

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES BUDGET MEETING – APRIL 26, 2011

Minutes of the Fire Department budget meeting held on Monday, April 26, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Garbutt, Loan, Racicot, Vezina
Clerk-Treasurer Buob
Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Styles

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Fire Chief Mattas and Deputy Fire Chief Styles were welcomed to the table. The Fire Department draft budget was reviewed line by line. The capital items the department are looking at purchasing this year include two new sets of bunker gear and the major repairs to two pieces of their current suits, two PASS alarms and a laptop computer and printer.

The principal portion of the loan payments for the fire truck purchased in 2010 is included in their budget.

The Fire Chief requested an increase in the members stipend amount for 2011. 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.

The high speed internet for the fire hall was discussed. The booster system previously discussed will not provide adequate service in the fire hall. The department would like to have high speed internet for training purposes. The training officer can then go online for training programs and work directly from the Ministry websites. The option of using the community centre was also discussed for this purpose. Council will look into the service options further. If installation of the high speed is approved the monthly service fee will have to be added to the budget.

Fire Chief Mattas informed Council that there is another promotion for smoke detectors available and he would like to purchase some to have available to sell to our residents.

Fire Chief Mattas also informed Council that the Fire Department Auxiliary has spent \$4,000.00 on equipment and donations for the department in 2010 from their fundraising efforts.

Due to the time the discussion of the tanker truck and driver training, next on the agenda, will be discussed further at the regular Council meeting with Fire Chief Mattas this evening.

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

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 26, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 7:00 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer