

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – DECEMBER 15, 2008

Minutes of the meeting held on December 15, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Gord Caul, Operations Manager Hydro One

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

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

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 1, 2008 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

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

THAT COUNCILLOR NYGARD BE MARKED ABSENT FOR WORK.

Carried

Mayor Nelson welcomed Mr. Gord Caul, Hydro One Operations Manager to the meeting. Introductions were made. Mr. Caul presented Mayor Nelson with the cheque in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the outdoor arena revitalization project. The Township of O'Connor was the first township in the area to receive this funding. Mr. Caul was thanked for the funding and for coming out to make the presentation.

Council discussed the projects that the money will be used for. Some of the money has already been spent on the painting of the rink surface. The balance will be spent before year end.

Fire Chief Mattas was unable to attend the meeting. The valve repairs to the pumper fire truck were discussed. Mayor Nelson reported that Fire Chief Mattas has spoken with Holland Enterprises with regard to the test results and it was agreed that the valves will be done as needed and not all at once as was discussed at the November meeting.

A letter was read from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services with regard to the Temporary Fire Protection Adviser Assignment. Mr. Bob Thorpe will replace Mr. Lamerz as the Township's Fire Protection Adviser.

Bills to be paid were passed around the table. It was

3. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

CK#8401	LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	\$20,856.80
CK#8402	THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	4,620.71
CK#8403	CONEIL DE DIST DU GRAND NORD L'ONT	29.21
CK#8404	CSDC DES AURORES BOREALES	189.44
CK#8405	THUNDER BAY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT	1,115.00
CK#8406	HYDRO ONE	519.61
CK#8407	MANULIFE FINANCIAL	928.52
CK#8408	JML ENGINEERING	6,354.99
CK#8409	WILSON'S BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	139.23
CK#8410	RECOOL CANADA INC.	315.00
CK#8411	K. JOHNSON	30.00
CK#8412	STRONGCO EQUIPMENT	161.68
CK#8413	CENTRAL CANADA FUELS INC.	144.98
CK#8414	KEVIN'S TIRE SERVICE	452.00

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CK#8415	NORTH WEST HYDRAULICS LTD.	15.62
CK#8416	NOVA PRO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY LTD.	93.23
CK#8417	TOROMONT CAT	176.25
CK#8418	FORT GARRY INDUSTRIES	427.94
CK#8419	HACQUOIL CONSTRUCTION LTD.	9,619.37
CK#8420	TBAYTEL (TELEPHONE)	389.63
CK#8421	SUPERIOR SAFETY INC.	135.60
CK#8422	R. NELSON	375.00
CK#8423	G. GARBUTT	100.00
CK#8424	J. VEZINA	100.00
		<u>100.00</u>
		\$47,289.81

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for November 30, 2008 were reviewed.

The Accounting Policy for Tangible Capital Assets was again reviewed. It was

4. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE ACCOUNTING POLICY FOR TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS, AS REQUIRED FOR THE 2009 FISCAL YEAR, BE APPROVED AND ENTERED INTO THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S POLICY BOOK.

Carried

The Safety Mission Statement was reviewed and it was agreed to keep it the same as previous years. It was

5. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR SAFETY MISSION STATEMENT BE ENDORSED.

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Township of Conmee requesting the Province of Ontario review the activities and processes of MPAC. It was

6. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE REQUESTING THAT THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES AND PROCESSES OF THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- b) Pic Mobert First Nation requesting support for the Pic Mobert First Nation's proposed developments on White River and encouraging the Ministry of Natural Resources to conclude the necessary reviews and approvals for the project so that it can proceed was filed.
- c) City of Oshawa regarding adopting recommendations from their Community Services Committee supporting annual funding was filed.
- d) Township of South Stormont requesting the Government review, and amend the powers granted to inspectors through Bill 50, the Provincial Animal Welfare Act, 2008 was filed.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Thunder Bay District Health Unit – 2007 Annual Report
- b) An email from Sharron Martyn, CAO/Clerk, Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge. Ms. Martyn was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of Lakehead Rural Planning Board at their last meeting. Following her retirement from the Municipality of Oliver

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- Paipoonge in March 2009 she was asked to stay on as Secretary-Treasurer of the LRPB on a part-time basis. She will let the board know in the new year if she is interested or not.
- c) AMO – i) Government Lays Ground Work for Reducing Poverty by Committing to 25% Reduction in Child Poverty by 2013.
 - ii) AMO Releases “Putting Out the Welcome Mat: Why Immigration Matters to Ontario’s Municipalities.”
 - iii) Public Review Period for Draft Information and Communications Standard Extended to February 6, 2009.
 - d) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – letter regarding the reporting requirements for 2008 Municipal Performance Measurement Program.
- The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Update on Thunder Bay District Health Unit report from the Township’s representative Councillor Shirley Hunt of the Township of Conmee. Clerk-Treasurer Buob reported that she has spoken with Councillor Hunt with regard to a update and she apologized for not reporting back, she was under the impression that the Township was receiving copies of the meeting minutes. She will do up a report for the next meeting.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Konrad & Christel Kramer – request for 2009 Disposal Site permit. Council were in agreement to allow Mr. & Mrs. Kramer to continue to use the disposal site. A new permit will be forwarded to them.
- b) Letter from Guy Avis regarding his broken windshield. Council were in agreement that no action will be taken. A letter will be sent to Mr. Avis in this regard.
- c) Monthly Workplace Inspection Reports Main Office & Hall – April, June & November 2008 were reviewed.
- d) Monthly Workplace Inspection Reports Garage – April, July, September and November, 2008.

Council requested minor changes be made to the forms and more follow up information included for these reports.

- e) Thunder Bay District Health Unit Notice of Public Health Levy for 2009. The Township of O’Connor’s levy will increase by 1.54%.
- f) Ontario Heritage Trust regarding Doors Open Ontario 2009. The Council are not interested in participating in this program at this time.

Under further new business, Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to email the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Mr. Stadtlander, and ask if a lien could be put on adjacent property.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Environment Canada, Environmental Protection and Operations Division regarding Outdoor wood boiler survey. Council were in agreement not to fill out the survey.
- b) Letter from the Township of Conmee regarding their By-law Enforcement Officer, Mr. Tony Pacifico. The Township of O’Connor has not contracted with Mr. Pacifico for this service and Council had no comments to their concerns.
- c) Gravel Doctor – Rock Solid Paving copy of their revised invoice for flood repairs. Council reviewed the invoice and they still had concerns with the total requested. Council would like the Leadhand, Mr. Johnson, to review the invoice. The invoice will not be paid at this time.

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

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.
TIME BEING: 8:05 P.M.**

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer