

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – DECEMBER 2, 2013

Minutes of the meeting held on December 2, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Leadhand, Kelly Johnson

Absent: Councillor Garbutt

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by B. J. Loan

**THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Mr. Johnson was asked if we wished to address Council on any personal matters and he replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. The monthly road report from November 8<sup>th</sup> to December 2, 2013 was read. Mr. Johnson noted that he has repaired the plumbing in the fire hall as requested.

Roadwork in general was discussed. The road crew have been plowing and sanding the roads as needed. They plan on burning brush piles which they have created on the sides of the roadways when time permits. A barrier for in front of the air exchange until has been ordered from Miller Precast. Mr. Johnson informed Council that on Sunday night someone had tried to steal diesel from the Township tanks. The nozzle is missing but they did not get any fuel. The Ontario Provincial Police were contacted.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

The Administration and Roads Voucher was reviewed and it was

2. Moved by B. J. Loan  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2013 TOTTALLING \$45,981.09 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer noted that due to the earliness of this meeting all bills were not in so a second voucher will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

A by-law relating to changes to the Community Centre kitchen rental fees discussed at the last meeting was reviewed and it was

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

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2013-21 BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 2012-25 TO ESTABLISH MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried

Well Certificates for the Consent applications 1B/08/13 and 1B/09/13 were presented for approval and it was

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4. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

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**AND WHEREAS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL WAS THAT THE RETAINED AND SEVERED LOT(S) CAN BE ADEQUATELY AND SAFELY SERVICED BY PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY AND PRIVATE SANITARY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS,**

**AND WHEREAS A WELL CERTIFICATE FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY NWO WELL SERVICES LTD. AND DOES INDICATE THAT THE WATER WELL LOCATED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WAS PUMP TESTED AT THE RATE OF TEN (10) GALLONS PER MINUTE FOR ONE HOUR SUCCESSFULLY, WITH FIVE (5) GALLONS PER MINUTE RECOVERY RATE AND ESTIMATED SUSTAINABLE YIELD OF FIVE (5) GALLONS PER MINUTE,**

**AND WHEREAS THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S OFFICIAL PLAN SECTION 2.3.2 (a) STATES THAT THE RETAINED AND SEVERED LOT(S) CAN BE ADEQUATELY AND SAFELY SERVICED BY PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY AND PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM,**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR DOES HEREBY ACCEPT THAT THE SUPPLY OF WATER FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY DOES COMPLY WITH SECTION 2.3.2 (a) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR'S OFFICIAL PLAN.**

Carried

5. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by J. Vezina

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Quotes for the community centre renovations with regard to installation of the dishwasher, painting and wall repairs and cabinets were reviewed. Council would like clarification on the quotes and the Clerk-Treasurer will follow up and bring the information back to the next meeting for approvals.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – regarding the 2013 Municipal Performance Measurement Program
  - b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File November 28, 2013  
ii) AMO Report to Members – Highlights of the November 2013 Board Meeting
  - c) Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) – to address key issues at Queen's Park November 27, 2013
  - d) Safari Club International (SCI) – regarding the spring bear hunt
- The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Energy letter regarding the conversion of the Thunder Bay Generating Station to use advanced biomass as fuel for electricity generation.
- b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – regarding the Blue Box Program. The Clerk-Treasurer clarified as per discussion at the previous meeting that the Township of O'Connor does receive funding from this program. Mayor Nelson confirmed that the concern with the funding is that the cost of the actual blue box pickup and the program does not cover the actual costs.

Under further Old Business, Councillor Vezina noted that he had emailed Council a copy of the long-term energy supply plan and he recommended Council read it.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – 2013 Northern Treasurer's Forum – O'Connor's level of tax arrears and level of tax comparatives were reviewed.
- b) Township of Baldwin – regarding the proposition to Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) to create a small community capital fund program. Council were in agreement with the Township's comments in the letter and asked the Clerk-Treasurer prepare a letter of support for the Township of Baldwin's concerns and forward it to Mr. Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines.
- c) A Township of O'Connor Christmas party was discussed. It was agreed that one will be held and options for different locations and dates were discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into this further and bring back the information to the next meeting.

Issues brought forward after agenda was mailed were read as follows:

- a) Service Canada regarding the Canada Summer Jobs 2014 program and it was

- 6. Moved by B. J. Loan  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR APPLY FOR 2 STUDENTS UNDER THE 2014 CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF 7 WEEKS. START DATE FOR THE PROGRAM WOULD BE JULY 7, 2014 RUNNING UNTIL AUGUST 22, 2014.**

Carried

- b) Ontario Provincial Police December newsletter was read. The items regarding snowmobiling and trespassing will be included in the next issue of the Cornerstone.

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

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE EMERGENCY TABLE TOP EXERCISE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. TIME BEING: 8:50 P.M.**

Carried