

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – DECEMBER 1, 2008

Minutes of the meeting held on December 1, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Leadhand K. Johnson

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in items 20 a) and 22. as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

1. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008 AND THE NEGOTIATING MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2008 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

2. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT COUNCILLOR GARBUTT BE MARKED ABSENT FOR A PERSONAL REASON.**

Carried

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. Timesheets for November 2 to 15 and November 16 to 29, 2008 were read.

Roadwork in general was discussed. The road department has finished up the gravel hauling and ditching for the flood repairs. Maintenance and repairs is being done on the equipment. A new battery was purchased for the emergency generator. Mr. Johnson will be calling the Lakehead Board of Education with regard to a possible school bus turn around sign for Connolly road.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

The bills to be paid were passed around the table and it was

3. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2008 TALLING \$84,454.90 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

4. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

**THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THROUGH THE ONTARIO DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2008 TALLING \$2,705.48 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

5. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER VOUCHER FOR 2008 TALLING \$104.18 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

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The accounting policy for tangible capital assets (TCA) was reviewed by Council. The asset categories, thresholds and life expectancies of the items were discussed. The life expectancies will be discussed further with the Fire Chief and Leadhand and the policy will be brought back to Council for final approval at the next meeting.

A resolution for endorsement was read from the City of Cambridge requesting assistance from the Ontario Government to soften the blow for Ontario residents and property owners by requesting a deferral of the 4 year phase in for property tax assessment increases. This resolution was filed.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) AMO i) Government Releases Draft Information and Communications Standard  
ii) AMO Requests Extension on the Public Review Period for the Information and Communications Standard
- b) Ministry of Revenue regarding PLT Reform Administration Opportunity – Results of Invitational Process. An agreement has been executed with the City of Thunder Bay to assume property tax administration for the Provincial Land Tax reform on behalf of the Ministry of Revenue.
- c) MPAC – Update – MPAC Activities
- d) Thunder Bay District Health Unit – Small Drinking Water Systems regulatory requirements and directives fact sheet. The Township of O'Connor does not fall into this category.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

There was no old business.

Under new business the Clerk-Treasurer reported that at the AMO Moving Beyond PSAB workshop a presentation was made by Judy Dezell, Project Manager, Gas Tax Implementation. She gave a presentation on eligible expenditures for the Federal Gas Tax funding. The township could hire a temporary employee under this program to work on the Asset Management Plan. This will be considered in the new year.

Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to contact the local M.P.P.'s office to see why Council was not informed of the visit from Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, to the City of Thunder Bay for Pre-Budget consultations.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Iain Angus, Chair, Ontario Forestry Coalition i) Pre-Budget Consultation information  
ii) Public Hearing in Thunder Bay during the week of December 15, 2008. The Township will not be making a presentation.

Councillor Racicot left the meeting.

It was

- 6. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

**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: 7:40 P.M.**

Carried

The recent union negotiations were discussed and the Memorandum of Settlement was reviewed.

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7. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**TIME BEING: 7:45 P.M.**

**THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.**

Carried

8. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ACCEPT THE MEMORANDUM OF SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AND THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND ITS LOCAL 87.**

Carried

9. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 7:47 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer