

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – JUNE 13, 2013

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand
Ms. Anneli Roblin
Mr. Larry Garbutt

Absent: Mayor Nelson, Councillor Loan

Acting Mayor Racicot called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

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

**THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
MAY 27, 2013 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

The visitors were asked if they wished to address Council and they replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand was welcomed to the table. The Monthly Report to Council from May 20 to June 7, 2013 was read. Mr. Johnson reported on recent repairs made to the backhoe, which were not budgeted for.

Roadwork in general was discussed. The road employees have been grading the roads and have started the dust control. Monday, June 17, 2013 the gravel resurfacing project will begin on Garbutt road and once completed they will return back to dust control on the balance of the sideroads.

A recent complaint with regard to mud on Earl road following a mud bog event on private property was discussed. The Leadhand reported that he had checked the road around 6 p.m. and did not feel there was an issue. The Clerk-Treasurer was also in area around 7 p.m. and did not think there was an issue. It was noted that this could be a regular event and it was agreed that a warning letter be sent to the event organizer to ensure that they do not drag mud onto the sideroad or rut up the Township road way. It was also suggested that they be asked to keep open an emergency access route to the area.

The Young Employment Services (YES) program was discussed. The Township has the opportunity to hire additional students through this program for summer employment at no cost to the Township for six weeks and thirty-five hours per week. Three students from the Township of O'Connor have registered with the program. Council discussed the extra students with Mr. Johnson. It was suggested that next year if this program is still available that we advertise for the students to register with YES and we would not have to apply through the other student programs. This will be discussed further under the closed portion of the meeting during the review of the summer student applications.

A letter was read from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food with regard to the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative – Capital Program (MIII – CP). This letter announces that the funding for the Cedar Creek/Broome Road Bridge Replacement is conditional on the passage of the Province's 2013 budget. It was noted that as of this meeting date the budget has been approved. It also stated that eligible costs associated with this project incurred after May 13, 2013 would qualify for provincial reimbursement. The Clerk-Treasurer will inquire into this date as the application stated eligible costs between April 1, 2013 and December 31, 2015. The purchase of the corrugated box culvert was also discussed and it was suggested that the Township look into purchasing the structure directly rather than going through the contractor to try and save some expense. The Clerk-Treasurer will also check with KGS Group to see what further information is required prior to such a purchase.

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The Health and Safety Ontario Networking and Knowledge Exchange to be held on June 20, 2013 in Thunder Bay regarding Fall Protection was discussed and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE NETWORKING AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013.

REGISTRATION: \$15.00 + HST

LEADHAND KELLY JOHNSON

Carried

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

The Road and Administration bills for May 2013 were reviewed and it was

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

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR MAY 31, 2013 TOTTALLING \$72,144.70 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement and Revenue Expenditures to May 31, 2013 were reviewed.

Consent applications were reviewed as follows and it was

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

THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/07/12 FOR WAYNE AND LORNA BLAIKIE TO MERGE PART 3 ON RP55R13573 PART 2 LOT 4, CONCESSION 1 BE APPROVED.

Carried

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

THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/08/13 FOR JACOB FRIESEN AND MARIA LUKACS FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CONCESSION 7, SOUTH PART LOT 4 FOR SEVERANCE OF 8.1 HA BE APPROVED.

Carried

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

THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/09/13 FOR JACOB FRIESEN AND MARIA LUKACS FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CONCESSION 7, SOUTH PART LOT 4 FOR SEVERANCE OF 8.1 HA BE APPROVED.

Carried

Quotations were opened for an Asset Management Plan for the Township of O'Connor. Two quotes were received. Both quotes came in significantly higher than anticipated. The Clerk-Treasurer will review the documents closer and will report back to Council on the work they are proposing to do.

No quotes were received for cutting of the weeds on the sides of the roads. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to discuss with Mr. Johnson whether or not it would be possible to have the students do some of this work instead or whether we should pursue this further.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

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a) Township of Ashfield, Colborne, Wawanosh – requesting amendments to the Liquor License Act to exempt Stage & Does from the regulation. It was

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

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF ASHFIELD – COLBORNE – WAWANOSH PETITIONING THE ALCOHOL AND GAMING COMMISSION TO AMEND THE LIQUOR LICENSE ACT TO EXEMPT STAG AND DOES FROM THE REGULATION, ONTARIO REGULATION 389/91, SPECIAL OCCASION PERMITS BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- b) Municipality of Central Huron – regarding Industrial Wind Turbine Projects – not a willing host - was filed.
c) Township of Huron-Kinloss – regarding Industrial Wind Turbines – not a willing host - was filed.
d) Township of West Lincoln – regarding the Township of West Lincoln not willing to sign a Community Vibrancy Agreement with any Industrial Wind Turbine Applicant – was filed.
e) Township of West Lincoln – regarding Industrial Wind Turbines – not a willing host – was filed.
f) Municipality of South Bruce – regarding Industrial Wind Turbine Development – not a willing host – was filed.

Council agreed that if any additional resolutions come in for endorsement with regard to the Industrial Wind Turbine Development and the municipality not being a willing host that they will not be added to the agenda, only placed in the additional correspondence for information purposes.

The Area One municipalities sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of a Social Services delivery model. The Area One committee is recommending that the Area One municipalities accept the firm MNP to do this report. Council reviewed and discussed the report along with the price breakdown. The draft minutes of the meeting held on June 6, 2013 were also read providing more information and it was

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

WHEREAS A PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED TO THE AREA ONE MUNICIPALITIES BY MNP LLP TO PREPARE A REPORT TO DETAIL A SOCIAL SERVICES DELIVERY MODEL;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRM OF MNP LLP TO PREPARE A REPORT TO DETAIL A SOCIAL SERVICES DELIVERY MODEL FOR AREA ONE MUNICIPALITIES AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$2,000.00

Carried

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ontario Provincial Police – June Newsletter. It was agreed that the information with regard to pit parties will be enclosed in our next issue of the cornerstone.
b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario – i) Watch File – May 30, 2013
ii) Watch File – June 6, 2013
iii) Ontario Government's Renewable Energy Changes Aimed at Municipalities
iv) Key Role of Municipalities in Waste Diversion Recognized
c) Ken Boshcoff, City of Thunder Bay – regarding Tbaytel Paper Campaign Misguided
d) Thunder Bay District Health Unit – 2012 Audited Financial Statements
e) Ministry of Energy – regarding Stronger Municipal Voice in Renewable Energy Development

The balance of correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

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- a) Service Canada – decision letter with regard to the Township of O'Connor's application for summer students. They are unable to offer the funding as the demand for funding has exceeded the budget available in the Township' constituency.
- b) Community Centre Renovation – i) The Clerk-Treasurer provided an update on the renovations. The old equipment has been removed, the new equipment has been ordered. The electrician has been contacted and is aware of the project. He will need additional information when Council makes a decision on the accessibility portion of the project. ONE Call will have to be contacted for line locates before any digging is to be done.
ii) Email from Thompson Accessibility Solutions Inc. regarding another lift option that he has spoken to Mayor Nelson about. This will be brought back to the next meeting to discuss with Mayor Nelson.

Under further old business, it was suggested that the Clerk-Treasurer look into getting a programmable thermostat for the office and Council chambers as the room was getting warm during the meeting.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) 3rd Annual Rural Health Fair – August 14, 2013. The Nor-West Community Health Centres have asked that Councils help to promote this event. The Township does have it posted on our website and will have information available for anyone to pick up at the office. It will also be posted on our sign at the end of the community centre and office driveway closer to the event.
- b) Stefan Huzan – NOSTA – Regarding the Lake Superior Circle Tour Project. Mr. Huzan has asked to be on the agenda for the next Council meeting to be held on June 24, 2013 to discuss this project further with Council.
- c) Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs regarding the 2013 National Fire Chief of the Year Awards. It was agreed that an application will not be submitted this year.
- d) Stephanie Ash, Fire Dog Communications Inc. – regarding Health/Medical Recruitment Fair Opportunity – Northwestern Ontario Immigration Portal. They are looking for representatives to send to Health Careers Interaction in Winnipeg and Toronto. No one from Council will submit their name.
- e) Economic Development with Area One municipalities. Mayor Kloosterhuis presented the idea of the Area One municipalities forming a regional economic development Corporation at the June 6, 2013 Area One meeting. She suggested the hiring of one or two Economic Development Officer interns may qualify for 90% funding from upper levels of government. Council do not feel that this would be a benefit to our Township at this time however will wait for further information from Mayor Kloosterhuis on what she is proposing.

For information purposes a building permit for a garage was approved for 695 Highway 590.

Mr. Garbutt and Ms. Roblin left the room as the meeting will now move to closed to review and discuss the summer student applications. It was

- 9. Moved by J. Vezina
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: 8:22 P.M.

Carried

The summer student applications were reviewed.

- 10. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

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**TIME BEING: 8:25 P.M.
THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.**

Carried

Mr. Garbutt and Ms. Roblin returned to the meeting.

- 11. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE FOLLOWING STUDENT BE HIRED UNDER THE MINISTRY OF
NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES SUMMER JOBS SERVICE 2013
FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

STEVEN PLATNICK

START DATE WILL BE JULY 8, 2013.

**THE STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013
COUNCIL MEETING.**

Carried

- 12. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE FOLLOWING STUDENT BE HIRED UNDER THE MINISTRY OF
NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES SUMMER JOBS SERVICE 2013
FOR THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT:**

ANNIINA ROBLIN

START DATE WILL BE JULY 8, 2013.

**THE STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013
COUNCIL MEETING.**

Carried

- 13. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ACCEPT THREE STUDENTS
THROUGH THE YES EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR SUMMER
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE ROADS DEPARTMENT.**

START DATE WILL BE JULY 8, 2013.

**THE STUDENT/S WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE MONDAY, JUNE 24,
2013 COUNCIL MEETING.**

Carried

As the YES program is for six weeks at thirty-five hours per week Council agreed to top up the YES students wages to allow them to work an eight hour day and seven weeks as advertised in the newsletter.

- 14. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO
BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 8:28 P.M.