

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – DECEMBER 21, 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on December 21, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Mr. Ian Robson, Municipal Offenses/POA Officer  
Fire Chief Henry Mattas

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

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

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009, THE MINUTES OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2009 AND DECEMBER 7, 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Mr. Ian Robson, the Township of O'Connor's newly hired Municipal Enforcement/POA Officer was welcomed to the table. Introductions were made and the position was discussed. Mr. Robson also explained his current work position and his experience with dealing with enforcement situations. The Clerk-Treasurer will have business cards made up for Mr. Robson with his contact information on them. The MLEOA membership was discussed. Mr. Robson with his current background felt that it would be redundant. Tickets for the fining process was discussed. Mr. Robson would be able to get tickets from the Provincial Offenses Court in Victoriaville as they are needed. Part 3's would be used for fines over \$500.00 and Part 1's for anything less than \$500.00. There are no set fines for a lot of offenses only maximum fines. It would be his responsibility to investigate the situation and determine the severity of the problem and set the fine from there. The job description for the position was reviewed and it was agreed that it did cover the job.

Council asked that the Ontario Provincial Police be notified of Mr. Robson's position with the Township.

Council invited Mr. Robson to O'Connor Day to be held on August 28, 2010. He felt it would be a great opportunity to meet some of our residents and he will try to attend.

Mayor Nelson thanked Mr. Robson for attending the meeting and wished him a Merry Christmas.

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. The fire department report was read. There have been no calls since the last report. A summary of the department members honourarium was reviewed. The members received \$8.43 for each point. Fire Chief Mattas reported that Quality Door Hardware has changed the door combination to the fire hall. Mr. Johnson was in attendance when he changed the code so that we will be able to change it ourselves next time we want it changed. The Fire Department Christmas raffle draw will be held tonight. Fire Chief Mattas asked that if there are any funds left in his 2009 fire department budget at the end of the year if they can be put into the fire department reserve. Fire Chief Mattas reported that the volunteers have the outdoor rink ready for skating.

The Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Management Agreement was discussed. Fire Chief Mattas has reviewed the agreement and has spoken with Mr. Miller at the MNR and everything is the same as the last agreement and it worked well. He did not see any problems with entering into the new agreement.

The Bell Mobility Maintenance Service Agreement with Oliver Paipouge for the surrounding municipalities was discussed. There will be a meeting held in January with

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regard to this agreement. The date and time is yet to be determined. Fire Chief Mattas had a couple of issues and concerns that he would like to discuss with Mr. Cressman, CAO, or at the meeting to be held in January. The issue of non-payment by one or more municipalities and how will this affect the rest of those who do pay; as the Zone One Coordinator who does he call if there is a problem and how much time do they have to make the necessary repairs. Fire Chief Mattas feels that these issues should be included in the agreement also.

A copy of the Fire Con December newsletter was read. The Clerk-Treasurer provided Fire Chief a copy of the document. Fire Chief Mattas has concerns with the information in this publication as his name as well as Janice Ross' is being eliminated from the executive and he was not aware of this happening. He will look into this situation further.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending.

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

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2009 BE PAID – THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE DECEMBER 2009 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.**

CK#9162	LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	\$16,765.63
CK#9163	THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	2,019.07
CK#9164	CSDC DES AURORES BOREALES	117.89
CK#9165	TOWNSHIP OF GILLIES – RE: THUNDER BAY FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE – IMPACT STUDY	25.00
CK#9166	MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE RE: BELL MOBILITY UPGRADE	2,198.07
CK#9167	HYDRO ONE	433.64
CK#9168	TBAYTEL	378.73
CK#9169	RECOOL CANADA INC	315.00
CK#9170	KEVIN'S TIRE SERVICE	42.87
CK#9171	JEREMIAH GAMMOND	855.00
CK#9172	AG ENGINEERING (THUNDER BAY) INC.	2,520.00
CK#9173	VANLENTHE AUTO SERVICE	539.95
		<u>\$26,210.85</u>

Carried

The By-law to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources was reviewed and it was

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

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2009-17 BEING A BY-LAW TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FOREST FIRE MANAGEMENT BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the quotes that she has received for a security system for the new building as well as the cost from TbayTel for the moving of the telephone lines. Star Security was the lowest quote for security at \$715.00 plus taxes. They will also provided smoke detectors in the building. The monitoring of these alarms was discussed. It was agreed to have them also monitor the systems for \$16.00 per month. The estimated cost to move the phone lines into the new building is 895.55 plus taxes. This price is subject to change based on what the installer runs into while doing the work. Council would like the lines to remain in the old office in case they are needed for any reason. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into this further.

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Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) City of Kawartha Lakes regarding Wind Turbines and the request for the appropriate Provincial Health Officials to conduct a study of the adverse health affects now being experienced where windmill projects are fully operational and an environmental study to determine possible impact on conservation areas and an independent economic impact study to determine the effect on property values was filed.
- b) County of Grey requesting the Federal and Provincial government agencies consider the impact of wind turbines was filed.
- c) Town of Mapleton requesting that the Ministry of the Environment issue a moratorium on wind energy project until a health study has been completed was filed.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) AMO – i) The Auditor General's 2009 Report Highlights Human Services Spending and Bridge Infrastructure  
ii) Proposed Energy Consumer Protection Act  
iii) Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Allocations Announcement  
iv) Federal Gas Tax Funds – Newsletter – December 2009
- b) OGRA – OGRA Response to 2009 Ontario Auditor General's Report - Bridges
- c) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Changes to the Municipal Election Act have been approved by Ontario Legislature
- d) Taranis Contracting Group – an appreciation reply letter to Council for their letter submitted to the Ministry of Transportation with regard to Taranis' entrance into their Marks Township Pit

The balance of correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) NOMA – Announcement of the appointment of the new Executive Director, Charla Robinson
- b) The Clerk-Treasurer provided additional information from the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge as to the plans for the Olympic Torch Relay as it travels through Kakabeka Falls. The students of six local public schools will be transported to the Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park for 10 a.m. They will all be given flags to wave. The torch will arrive between 10:15 and 10:25 a.m., Mayor Kloosterhuis will give a speech and pictures will be taken. The students will all be transported back to their own schools for hotdogs, chocolate milk and a bag of chips. Each school will do their own Olympic activities and education. Council discussed the event and agreed to provide a donation to help offset the costs of the students food. It was

4. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR GIVE A DONATION OF \$100.00 TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE TO HELP OFFSET THE COSTS FOR THE OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2010.**

Carried

Under further old business the draft road agreement with Taranis was discussed. Any provisions for half load hauling during the spring was removed from the last revision of the agreement. It was agreed to put it back in with the Leadhand having the authority to stop the haul if the road breaks up.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) New Municipal Building Construction Schedule. The new building is scheduled to be complete by February 12, 2010. The windows were installed on December 18, 2009. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that Mr. Gammond was out to the office today to get approval for the final colour scheme so that flooring can be ordered.
- b) The tin shed in the municipal garage yard, which formally covered the old fuel pumps, was discussed. Mr. Johnson does not anticipate using this shed and asked if it could be sold. Council agreed that it could be put for sale to the highest bidder in the Cornerstone.
- c) An email from Mr. Rudy Buitenhuis, OMAFRA regarding Livestock Valuation training January 28, 2010 was discussed. It was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE OMAFRA LIVESTOCK VALUATION TRAINING TO BE HELD IN GILLIES TOWNSHIP JANUARY 28, 2010.  
NO REGISTRATION FEE.**

**LIVESTOCK VALUATOR RICHARD NOY, CLERK-TREASURER BUOB**  
Carried

- d) AMO – Training Workshops – Council Challenges in 2010 and The Meeting Series – due to the cost of this training no one will be attending.  
e) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority regarding the Foundation Fundraising Dinner. It was

6. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE LAKEHEAD CONSERVATION FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING DINNER.**

**TICKETS - \$50.00 EACH**

**COUNCILLOR NYGARD  
COUNCILLOR VEZINA**

Carried

Councillor Garbutt reported that at the Thunder Bay District Municipal League meeting held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, Councillor Tina Morill from the Township of Schreiber informed the board that they will not be seeking donations from the businesses in Schreiber for the upcoming conference due to the economic situation in the Township. She suggested that each municipality could possibly bring a prize. Further information will be coming with regard to the conference. The agenda will be very busy. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked to book the rooms for the conference right away.

Council tables and chairs for the new building were discussed. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to contact Mr. Vanderzwaag to see what it would cost to have his millworker build a table that would match the cabinetry. She will also check with Mr. Gammond to see what he would suggest for the room. New chairs were also discussed and it was agreed that eight chairs, with wheels would be purchased for the Council table.

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

- a) A letter from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association was read. The board of directors will be meeting in mid-January with Provincial Ministers and they are requesting input from each municipality on the top three municipal issues each Council would like them to discuss. Council would like the board to discuss the stable funding guarantee, the need for funding for the local fire departments for mandatory training and equipment, the Common Voice and the PLT reform.

7. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 8:40 P.M.**

Carried