

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – APRIL 22, 2013

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Garbutt, Racicot, Vezina
Clerk-Treasurer Buob
Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas
Absent: Councillor Loan

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in item 14 a) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

- Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE ROAD DEPARTMENT BUDGET MEETING AND THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. The Fire Department report from March 21 to April 21, 2013 was read. There were three First Response calls and one fire/CO alarm call during this time period.

Snow removal at the fire hall man doors was discussed with Fire Chief Mattas. Fire Chief Mattas did not feel that there was an issue with this but will make note of it for next season for his members.

Fire department member's driver training was discussed. Copies of minutes from the previous Council meetings when this matter was discussed were brought forward. After clarifying the information it was agreed that providing this service to our members using Mr. Turk for driver training is in violation of the Highway Traffic Act, Section 58.(1) and as the members were not using this service anyway Resolution #2 of the April 10, 2012 Council meeting will be rescinded at the next Council meeting. Mr. Turk will be notified of this decision. It was noted that a qualified driver riding with a member for driving experience at no charge is not in violation and if the members wish to do so it would be allowed.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending.

Bills to be paid were passed around the table and it was

- Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2013 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE APRIL 2013 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.

CK#11490	J. VEZINA	\$27.11
CK#11491	B. DENNHARDT	34.35
CK#11492	WILSON'S BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	183.51
CK#11493	VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION AND SERVICES LTD.	638.41
CK#11494	STAPLES	107.21
CK#11495	HYDRO ONE	746.79
CK#11496	RECOOL CANADA INC.	376.63
CK#11497	SPI HEALTH AND SAFETY	141.23
CK#11498	BEHAVIOUR SCIENCES CENTRE	45.50
CK#11499	C. EARL	<u>63.27</u>
		\$2,364.01

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The Balance Sheet and Income Statement to March 31, 2013 was reviewed.

The water pump test certificates for Consent Application 1B/09/12 and 1B/10/12 were forwarded from the Lakehead Rural Planning Board and reviewed for approval. It was

3. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

WHEREAS THE APPLICATION FOR CONSENT NUMBER 1B/09/12 FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS CON 1, N PT LOT 4, O'CONNOR TOWNSHIP, OWNED BY LORNA & WAYNE BLAIKIE, WAS CONDITIONALLY APPROVED ON MAY 3, 2012 BY THE LAKEHEAD RURAL PLANNING BOARD,

AND WHEREAS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL WAS THAT THE RETAINED AND SEVERED LOT(S) CAN BE ADEQUATELY AND SAFELY SERVICED BY PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY AND PRIVATE SANITARY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS,

AND WHEREAS A PUMP TEST CERTIFICATE FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY FRASER WATER WELL DRILLING (1994) LTD. AND DOES INDICATE THAT THE WATER WELL LOCATED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WAS PUMP TESTED AT THE RATE OF FOUR(4) GALLONS PER MINUTE FOR ONE HOUR SUCCESSFULLY, UTM 301636E 5355407N. ZONE 16 – ESTIMATED WELL RECOVERY @20 FT = 4L/MIN,

AND WHEREAS THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S OFFICIAL PLAN SECTION 2.3.2 (A) STATES THAT THE RETAINED AND SEVERED LOT(S) CAN BE ADEQUATELY AND SEFELY SERVICED BY PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY AND PRIVATE SANITARY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR DOES HEREBY ACCEPT THAT THE SUPPLY OF WATER FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY DOES COMPLY WITH SECTION 2.3.2 (A) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S OFFICIAL PLAN.

Carried

4. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

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AND WHEREAS THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S OFFICIAL PLAN SECTION 2.3.2 (A) STATES THAT THE RETAINED AND SEVERED LOT(S) CAN BE ADEQUATELY AND SAFELY SERVICED BY PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY AND PRIVATE SANITARY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM,

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Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows

a) Municipality of East Ferris – regarding the Feed in Tariff programs. It was

5. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO TO SUSPEND THE FEED IN TARIFF PROGRAMS AND STUDY THE OVERALL IMPACTS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY IN RELATION TO NEED, COST, EMPLOYMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH AND TRUE SUSTAINABILITY BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- b) Municipality of Kincardine – requesting the Ministry of Transportation change the definition of off-road vehicles under the Highway Traffic Act was filed.
c) Township of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards regarding Contraband Tobacco was filed.
d) Township of Wainfleet – re: Motion to declare the Township of Wainfleet is Not a “Willing Host” for Wind Turbine Development (C-123-2103) was filed.

The Area One minutes for the meeting which was held on April 11, 2013 with the Area Mayors/Reeves and CAO/Clerk-Treasurers were discussed. The next meeting of the group will be held on Monday, April 29, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in Conmee. An Request For Proposal (RFP) and Terms of Reference for hiring a consultant will be discussed. The Township of O'Connor has requested the statistical information with regard to the social services caseload from the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) office. An email reply has been received which states that they will compile the information and forward it to the CAO for the DSSAB.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) O'Connor Day Planning meeting notes – April 15, 2013 were reviewed. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 7 p.m.
b) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) – i) 2012 Reconciled Policing Costs – OPP
ii) 1st Quarter Report – January to March 2013
iii) OPP statistical information for Performance Measurement Program reporting
c) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – i) 2010 Final OMPF Reconciliation. The review resulted in no additional payment for the Township of O'Connor.
ii) Letter from the Assistant Deputy Minister with regard to the reconciliation.
d) Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) – Quarterly Newsletter Jan – Mar 2013. The Annual General Meeting will be held April 26, 2013 following the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Conference.
e) Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) – helps Not-For-Profit organizations increase their impact in communities thanks to new grants announced for the 2012-2013 year. The Township of O'Connor was successful in their application for the July 2012 deadline for a portion of the kitchen renovations for the Community Centre.
f) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) i) Watch File – April 11, 2013
ii) Watch File – April 18, 2013
iii) 2010 OMPF Reconciliation Announced Amid Future Funding Uncertainty
iv) Ontario PC's Interest Arbitration Private Members' Bill Lost on Vote
g) Frank Klees, MPP – Press release regarding Councillors adopt resolution to give Oakville final control over development.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table. Information with regard to an accident on the Main Street hill in October was discussed. These emails were recently recovered from Mr. Johnson's email. The Township of O'Connor does maintain the hill however it is located in the Township of Gillies. Councillor Racicot will look into the width of the Road Allowance in that area to see what can be done in that area.

Under Old Business, Council discussed
Councillor Racicot left the room.

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Budget Matters – Expenses Regulation 284/09 Review - Pre-meeting information as requested for meeting April 29th in Thunder Bay. It was

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6. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING REVIEW OF THE ONTARIO REGULATION 284/09 BUDGET MATTERS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 29, 2013 IN THUNDER BAY.

DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT

Carried

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- b) i) Draft Request for Proposal for the development of the Township of O'Connor's Asset Management Plan was reviewed. Minor changes will be made and it will sent out as soon as possible. The Clerk-Treasurer will check with the surrounding municipalities to see who has responded to their recently awarded RFP's.
ii) OGRA/MFOA's Getting Started on your Asset Management Plan: Scope and Strategy webinar, that Clerk-Treasurer Buob and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot participated in, questions and answers were reviewed.
- c) The Township of O'Connor's Official Plan review was discussed. It was suggested that a public meeting be held on July 8, 2013 prior to the regular Council meeting. This meeting could accept comments from our residents with regard to the Township of O'Connor current Official Plan and the draft Provincial Policy Statement. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Under further old business the Community Centre kitchen renovations were discussed. The Chief Building Official will be contacted to find out what is required for the Ontario Building Code for the planned renovations.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Ontario Provincial Police – i) CPAC meeting April 24, 2013 – copy of questions regarding Civilian Governance of OPP Municipal Policing Review Consultation Questions were reviewed. As Councillor Loan will be able to attend this meeting, Council did not feel that anyone else needed to attend with him to answer the questions as suggested.
- b) Lakehead Rural Planning Board – 2012 Financial Statement and 2013 Budget. The Township of O'Connor's levy amount will remain the same for 2013.
- c) Frank Klees, MPP, Newmarket-Aurora – requesting support of Private Members Bill, the Preserving Existing Communities Act, 2013 was filed.
- d) Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association – request for donation for upcoming 2013 Annual Summer Meeting. Council agreed not to provide a donation at this time.
- e) Places to Grow – Ministry launches new program to support the Places to Grow Initiative. Council would like staff to look into this program further to see what might be available for the Township.
- f) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) forward from Diane Orihel – Coalition to Save Canada's Experimental Lakes Area – request for support – copy of full letter sent to Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Council feel that this issue has been supported by the Township through NOMA's support already and will not forward another letter at this time.
- g) Infrastructure Ontario – regarding the P3 Canada Fund Round Five. Council suggested looking further into whether or not a partnership with Waste Diversion Ontario for recycling would qualify.

For information purposes a building permit has been approved for an addition to an existing building at 423 Highway 595.

7. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE BUDGET MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.
TIME BEING: 9:40 P.M.**

Carried