

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES BUDGET MEETING – APRIL 23, 2012

Minutes of the Fire Department budget meeting held on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

- Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT COUNCILLOR RACICOT BE MARKED ABSENT DUE TO WORK AND COUNCILLOR GARBUTT BE MARKED ABSENT FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. The Fire Department draft budget and notes were reviewed line by line.

The Fire Department capital items this year will be the newly purchased tanker truck as well Fire Chief Mattas would also like to purchase 2 new pagers.

The Fire Chief made a presentation to Council with regard to the Fire and First Response member honourariums. Fire Chief Mattas suggested as part of the honourarium the Township cover the cost of members for 24 hr coverage under the VFIS insurance program. Currently they are covered for "on duty" coverage and they have the option of purchasing the additional coverage on their own. A few of the members do purchase the additional insurance, however this year the insurance company has noted that at least half of the department must participate or the others cannot be covered. Fire Chief Mattas would like to suggest that Council lower the overall stipend amount by \$500.00 and pay the 24 hour single coverage for members. If members would like to have family coverage, they would be given the option to pay the difference. Overall there would still be an increase in the total honourarium for members in 2012. The department will continue to use the point system to distribute this honourarium to the members based on the number of calls or training sessions they attend.

Fire Department mileage was discussed. Council would like Fire Chief Mattas to submit his mileage billings quarterly. It was noted that if an allowance was paid to an employee based on a flat rate for mileage and it is not related to the number of km driven it is a taxable benefit.

Driver training was discussed. It was agreed that the expense for the fuel used for this training will not have to be separated from other events.

The turnout gear inspections and cleanings were discussed. All NFPA suits must be sent for annual inspections as per the regulations and the expense will be included in the budget.

Council would like the funds currently in the Fire Department Reserve to be pulled out in full to help offset the cost of the newly purchased tanker truck. Council would like Fire Chief Mattas to look into how much money the Township could get for the present tanker truck in scrap metal from the different locations in town.

The purchase of new turnout gear or moneys put into the reserve for future purchases as was decided at previous meetings in 2011 was discussed. This will have to be discussed further at the full budget meeting .

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending and presenting the budget. Final numbers will be approved upon the completion of the full budget.

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2. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE BUDGET MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO
BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 7:15 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer