

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – JANUARY 25, 2010

Minutes of the meeting held on January 25, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Bill Mauro, M.P.P. arrived at 7:35 p.m.

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in item 16 f) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

- Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

- Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT COUNCILLOR NYGARD BE MARKED ABSENT FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

Carried

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

- Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR JANUARY 2010 BE PAID – THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE JANUARY 2010 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.

CK#9219	POSTAGE BY PHONE	\$1,050.00
CK#9220	LAKEHEAD CONSERVATION FOUNDATION	100.00
CK#9221	THUNDER BAY DSSAB	9,156.00
CK#9222	OGRA (2010 MEMBERSHIP)	435.31
CK#9223	AMO (2010 MEMBERSHIP)	525.00
CK#9224	TBDML (2010 LEVY)	237.44
CK#9225	AMCTO (2010 MEMBERSHIPS)	693.00
CK#9226	MEPCO (MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTION)	30.03
CK#9227	MUNICIPAL WORLD INC. (PUBLICATION)	57.75
CK#9228	ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS	194.25
CK#9229	SUPERIOR SAFETY INC. (2 ND PAYMENT)	4,193.15
CK#9230	NORTHERN COMPUTER INNOVATIONS LTD.	1,236.29
CK#9231	HYDRO ONE (STREET LIGHTING)	32.15
CK#9232	TBAYTEL (TELEPHONE)	<u>365.44</u>
		\$18,305.81

Carried

The draft Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to December 31, 2009 was reviewed. It was

- Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009 THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE FOLLOWING RESERVES.

FEDERAL GAS TAX - \$24,829.97
ONTARIO FIRE SERVICE TRAINING - \$304.00

Carried

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The By-law to amend the miscellaneous fees as per previous meeting discussion regarding the mailing out of the cornerstone to non-residents was reviewed and it was

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2010-03 BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 2002-17 TO ESTABLISH MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

The Safety Mission Statement for the Township of O'Connor was reviewed and it was

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

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

Carried

A Consent application was reviewed and it was

7. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/01/10 FOR KIM JOHN GEORGE KYDD CONCESSION 6, S ½ LOT 7 FOR A 2.18 HA SEVERANCE BE APPROVED.

Carried

Mr. Bill Mauro, M.P.P. was welcomed to the meeting. Council first thanked Mr. Mauro for his assistance in attaining the funding through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund for our new municipal office and Council chambers. Council discussed with Mr. Mauro several issues and concerns that they had with regard to the Township and Provincial issues. They also discussed the recent appointment of the new Ministers. The cuts to the OMPF funding and the increasing costs to the mandated programs were discussed. Mr. Mauro was also informed of the shut down of one of our industrial properties, which will affect our tax base significantly. The conditions of the forest industry and green energy were also discussed. Mr. Mauro reminded Council that there is still Infrastructure funding available for 2010 that was announced in 2009 if we have any projects that we would like to apply for.

Mr. Mauro was thanked for attending.
Councillor Garbutt also left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Tay Valley Township regarding the Municipal Property Assessment and Assistance to Retired Persons Living on Fixed Incomes was filed.
b) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association regarding Energy. It was

8. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION ENDORSING THE EAST OF NIPIGON TO PICKLE LAKE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION LINE AS OUTLINED IN THE NORTHERN ONTARIO GROWTH PLAN WITH CONDITIONS BE ENDORSED.

Carried

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Grant Thornton – Independence letter
b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Letter from Minister Jim Watson , announcing his resignation as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing effective immediately

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- c) Ontario Good Roads Association – Welcomes newly appointed Ministers
- d) Ministry of Natural Resources regarding the Government of Ontario's regulation to establish habitat protection for nine species at risk and the dates and locations of the open houses to view the final habitat regulation. An open house will be held in Thunder Bay on February 4, 2010 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Victoria Inn
- e) AMO
 - i) Membership letter – increase of 1.5% in membership for 2010
 - ii) Watch File – January 14, 2010
 - iii) Government announces school sites for first phase of early learning
 - iv) Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers meet to discuss future of housing and homelessness programs
 - v) Minister Watson resigns
 - vi) AMO looks forward to working with new Ontario Cabinet
 - vii) Watch File – January 21, 2010
 - viii) How extended day care and parent fees are expected to roll out
- f) Hydro One Networks – regarding working together to connect new generation projects

The balance of correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care – Emergency Health Services Branch – A letter was read with regard to the changes made to the agreement for the provision of fire dispatch by Thunder Bay CACC.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) New Building –
 - i) Jeremiah Gammond – site review from January 11, 2010.
 - ii) Township sign layout - two options were reviewed for the set up of the logo. It was agreed to go with the double outline as it is our true logo. The construction of the sign was also discussed.
 - iii) A grand opening of new building - it was agreed to wait until the summer. This will be discussed further at a May meeting.
 - iv) The move into the new building - Council agreed to allow the staff to make the decision when it would be best to make the move. The contractors will move the safe and the road department staff will assist with the balance of the move.
- b) The old tin shed that was advertised for sale in the January cornerstone. It was

- 9. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR HEREBY DECLARES THE TIN SHED PREVIOUSLY USED AT THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE OVER THE FUEL PUMPS SURPLUS AND AGREE TO THE SALE OF THIS ITEM TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AS IS, WHERE IS.

- 10. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE BID OF RICK BODNAR FOR THE SURPLUS TIN SHED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$255.00.

Carried

- c) Oliver Paipoonge Public Library – service contract for 2010. It was

- 11. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE LIBRARY CONTRACT FOR THE YEAR 2010 WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE LIBRARY SERVICES BE SIGNED.

Carried

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d) Thunder Bay District Municipal League 93rd Annual Meeting and Conference March 5 & 6, 2010 in Schreiber. It was

12. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SCHREIBER ON MARCH 5 & 6, 2010.

REGISTRATION: \$100.00 EACH

**MAYOR NELSON
COUNCILLOR RACICOT, VEZINA, GARBUTT
CLERK-TREASURER BUOB**

Carried

- e) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association – i) Annual General Meeting April 21 - 24, 2010 in Marathon. This will be brought back to the 2nd meeting in February to see who will attend.
ii) Pre-Budget hearing request for information regarding OMPF & DSSAB funding. The Clerk-Treasurer has forwarded the requested information to the Executive Director.
iii) OFIA Brief re Pre-Budget Consultations
iv) OFIA Letter to Minister Jeffrey
v) OFIA – Media Release

Councillor Racicot left the room

f) Jason Sherband – City of Thunder Bay regarding 3Rs Regulation 102-103 Waste Audit/Work Plans Workshop – March 25, 2010. It was

13. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Ron Nelson

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY'S 3R'S WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON MARCH 25, 2010.

REGISTRATION: \$30.00 EACH

DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT

Carried

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- g) Charles MacLaurin regarding tire recycling services. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to look into this service further to see if there is a charge to the township and to confirm that they are an approved hauler.
h) Peter Hume – AMO President – Helping Haiti: Challenge to all Ontario Municipal Government - request for donation. Council agreed not to make a donation.

Under further new business, Council discussed the fire department. Several of the department members will need driver training and a license upgrade to drive the department equipment. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to speak with the Fire Chief to see what his plans are for this training this year. The members clothing and turnout gear were discussed. The tanker is in need of bodywork and Council would like the Fire Chief to start to look into the purchase of a pumper tanker as soon as possible so information is available for budget.

Council also discussed the Council budget and what the members would like to be involved in this year with regard to special committees and boards. This will be brought back to the next meeting to discuss with a full Council.

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

a) Hymers Agricultural Society regarding a Hymers Fair prize list advertisement. It was

- 14. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT A HALF PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN THE HYMERS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PRIZE LIST BOOK BE PURCHASED AT A COST OF \$55.00.

Carried

The Township's phone number and website address will be added to the advertisement.

- b) Raili Roy – Beanstalk Consulting - a draft of what the immigration portal has prepared for the Township of O'Connor's pages on their website was reviewed. This information was collected from the staff and put together by the portal. Council will provide further comment to the Clerk-Treasurer and this will forward it to Ms. Roy.
- c) Thunder Bay District Health Unit – informing Council that the Board of Health has appointed a new Chair. Reeve Maria Harding of Municipality of Shuniah was appointed January 19, 2010.
- d) Ministry of the Environment regarding draft regulation to support the development and implementation of source protection plans are available on their website.

- 15. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 10:20 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer