

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – JUNE 22, 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on June 22, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Councillors: Garbutt, Nygard, Racicot, Vezina
Mayor Nelson arrived at 9:40 p.m.
Clerk-Treasurer Buob

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand

Acting Mayor Nygard called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Vezina declared an interest in item 20c) as a relative is applying for employment with the township.

1. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009 AND THE NOTES FROM THE O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

2. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT MAYOR NELSON BE MARKED ABSENT.

Carried

Mr. Johnson was welcomed to the table. Mr. Johnson reported to Council on the beaver situation in the township. Mr. Zschetzsche has recently removed twenty-two beavers from dam areas along the roads within the township. The issue was discussed and it was decided that a resolution will be drafted for the next meeting which will be sent to the Ministry of Natural Resources, with copies going to the Ministry of Transportation and Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting support for the costs for the removal of these nuisance beavers.

The installation of the electric fence at the disposal site was discussed. A portion of the fencing was purchased through the Bearwise program. There is currently a bear problem at the site. The bears are ripping the doors open and getting on and into the recycle bin. A new hole will be dug soon and the electric fencing will be set up around the hole, the compactor and the recycle bin.

The Blaikie road bridge repairs were discussed. JML Engineering will put out the design for tender and will request that the construction tenders be in for our next meeting, July 13, 2009.

Mr. Johnson reported to Council that he has spoken with TWD with regard to the straw bales and silt screens which are still in place along the highways from last June's flood. TWD have to have a work order from the MTO to remove them and the Fisheries and Oceans determine when they are okay to be removed. Mr. Johnson also asked about the water in the ditch on Highway 590 near the Township's hydrant after a complaint from a resident. There is a culvert in the area that will need replacing soon and they will have to break the beaver dam at that time which should then also drain the ditch.

Roadwork in general was discussed. The gravel haul on Pool road between Whittaker and Cronk roads, Job 1, has begun. Mr. Johnson has been getting quotes for the window replacements in the garage as well as working with the engineers on the bridge repairs, they have started applying the calcium, two loads are complete with two more to go. The electric fencing at the disposal site will be done next week.

The quotes for cutting the weeds on the sides of the township roads were opened. Three quotes were received. It was

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3. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE QUOTE OF PETER VANLENTHE TO CUT THE WEEDS ON THE SIDES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ROADS AT A COST OF \$2,049.00 + GST BE ACCEPTED. WORK TO BE DONE BY JULY 31, 2009.

Carried

The tenders for the Harstone bridge replacement were opened. Eight tenders were received. To the best of Council's knowledge all required documentation was included in the lowest tender including the proper Bid Bond and Consent of Surety. It was

4. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE TENDER OF K.A. VANDERZWAAG CONSTRUCTION INC. BE ACCEPTED, UPON FINAL REVIEW OF THE TENDER PACKAGES AND APPROVAL BY JML ENGINEERING, AS THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE HARSTONE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE ONTARIO DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ODRAP) AT A COST OF \$393,790.00 PLUS GST.

Carried

Bills to be paid were passed around the table and it was

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

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

CH#8789	LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	\$33,164.22
CH#8790	THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC DIST SCHOOL BOARD	\$ 4,038.13
CH#8791	CSDC DES AURORES BOREALS	\$ 235.78
CH#8792	THUNDER BAY DSSAB	\$ 9,068.00
CH#8793	KEVIN'S TIRE SERVICE	\$ 42.87
CH#8794	TBAYTEL (TELEPHONE)	\$ 369.70
		<u>\$46,918.70</u>

Carried

The draft noise by-law was reviewed. It was agreed that the township will not have a permit requirement as per the sample. The changes will be made as per discussion and it will be brought back to the next meeting for final approval and passing.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- Township of Bonnechere Valley petitioning the Province to increase its annual grants to 15% of library revenue was filed.
- Municipality of Hastings Highlands asking Hydro One to recognizes emergency services provided by Hastings Highlands Fire Department and remit fair payment was filed.
- Town of Arnprior asking both Federal and Provincial governments to commit to Canadian nuclear technology was filed.
- Town of Innisfil – regarding the Ontario's 2009 Budget – Harmonizes Sales Tax Affects Electricity Rates Starting July 1, 2010 was filed.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- AMO i) Count Me In! Community Challenge Now Underway.
 - Feed-in Tariff Contract Posted for Comment.
 - Green Energy Act Planning Approval Regulation Consultations.
 - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Signs \$1.2 billion Housing Agreement with Federal Government.
 - Important Report on Early Learning Signals Direction Ontario Must Take for Future Prosperity.

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- b) AMCTO Express June 12, 2009 regarding Legislative Updates
- c) Bill Mauro, M.P.P. regarding Announcement of over \$38.5 million in Joint Federal/Provincial funds for infrastructure projects in Thunder Bay and surrounding communities. The Township of O'Connor has been approved for a new municipal building and Council chambers and repairs to bridge #1 on Blaikie Road.
- d) City of Thunder Bay POA 2008 Financial Statements and Final Payment
- e) Thunder Bay District Health Unit 2008 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.
- f) Township of Gillies invitation to their Celebrate Canada Carnival Saturday June 27, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. until dusk and their community yard sale July 11, 2009.
- g) Norm Gale, Director Superior North EMS notifying the Township that the World Health Organization declared an H1N1 influenza pandemic and that they expect the pandemic to be of the "moderate severity". At this time they are not considering altering their services.
- h) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Guide for Drinking Water Source Protection. Copies of the guide are available in the township office.
- i) A letter from the Technical Standards & Safety Authority regarding the Underground Storage Tank removal at Municipal garage stating that all requirements have been met. The letter was addressed to Nancy Myers former Reeve. The Clerk-Treasurer has already contacted them and asked them to change the contact.
- j) Human Resources and Skills Development Canada regarding the Township's application for Small Projects Enabling Accessibility. Once the call for proposals is closed applications will undergo the review process. Once a final decision has been made a letter will be forwarded.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) The new municipal building construction services. Cheryl Maki, the Township's Chief Building Official has started to conduct an energy savings summary for this building. Mr. Gammond's design will be based on standard construction. It was decided that as per the information in Ms. Maki's report that the exterior R value should be increased and therefore included in the drawings. Mr. Gammond will be notified of this change. The costs for the Hydro One changeover will be coming next week. The balance of the services will be deferred until the construction drawings are completed.
 - b) Mr. Colin Hovi, MNR
 - i) Confirmation letter of receipt of Council's resolution to withdraw objection to the issuance of a Class A Licence to Rock Solid Holdings
 - ii) Site Plan for the Class A Licence for Rock Solid Holdings on Strom Road in Conmee Township was reviewed.
 - c) JML Consulting Engineering proposal for the Detailed Design, Tender and Contract Administration/Site Inspection for the Harstone Bridge replacement was reviewed. JML Engineering was authorized to complete this work October 6, 2008. It was
6. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE QUOTE OF JML ENGINEERING FOR THE DETAILED DESIGN, TENDERING AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION/SITE INSPECTION OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HARSTONE ROAD BRIDGE OVER CEDAR CREEK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,000.00 PLUS GST BE ACCEPTED.

Carried

- d) Bell Welby Soares update on repeater replacement. All additional parts have been tested and shipped to Thunder Bay with the work expected to be completed by June 26th.
- e) The Closed Meeting Investigator was discussed. After hearing presentation at the recent meetings and conferences attended with regard to the recent Ombudsman investigations it was agreed that the Township will join with the other parties from the District of Kenora, Rainy River and Thunder Bay to become a part of the collective group of Municipal parties. The Clerk-Treasurer will make the necessary arrangements to enter into an agreement with Mr. Paul Heayn to be the Township of O'Connor's Closed Meeting Investigator.

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Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) A letter from Mr. Ray Montgomery, Secretary for the O'Connor Free Methodist Cemetery Committee requesting that the township summer students cut the grass at the O'Connor Free Methodist Cemetery. Council again agreed to have the students do this work for them.
- b) Linda Braun, MNDM regarding the 2009-2010 Healthy Communities Fund (HCF) program. It was agreed that at this time no application will be submitted.
- c) Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee regarding the Veterinary Assistance Program. The committee consists of two elected representatives from each municipality and organization who contributes. They also requested the name of the representative for the Township of O'Connor. Councillor Vezina will continue to be the representative and Councillor Nygard the alternate.
- d) Improvements to the rink shack were discussed. Councillor Vezina will let us know how much work is involved and what needs to be done. He is not available until September if it was arranged to be done on a weekend. Council would like to see the work completed prior to O'Connor Day.

Under Further New Business it was suggested that the Clerk-Treasurer check with Fire Chief Mattas to see if a schedule has been setup with the fire department for DZ driver training.

Mayor Nelson arrived at the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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

- a) TBT Engineering Geotechnical Investigation for proposed municipal building. Council reviewed the report and are satisfied with the results.
- b) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority – 2008 Audited Financial Statements
- c) John Rafferty's office reply to Council's resolution
- d) Rodney Swarek, White River Town Council regarding the purchase of White River Forest Products by the Township of White River, Pic Mobert First Nation and two other partners.
- e) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Municipal-Aboriginal Relationships: Case Studies is available on the Ministry's website.

For information purposes four building permits have been approved, one new home, one mobile home, one storage shed and one garage.

It was decided to move item 20b) ahead of 20a) to include both employment items under the same closing resolution.

7. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by Ron Nelson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(E) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 9:50 P.M.

Carried

The lawyers comments with regard to the Strom road agreement were discussed.

8. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

TIME BEING: 10:25 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

An administrative copy of the agreement will be forwarded to Taranis Contracting for review. It was agreed that when the comments come back from Taranis, Council and

the Clerk-Treasurer will meet with Mr. McKitrick to finalize the agreement.
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Councillor Vezina left the meeting.

- 9. Moved by Ron Nelson
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: 10:26 P.M.**

Carried

There were no applications submitted for the Municipal Enforcement/POA officer. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Summer student applications were reviewed.

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

**TIME BEING: 10:30 P.M.
THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.**

Carried

- 11. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Ron Nelson

**THAT THE FOLLOWING STUDENT BE HIRED UNDER THE MINISTRY OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES SUMMER JOBS SERVICE 2009 FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT: GREGORY BILOSKI.
START DATE WILL BE JULY 13, 2009. THE STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING.**

Carried

- 12. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by Ron Nelson

**THAT THE FOLLOWING STUDENT BE HIRED FOR THE CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM FOR THE ROADS DEPARTMENT: ANTUN SABO.
START DATE WILL BE JULY 13, 2009. THE STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE JULY 13, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING.**

Carried

- 13. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Ron Nelson

**THAT THE FOLLOWING STUDENT BE HIRED UNDER THE MINISTRY OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES SUMMER JOBS SERVICE 2009 FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT: SARAH CLASEN-BYCE.
START DATE WILL BE JULY 13, 2009. THE STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE JULY 13, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING.**

Carried

- 14. Moved by Ron Nelson
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.
TIME BEING: 10:35 P.M.**

Carried