

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – DECEMBER 7, 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on December 7, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Garbutt, Racicot, Vezina
Clerk-Treasurer Buob

Visitors: Leadhand, Kelly Johnson

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Garbutt declared an interest in item 8e) as her spouse is the By-law Enforcement Officer and Councillor Racicot declared an interest in item 11b) as he is an employee of Hydro One.

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

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT COUNCILLOR NYGARD BE MARKED ABSENT FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

Carried

Mr. Johnson was welcomed to the table. Time sheets for November 2 – 14 and November 16-27 were read. Roadwork in general was discussed. Fuel and winter sand will still need to be purchased to finish the year. The grader was grading on Strom road on December 1, 2009. Taranis supplied and hauled sixteen loads of "A" gravel and the township spread it. The propane tank location and hookup for the new building was discussed. If a trench is needed the road department will take care of it.

The road agreement with Taranis was discussed. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to review it one more time and if okay send off a copy to Taranis for signing.

Bills to be paid were reviewed and it was

3. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2009 TALLING \$71,463.53 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

4. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THROUGH THE ONTARIO DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2009 TALLING \$41,215.22 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

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

THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUNDING VOUCHER FOR BRIDGE #1 FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2009 TALLING \$3,875.85 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

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

THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUNDING VOUCHER FOR THE NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO NOVEMBER 30, 2009 TOTTALLING \$87,771.15 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

7. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER VOUCHER FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2009 TOTTALLING \$564.31 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditure to November 30, 2009 was reviewed. The financial situation and funding information was discussed. Currently no loans have been acquired. We have just heard back from the Human Resources and Skills Development that we did not receiving the funding for the accessibility for the new municipal office. Council agreed to wait until the new year and look into what other large expenditures might be required and apply for one loan.

Quotes for the electrical upgrade work were opened at 8:24 p.m. Two quotes were received. It was

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

THAT THE QUOTE OF G. PREZIO ELECTRIC FOR THE ELECTRICAL WORK REQUIRED TO INSTALL A 400 AMP SERVICE INTO THE CURRENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 330 HIGHWAY 595, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,900.00 PLUS GST BE ACCEPTED.

Carried

Councillor Racicot left the room.

A quote from Hydro One Networks for their part in the 400 amp upgrade was reviewed. The final costing for their work will be \$4,428.25. Mr. Prezio will be contacted to co-ordinate the work with Hydro One and Mr. Johnson.

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

Mr. Johnson left the meeting.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Municipality of Shuniah opposing the Harmonized Sales Tax was filed.
- b) Township of Madawaska Valley requesting that the Province of Ontario change the legislation of assessment back to values of 2008 and go back to one year annual assessment was filed.
- c) Township of Madawaska Valley to petition the Province of Ontario to financially assist municipalities to pay for those legislated province requirements including financial plan and the required operational plan was filed.
- d) Durham Region endorsing the Town of Fort Erie's petition to the Premier of Ontario to amend the Ombudsman Act to include hospitals under the jurisdiction was filed.
- e) Niagara-On-The-Lake regarding Upper tier municipalities not passing the benefit of uploading to lower tier municipalities was filed.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Township of Conmee's resolution regarding their objection to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority new office building.
- b) AMO – i) Second Application period for 2009-2010 Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program is now open.
ii) Ministry of the Environment (MOE) changes to lead sampling requirements.

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- iii) Proposed Organics Guidelines.
- iv) Advocacy for OMPF and OMPF Mitigation Funding for 2010.
- v) FedDev Ontario Applications due December 1st.
- vi) AMO recognizes the need for affordable Access to Recreation for Ontarians.
- vii) AMO – Passage of Good Government Act, 2009 Means New Municipal Elections Rules to Take Effect.
- c) McNab/Braeside Disaster Relief Committee requesting financial assistance for recent flooding. No donation will be provided.
- d) North West LHIN regarding Integrated Health Services Plan 2010-2013 available.
- e) LAS – Local Authority Services Ltd. 2008 LAS Annual Report is available for review.
- f) Ontario Heritage Trust regarding the new online resource. A copy of the Heritage Matters publication is now available.
- g) Thunder Bay District Agricultural Economic Impact Study has been completed and a copy has been supplied to the office.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) A letter from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada informing the Township that the our funding application through the Small Projects Enabling Accessibility Fund for a portion of the new municipal building was not recommended for funding. This funding was included in the 2009 budget.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) An update on the new municipal building construction status was given by the mayor. The slab inside the building has been poured and there were no problems with moisture. Entrance slabs will be poured this week. The contractors will be starting the interior walls Tuesday. Windows should be arriving before Christmas, The siding colour was chosen and has been ordered. There may be a problem with the wiring. The electrician did not use the wiring specified in the drawings. The electrical engineer will be doing an inspection Tuesday and will comment.
- b) After speaking with Mr. Gammond, the township is responsible for the propane hookup, the telephone and the security system. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked to look into these items as soon as possible. A sign for the outside of the new building was also discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Mr. Gammond to see what size he has shown in his drawings and then inquire into pricing. The contractor will install the sign on the wall.
- c) The Ministry of Natural Resources Municipal Fire Management Agreement was received by Council. Council would like Fire Chief Mattas to review it and if everything is okay the agreement will be signed at the next meeting.
- d) A memo was read from the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer informing Council that Councillor Nygard has commented that she is finding it hard to make the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority meetings and would like to know if anyone else would be interested in taking her seat on the board in January. Council discussed this and Councillor Vezina would be interested in the seat. Councillor Nygard will have to submit a letter of resignation from her appointment.
- e) A letter was read from the Ontario Provincial Police informing Council that Staff Sergeant, Dan Peters has been selected as the new Thunder Bay OPP Detachment Commander. Council would like a letter of congratulations sent to Staff Sergeant Peters.
- f) Ministry of the Environment – Waste Management Policy Branch invitation to participate in the next stage of Ontario's review of the Waste Diversion Act. No one will attend.
- g) Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration regarding volunteer recognition programs for 2010. No application will be submitted.

Under further old business Councillor Garbutt informed Council that NOMA has appointed a new Executive Director effective Friday, December 4, 2009. Charla Robinson now has this position.

Issues brought forward or letters received after the agenda was mailed were read as follows:

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- a) Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge regarding the Olympic Torch Relay in Kakabeka Falls on January 4, 2010. The torch will arrive at approximately 10:25 a.m. as a part of a convoy of vehicles and will be carried from the Kakabeka Falls Public School to the Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park. The highway will be closed at 10 a.m. for the ceremony. The rural area schools will be participating and will be going back to the schools for hot dogs and refreshments. The municipality is asking for donations to help offset the costs. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to contact Mr. Cressman, CAO, to see what the municipality is doing and what kind of donation are they are requesting and this will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- b) Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry regarding the Government of Canada's second call for proposals for Tourism Stimulus Program. No application will be submitted.
- c) Immigration Portal Community Meeting and Launch. The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2010. No one from the Township of O'Connor will attend. No comment was made with regard to the launch date.

It was

- 9. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(D) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 9:15 P.M.

Carried

The applications for the casual relief janitorial position were reviewed.

- 10. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

TIME BEING: 9:20 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

- 11. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT MONIKA ENDLER BE HIRED AS THE CASUAL RELIEF FOR THE JANITOR.

RATE OF PAY WOULD BE THE SAME AS THE JANITOR.

Carried

- 12. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:21 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer