

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – MARCH 24, 2014

Minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Vezina declared an interest in item 15 c) as he is an employee of one of the invited bidders. Councillor Racicot declared an interest in 17 a) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

1. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the meeting. The Fire Department report was read. There were three First Response calls included in this report and two new ones after the report was submitted. Fire Chief Mattas reported on the meetings he has recently attended as well as the shared training with the Departments from Nolalu and Gillies Township.

The VFIS insurance coverage for the Fire Department members was discussed. Council agreed to continue with the 24 hour coverage for the members and this will be included in the Fire Department budget.

Fire Chief Mattas reported on the driver training. Greg Biloski has now taken the course today and has done the drive centre testing and is scheduled to do the four hour driving on April 21, 2014. Due to unforeseen circumstances Stefan Derech was unable to attend today.

The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs – Municipal Officials Seminar to be held in Toronto on May 3 and 4, 2014 was discussed. No one will attend.

An email from the Fire Marshal and Chief of Emergency Management with regard to Emergency Preparedness Week May 4 – 10, 2014 was read. Information will put in the May issue of the Cornerstone. No special events will be held in the Township.

Fire Chief Mattas reported to Council that he will be out the of area for a period coming up. The Fire Department members will be made aware and Deputy Fire Chief Hamilton will be in command.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending.

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

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR MARCH 2014 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE MARCH 2014 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.**

CK#12118	LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	\$20,879.53
CK#12119	THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BD	2,456.82
CK#12120	CSDC DES AURORES BOREALES	137.69
CK#12121	MINISTER OF FINANCE (PPS WORKSHOP REG)	220.00
CK#12122	LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES	8,038.54
CK#12123	2326682 ONT INC. (V. GROOP HALL RENOS)	200.00

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<b>CK#12124</b>	<b>TBAYTEL (TELEPHONE)</b>	<b>376.52</b>
<b>CK#12125</b>	<b>HYDRO ONE</b>	<b>1,036.18</b>
<b>CK#12126</b>	<b>J. LOAN (HONOURARIUM)</b>	<b>360.00</b>
<b>CK#12127</b>	<b>PERHOL CONSTRUCTION LTD (90%)</b>	<b>29,452.32</b>
		<b><u>29,452.32</u></b>
		<b>\$63,157.60</b>

Carried

A draft By-law respecting the O'Connor Cemetery was reviewed. Minor changes will be made and the office of the Ministry of Consumer Services will be contacted to confirm the approval process. A date for a public meeting will be determined at the next meeting.

Consent application 1B/06/14 was reviewed and it was

3. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/06/14 FOR JOHN MOLCAN FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CON 6 PT S ½ OF LOT 10 FOR A SEVERANCE OF 10.16 HECTARES BE APPROVED.**

Carried

A resolution for endorsement from the Township of Carlow/Mayo regarding the Ontario Provincial Police – New Billing Model for 2015 was read and it was filed.

A reply letter was read from Ms. Lible, Manager of Client Services of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board with regard to the cancellation of their visits held in the O'Connor Community Centre. The letter informed Council how the Board advertised their visits in the Township and reinstated that their clients were informed that they had a representative in the Township and they did not attend the local office. If our clients express an interest and need they will look at re-establishing their visits.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File March 13, 2014  
ii) Watch File March 20, 2014  
iii) OPP Policed Communities – Update 4  
iv) AMO Calls for Rethink on Bill 69 – The Prompt Payment Act  
v) OPP Policed Communities: Update 5  
b) Ministry of Natural Resources – i) Message from Minister David Oraziotti on Flooding  
ii) Inspection of Approved 2014-2015 Annual Work Schedules Black Spruce, Dog River Matawin, Lakehead Forests

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Update on the Community Centre renovations. A memo was read from the Clerk-Treasurer with regard to an issue with the painting contractor. Due to unforeseen circumstances Piper Doon is not able to start or complete the painting and repairs prior to the Township's March 31, 2014 deadline. The Clerk-Treasurer contacted Mr. Posthumus of DP Construction who was the second lowest bid. His price also included the installation of vinyl baseboard and he is able to do the work by the deadline. Due to the circumstances Mr. Posthumus has already been asked to start the work. It was

4. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT RESOLUTION #6 OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING ACCEPTING THE QUOTE OF PIPER DOON TO PREPARE AND PAINT ALL AREAS INCLUDING PREVIOUSLY PAINTED CEILINGS, ALL DOORS AND TAPE AND MUD TWO ROOMS IN THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE AND RESOLUTION #10 OF THE JANUARY 13, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING ACCEPTING THE QUOTE OF DP CONSTRUCTION TO INSTALL VINYL BASEBOARDS IN THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE BE RESCINDED IN THEIR ENTIRETY.**

Carried

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

**THAT THE QUOTE OF DP CONSTRUCTION FOR THE COMPLETION OF DRYWALL IN THE BASEMENT REAR ENTRANCE, TOPS ROOM AND REPAIR ALL DRYWALL IN THE REST OF THE BUILDING, PRIMING AND PAINTING ENTIRE BUILDING AND REPLACE VINYL BASEBOARDS IN MAIN HALL OF THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE AT A COST OF \$13,600.00 PLUS HST BE ACCEPTED.**

Carried

- iii) The Clerk-Treasurer provided an update on the installation of the platform lift. An email was read from TAS and Per Hol Construction Ltd. with regard to the construction of the shaft for the installation of the platform lift. The contractors have met and concerns are being addressed.
- iv) Revenue and Expenditure comparisons to date for the total construction costs of the O'Connor Community Centre Renovations were reviewed. The total amount of the Community Infrastructure Investment Fund (CIIF) will not be utilized. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into purchasing some addition cabinets for the basement if time permits.
- b) McKitricks – update on sale of land. The lawyer's office is currently preparing an agreement of Purchase and Sale.

Councillor Vezina left the room.

- c) KGS Group – information of culvert tender was reviewed. Council have some concerns with the wording in the letter in both items 4 and 5 of the letter. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Mr. McKay and ask him to send out an addendum.

Councillor Vezina returned to the meeting.

- d) Township of Sequin – regarding Unfair Proposed OPP Funding Model. Mayor Nelson noted that the ratios in this letter have already been changed.
- e) Discuss Fee Schedule – i) Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot discussed the equipment rates with Mr. Johnson, Leadhand after the March 10, 2014 and he did not recommend an increase at this time. The cemetery rates will be increased as part of the Cemetery By-law changes.
- ii) Cemetery fees – a public meeting to discuss increase in fees will have to be set. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact the Ministry of Consumer Relations prior to setting a date to confirm if a public meeting is required prior to approval of the cemetery by-law and bring this item back to the next meeting.
- f) Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington – Thank you letter for supporting his private member's resolution on joint and several liability.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – Annual Meeting & Conference information. It was

6. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION (NOMA) ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON APRIL 23, 24 & 25, 2014 IN FORT FRANCES.**

**REGISTRATION: \$225.00**

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

Carried

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b) Ministry of Northern Development and Mines – Summer Jobs Service program. The Township of O'Connor will be applying to YES Employment Services for summer students this year however in case for some reason the program does not work out or allow for additional hours of work it was agreed to apply and it was

7. Moved by B. J. Loan  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ASK FOR 2 STUDENT/S UNDER THE MINISTRY OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES SUMMER JOBS SERVICE 2014 FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN (7) WEEKS.**

**START DATE FOR THE PROGRAM WOULD BE JULY 7, 2014.**

Carried

c) Budget meetings dates were discussed and it was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING DATES BE SET FOR BUDGET MEETINGS:  
APRIL 17, 2014 AT 7 P.M. – FIRE DEPARTMENT  
APRIL 17, 2014 AT 8 P.M. – ROAD DEPARTMENT  
MAY 14, 2014 AT 7 P.M. – FULL BUDGET**

**THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

Carried

- d) Township of Uxbridge – regarding Canadian Radio Communications Information and Notification Service was read.
- e) Councillor Garbutt expressed her concern of Hydro One using the helipad area for staging their pole replacement project. The issues were discussed and Councillor Racicot will speak with the foreman of the project and confirm that no vehicles will be left unmanned in the area and the entrance will always be clear in case a helicopter has to land.
- f) Councillor Loan informed Council that he could possibly be absent from Council meetings for three consecutive months due to work. It was

9. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE ABSENCE OF COUNCILLOR LOAN FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR A THREE SUCCESSIVE MONTH PERIOD DUE TO WORK.**

Carried

Councillor Racicot left the room

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

a) AMCTO The Municipal Experts – i) Zone 9 Spring Meeting May 6 & 7, 2014. It was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE AMCTO ZONE 9 SPRING MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 6 & 7, 2014 IN THUNDER BAY.  
REGISTRATION: \$100.00**

**CLERK-TREASURER BUOB**

Carried

The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will be asked if she also wishes to attend and this item will be brought back to the next meeting.

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ii) AMCTO Election Workshops. It was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE AMCTO WORKSHOP:  
COUNCIL ORIENTATION FOR ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2014 IN  
THUNDER BAY.**

**REGISTRATION: \$110.00 + HST**

**CLERK-TREASURER BUOB**

Carried

b) Randy Hillier, MPP – regarding the scuttlebutt from Queen's Park.

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

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING  
MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 9:25 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer