attend the Ontario Good Roads Conference (OGRA) this year which is included in this line item. As well there is new and ongoing training courses that will have to be attended by staff this year, including Mr. Johnson's Health and Safety Certification and Working at Heights required training. The Safety Equipment line item has also increased. The garage heating line item was discussed as it was budgeted for a lot lower than 2014. The to-date heating costs for 2015 are a lot lower than last year but Council would like to ensure that there is enough budgeted for heat and would like that line item increased slightly from the draft number presented.

The wages and payroll costs at this time have not been calculated but are currently estimated the same as 2014 on the draft budget for an estimated bottom line number for this meeting. The WSIB rate has increased for 2015 and will definitely be higher as well as other payroll costs will likely be higher when calculated and estimated for the final budget.

The Capital Equipment purchase for 2015 that Mr. Johnson is requesting is for a wing for Truck #7. Council discussed some of the options for this purchase. The equipment operating costs were discussed. The fuel used in the equipment while working on the Township's projects will be included in the project costs. The equipment maintenance costs were similar to last year's costs with no major repairs planned. The Grader will require two new front tires.

The 2015 road projects and bridge repairs were discussed, including the Federal Gas Tax projects. Mr. Johnson's proposed projects for 2015 will be the changing of ten miscellaneous culvert's and brushing and drainage at several different locations within the Township. Only minor repairs will be made to Bridge #2 this year. Using the Federal Gas Tax Funding two miles of roadway is being proposed to be resurfaced and under the new Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund three culverts will be replaced on Whittaker road and Winslow road will be resurfaced. Structural inspections of the Township's six large water crossing structures are required to be completed this year. Final numbers will be approved upon the completion of the full budget.

The Five Year Road Plan was briefly discussed. The projects included in the plan for 2015, as well as the majority of 2016 projects have been moved forward due to the new funding opportunities, and have been included in this draft budget. If the projects are all approved, the Five Year Road Plan will be revised and brought back to Council at a later date for review.

Council thanked Mr. Johnson for presenting his budget and it was

1. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
ON MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
TIME BEING: 7:20 P.M.**

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer