

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – JANUARY 9, 2012

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by B. J. Loan  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2011 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Mayor Nelson asked Mr. Johnson if he wished to address Council as a resident, he replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. The new monthly report was read. Mr. Johnson reported to Council on a recent incident, which occurred on Connolly road while installing new signposts. An underground telephone cable was struck and broken by the Township backhoe and Tbaytel was required to attend the scene and do repairs.

Council was asked if the format of the new report was satisfactory. Council agreed that it was good as presented.

Roadwork in general was discussed. The road department have hauled some more sand to the yard and filled the fuel tanks. They have done some maintenance and scratched a couple of roads. Overall the roads are in good condition.

The road equipment rates were reviewed. A comparison of rates from the surrounding municipalities were also reviewed. The last increase in rates for the Township was done in 2009 and it was agreed that the current rates for the grader, backhoe and truck would each be increased by \$10/hour. It was also agreed that the word "actual" be removed from the culvert installation rate. These changes will be officially made when the balance of the Township fees are reviewed and approved at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

The roads and administration voucher for December 31, 2011 and the January 2012 bills to be paid were reviewed and it was

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

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR DECEMBER 31, 2011 TOTTALLING \$98,999.70 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR JANUARY 2012 BE PAID – THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE JANUARY 2012 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.**

<b>CK#10614</b>	<b>MEPCO (2012 MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTION)</b>	<b>\$ 32.32</b>
<b>CK#10615</b>	<b>LAKEHEAD CONSERVATION FOUNDATION</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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<b>CK#10616</b>	<b>AMO (2012 MEMBERSHIP)</b>	<b>598.90</b>
<b>CK#10617</b>	<b>AMCTO (2012 MEMBERSHIPS)</b>	<b>802.30</b>
<b>CK#10618</b>	<b>ONTARIO ASSOC. OF FIRE CHIEFS (2012)</b>	<b>226.00</b>
<b>CK#10619</b>	<b>CANADA POST (POSTAGE)</b>	<b><u>1,002.15</u></b>
		<b>\$2,761.67</b>

Carried

The draft Income Statement to December 31, 2011 with additional December estimates was reviewed. Transfers to reserves will be considered at the next meeting when more year-end postings are completed.

By-laws were discussed as follows:

a) By-law Number 2012-01 – A by-law to impose late payment charges for the non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date. It was

4. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2012-01 BEING A BY-LAW TO IMPOSE LATE PAYMENT CHARGES FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES OR ANY INSTALLMENT BY THE DUE DATE BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried

b) By-law Number 2012-02 – A by-law to provide for an interim levying amount.

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

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2012-02 BEING A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR AN INTERIM LEVYING AMOUNT BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried

c) By-law Number 2012-03 – A by-law to authorize the borrowing of monies

6. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2012-03 BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF MONIES BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

a) Municipality of Clarington regarding Commercial Fill Operations was filed.

b) Municipality of Clarington regarding Special Provincial Funding to cover Municipal Deficits. It was

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

**THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON REQUESTING THAT IF ANY MUNICIPALITY IN ONTARIO RECEIVED SPECIAL FUNDING FROM THE PROVINCE TO COVER A BUDGET DEFICIT, THAT ALL LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVE THE SAME PER CAPITA FUNDING FROM THE PROVINCE BE ENDORSED.**

Carried

c) Township of Carling requesting that to Pave all Highway Shoulders was filed.

d) Township of Stirling-Rawdon regarding Green Energy Projects was filed.

e) Municipality of North Perth regarding Green Energy Act was filed.

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Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) issues were discussed as follows:

- a) 2012 schedule of dates and locations of the DSSAB Board meetings for information purposes were reviewed.
  - b) DSSAB Area One meeting for the Mayors and Reeves was called to discuss the presentation to be made to the DSSAB Board with regard to representation. It was
8. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE THUNDER BAY DSSAB AREA 1 MEETING TO BE HELD IN OLIVER PAIPOONGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 11, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE PRESENTATION TO BE MADE TO THE DSSAB BOARD.**

**MAYOR NELSON**

Carried

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Treasurer's Itemized Statement of Remunerations & Expenses paid to Council in 2011
- b) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) – summary of the OPP Deployment Model methodology and Policing cost estimates for the Township of O'Connor in 2012
- c) Mosey & Mosey regarding Employee Group Benefit Plan Renewal Projection
- d) Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) Chris Stewart – Summary of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Discussion Paper
- e) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) – i) MPAC Assessment Products and Services Delivery Update  
ii) MPAC's 2012 Funding Requirements – the Board of Directors has approved a 3.4 percent increase in MPAC's funding requirements for 2012  
iii) Settlement with Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) Ratified – on table
- f) Taranis Contracting Group – Thank you email for Council support in obtaining their entrance permit on Highway 590.
- g) Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – regarding Ontario Fire Marshal's reply to Council's endorsed resolution regarding farm buildings for assembly purposes
- h) Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) – EMO in 2012-13
- i) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File December 22, 2011  
ii) Watch File January 5, 2012  
iii) Message from AMO President Gary McNamara
- j) Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) – i) A Green Energy Property Tax Regulation  
ii) Success! Province approves funding for 2012-2013 Municipal Finance Internship Program for 2012-2013.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) The Chief Building Official's request to attend a Radiant Floor Design Course update. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that Ms. Maki is currently taking the course in Calgary and will be attending the next meeting to explain the reasoning for her attending and again requesting that Council cover her expenses.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Cal-Gas – information with regard to the propane stove in the basement of the community centre. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that as a result of requesting maintenance to the stove and the propane line relocated in the basement, Cal-Gas has red tagged the stove. It is not to be used, as it does not meet current fire code for a commercial building. A fire suppression system and proper ventilation is required for any smoke or grease laden vapours in a commercial kitchen. Another local community center's kitchen was also closed down this week for the same reason and they have started doing research on what is required. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact them and continue to look further into this matter. Currently there are no hall rentals affected by this.

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b) Oliver Paipoonge Library – 2012 contract for service. Council agreed to continue with the use of the library for the Township residents and it was

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

**THAT THE LIBRARY CONTRACT FOR THE YEAR 2012 WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE LIBRARY SERVICES BE SIGNED.**

Carried

- c) Ministry of Natural Resources – Forest Fire Management Agreement review – the current agreement expires on March 31, 2012. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to contact the Ministry and request their attendance at a Council meeting to discuss the agreement and the changes which are being implemented in 2012.  
d) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association – regarding the Northern Ontario virtual summit – January 9 to 20, 2012. No one will participate.  
e) Skilven Publication Inc. – regarding Employee Health Safety and Wellness - subscription to Comfort Zone. Council agreed that this publication would be beneficial for the township staff and fire department and would assist in planning Health and Safety meetings. The Clerk-Treasurer will subscribe and try it for a year. The Township of Conmee and Gillies will also be notified of this publication.  
f) A date for a 2012 O'Connor Day Planning Meeting was discussed and it was

9. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE FOLLOWING DATE BE SET FOR A 2012 O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING.**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012 AT 7 P.M.**

**THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Carried

Council discussed the need for more participation in the planning process as well as the actual day and it was decided that a special flyer be sent out expressing this to our residents prior to the meeting.

Under further old business Councillor Loan's participation in the Fire Department's drivers licence "Z" endorsement course was discussed. It was agreed that the course to be held on January 14, 2012 will be on Councillor Loan's own time and the cost of the Ministry's test to receive the endorsement will be covered by the Township as the reason for Councillor Loan taking the training is to qualify him to assist the Fire Department by driving the truck to or from the scene of a fire, if needed.

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

- a) Hymers Agricultural Society – regarding advertising or donation for their upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fair. It was

10. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT A FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN THE HYMERS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PRIZE LIST BOOK BE PURCHASED AT A COST OF \$95.00.**

**ONE HISTORY BOOK WILL ALSO BE DONATED.**

Carried

Council would also like to include congratulation from the Fire Department and Women's Institute in the ad.

- b) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association – Annual General Meeting – April 25 – 27, 2012 in Kenora – Registration and Agenda at a Glance. It was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD APRIL 25 – 27, 2012 IN KENORA.**

**REGISTRATION: \$225.00**

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

Carried

- c) Premier Dalton McGuinty – i) Reply email regarding Council’s support for the City of Waterloo’s resolution.  
ii) Reply letter regarding Council’s supporting resolution with regard to policing costs.
- d) Stewardship Ontario – regarding Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for 2011 Program Year. Third installment payment has been received.

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

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 9:28 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer