

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – JUNE 11, 2012

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand  
Margaret Foster arrived at 7:47 p.m.

Absent: Councillor Loan

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE NOTES FROM THE O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING MAY 24, 2012, MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 28, 2012 AND THE BUDGET MEETING HELD JUNE 4, 2012 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

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

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand was welcomed to the table. The road department monthly report was read. Council had no questions for Mr. Johnson from this report. Roadwork in general was discussed. The road department has been grading the roads and preparing for calcium. The first load was put on today in the North East corner of the Township and Whittaker and Cronk roads, another load will arrive on Thursday. As soon as the budget is passed he will start to purchase the materials for the bridges and culverts.

Mr. Johnson discussed his concern for use of the disposal site. He attended the site on June 5, 2012 for a period while the students were picking up garbage. He notices residents throwing garbage directly into the hole instead of the compacting truck. Also there have been materials placed in the wrong designated areas as well. When the site is busy it is hard for one person to direct all visitors to the correct locations. Council will discuss this further under new business.

A letter from Ms. Kathy Todd, CUPE National Representative, CUPE Local 87 union, was read with regard to setting a date for union negotiations. Council would like to wait until the fall to have this meeting. The current agreement expires August 1, 2012. If an increase in pay is negotiated retro pay will be provided upon signing. A letter will be forwarded to Ms. Todd informing her of this timing. Mr. Johnson will also be provided a copy of the letter.

The roads and administration voucher for May 31, 2012 was reviewed and it was

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR MAY 31, 2012 TOTTALLING \$55,827.19 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

The Revenue and Expenditures to May 31, 2012 were reviewed.

Quotes for the weed cutting on the sides of Township roads were opened. One quote was received and it was

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

**THAT THE QUOTE OF A & L AUTO SERVICE AND DALE COOK TO CUT THE WEEDS ON THE SIDES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ROADS AS A COST OF \$1,900.00 + HST BE ACCEPTED. WORK TO BE DONE BY THE END OF JULY.**

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Municipality of Huron East regarding the Provinces disregard for protection of prime agricultural areas with respect to industrial wind turbines on prime agricultural lands was filed.  
b) Township of West Lincoln regarding Industrial Wing Turbine applications was filed.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – regarding Bill 52 Ontario Forest Industry Revitalization Act. Further information has come available on this matter and this bill will not be coming to the legislature for third reading until sittings resume in the fall. NOMA has asked that the letter campaign be put on hold until the issue is scheduled to return to the Legislature and their office will make a call for support at that time.  
b) Regional Municipality of Halton – regarding Universal Influenza Immunization Program 2011-2012.  
c) Canadian Association of Community Television users and stations (CACTUS) – regarding CBC shut off of free over-the-air TV service as of July 31, 2012. The letter offers short term and long term options for those residents relying on free over-the-air CBC.  
d) Association of Municipalities of Ontario – i) Watch File May 31, 2012  
ii) Watch File June 7, 2012

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) The Township of O'Connor 2012 Budget - draft #2 was reviewed. Adjustments were made as per the budget meeting held on June 4, 2012 and new information received since that date regarding the loan options for the tanker truck and the summer student program funding changes. With Council's decision to go no higher than a 3.98% increase from the 2011 tax rates, there is still a deficit of almost \$2,000.00. Additional cuts were made to the Fire Department and Council accounts. The Clerk-Treasurer will make the final adjustments and have the final budget and tax rate by-law for the next meeting.

- b) A resolution to approve new members on the Fire Department was read and it was

4. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS AS MEMBERS OF THE O'CONNOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND/OR FIRST RESPONSE TEAM:**

- 1. MORRIS DOUGLAS**  
**2. MONICA BUDISELIC**

Carried

- c) As per discussion at the June 4, 2012 budget meeting the Township Inspection scheduled for June 29, 2012 will be rescheduled to the fall. It was

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

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP INSPECTION ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 29, 2012 BE CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2012 AT 8:30 A.M.**

Carried

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d) A date for the next O'Connor Day Planning Meeting was discussed. It was

6. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE FOLLOWING DATE BE SET FOR A 2012 O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING – TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012 AT 7 P.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Carried

- e) Service Canada – i) Canada Summer Jobs letter informing the Township that they are unable to offer funding as the demand exceeded the budget available. An email dated June 8 was later received informing the Township that the Township's application has now been funded for one summer student.

Time being 8 p.m. Ms. Margaret Foster was welcomed to the table. Introductions were made. Ms. Foster addressed Council with her concerns with regard to the way the Rural Cupboard Food Bank is being run. She presented Council with a copy of the May 7, 2012 Annual meeting minutes and a copy of the Standards of Operation from the Ontario Association of Food Bank's, which were approved in June 2005 at the Rural Cupboard Food Bank's Annual General Meeting. Ms. Foster has a concern with the mention in these minutes of a motion that was passed at the Annual meeting stating that clients cannot hold a position on the Board of Directors due to conflict of interest. Ms. Foster was at the meeting and does not recall such a motion being discussed. The Standards of Operation item 16. states "We strive to include people who need food banks in our planning, decision-making and governance". She was also concerned that the meeting held in May was not advertised as an "Annual meeting" and a lot of people were not aware of this until they arrived. The Annual meeting is normally held in June and the website now states May/June. The June 11, 2012 meeting was also changed at the last minute with no reason. Elections for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer only, were held at the May meeting and the term of the board was changed to three years. Council asked Ms. Foster if the Food Bank has a constitution. Ms. Foster noted that she has asked for one in the past and the only information provided was the Standards of Operation. Council also asked who is doing the boards audits. Ms. Foster was not aware of anyone doing them. Ms. Foster is on the Ad-hoc committee for fundraising for a new building but has not been given any type of proposal or information to work with. Ms. Foster has concerns with the way the board is being run and would like to ask if a Council member would be willing to sit in on some of the upcoming meetings. At this point no one is available to attend the next meeting. Councillor Garbutt will contact Volkar Kromm from the Regional Food Distribution Association (RFDA) to discuss this matter.

Ms. Foster was thanked for attending and sharing this information. Council will look into this further.

- f) Michael Gravelle, Minister of Natural Resources – reply to Council's concerns expressed to him by Bill Mauro, MPP regarding the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) funding formula for Farmland and Managed Forest Assessment. Council would like a reply letter sent to Minister Gravelle informing him that we are aware of the equalization grants and inform him that Council's concern is that the rules to qualify for this grant need to be changed. The Township's net loss for this Provincial program is equal to a 3.2% increase in our municipality's tax rate. The Clerk-Treasurer will draft a letter and forward it to Council for final approval.
- g) Municipality of Clarington – regarding Regulations for the movement of commercial fill. Councillor Vezina will ask the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority for more information on this issue.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Lakehead University Small Business Consulting Services offering their services to the Township. The Township has used their services in the past and do not have any need for them at this time.
- b) Stantec Consulting Ltd. – regarding Highway 11/17 Route Planning Study, between Kakabeka Falls and Shabaqua Corners – Notice of Public Information Centre 3. Meetings will be held June 20 and 21, 2012.

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- c) Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation regarding Broadband Mapping project – requesting broadband information specific to our community. Council noted that this project is funded through FedNor.

Under further new business, Council discussed our dogcatcher. Councillor Garbutt had a concern with two stray dogs in her yard and Ms. Davis not being available to pick them up. The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that she has spoken with Ms. Davis and she is still interested in the job, however she does have a full time job during the day.

Councillor Vezina reported to Council that the current thermostat in the new municipal office is not 24/7 programmable as was original planned for. In order to have the fresh cool air drawn in the during the evening and not the hot air during the day Councillor Vezina would like to recommend that this thermostat be changed. He will look further into a cost to do this.

The disposal site matter brought forward by Mr. Johnson was discussed further. Council would like to have the Leadhand and the Clerk-Treasurer speak with the caretakers to let them know the concerns and arrange to have them both work for 4 shifts in a row with one of them stopping all vehicles as they arrive and explain to them how the site is setup and where to put their garbage. Council would also like a new disposal site permit issued to everyone in a bright colour and inform the resident's if they do not have their pass with them they will not be allowed to enter. If extra passes are required a fee will be charged. If possible Council would like to see the blitz done in June before the summer holiday time begins.

The agenda of the Area One Heads of Council meeting to be held in Shuniah on June 13 was discussed.

For information purposes building permits were approved for a garage at 389 Highway 595 and a deck and a revised addition at 146 Broome road.

7. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(D) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.**

**TIME BEING: 8:58 P.M.**

Carried

Council reviewed the summer student applications for the road department. Three applications were received. No applications were received for the office.

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

**TIME BEING: 9:04 P.M.**

**THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.**

Carried

It was

- 9, Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE FOLLOWING STUDENT BE HIRED FOR THE CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM FOR THE ROADS DEPARTMENT: JOSHUA SOBOLTA**

**START DATE WILL BE JULY 9, 2012. THE STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE JUNE 25, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING.**

Carried

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10. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE FOLLOWING STUDENT BE HIRED UNDER THE MINISTRY OF  
NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES SUMMER JOBS SERVICE 2012  
FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT: TED ROBLIN**

**START DATE WILL BE JULY 9, 2012. THE STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO  
ATTEND THE JUNE 25, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING.**

Carried

11. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD  
ON MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 9:10 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer