

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – MAY 10, 2010

Minutes of the meeting held on May 10, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Mr. Kelly Johnson, Leadhand

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in item 17c) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

1. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING AND COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT COUNCILLOR NYGARD AND COUNCILLOR GARBUTT BE MARKED ABSENT FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

Carried

Mr. Johnson was welcomed to the table. Time sheets for April 5 to 16, 2010 and April 19 to 30, 2010 were read. Mr. Johnson discussed his meeting with Hydro One with regard to the moving of the hydro pole on Blaikie road for safety reasons. He has not heard back from them and will contact them this week to see what is happening.

Roadwork in general was discussed. Ms. Earl, seasonal employee, has been called back to work. The road department has been grading some of the roads but because of the dryness there is a lot of dust. They have been cleaning beaver dams. They will also be replacing some bridge posts. Mr. Johnson has hired a contractor, using a feller buncher, to do a brushing project at the end of Winslow road and will also be doing the end of Loghrin road.

Mr. Johnson provided Council with more information with regard to graders. He has talked to all three dealers in Thunder Bay, looking for new and used items. Council instructed Mr. Johnson to continue in his search.

The Association of Ontario Road Supervisors membership was discussed. It was decided to not become a member of this organization this year.

The Monthly Workplace Inspection Reports for January to April 2010 were read.

Ms. Becky Davis Dog Control Officer was scheduled to be on the agenda and was unable to attend. Council continued to discuss the fee for daily impoundment of a dog. It was agreed that the current rate of \$10.00 per day is too low. Council would like to increase the fee to \$25.00 per day, per dog. Council would also like to see the wording in the policy for dogs running at large changed with regard to the second and third offense and the returning of the dog after payment. The policy changes will be made after further discussion with Ms. Davis in case she has more concerns.

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

3. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR APRIL 30, 2010 TOTTALLING \$75,840.74 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

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4. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUNDING VOUCHER FOR THE NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO APRIL 30, 2010 TOTTALLING \$1,822.50 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to January 31, 2010 were reviewed.

The tax ratio By-law was reviewed and it was

5. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2010-12 BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH THE TAX RATIOS FOR THE YEAR 2010 BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

The quotes for the structural inspection of the Township of O'Connor's bridges and culverts were opened. Three quotes were received. It was

6. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE QUOTE OF JML ENGINEERING TO CONDUCT A COMPLETE STRUCTURAL INSPECTION FOR FOUR BRIDGES, TWO CONCRETE BOX CULVERTS, TWO LARGE GALVANIZED STEEL CULVERTS AND ONE CORRUGATED STEEL ARCH CULVERT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AT A COST OF \$8,200.00 PLUS GST BE ACCEPTED.

Carried

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) AMO – i) April 29, 2010 Watch File
ii) May 6, 2010 Watch File
iii) Bills Introduced Since April 20, 2010
iv) Bill 16 Proposes Transfer of OHIP and Related Costs to Municipalities
v) Breaking News – Government Withdraws OHIP Costs Transfer Proposal
vi) Announcement of AMO President Candidacy, Mayor Gary McNamara, Town of Tecumseh.
- b) Ministry of Northern Development Mines and Forestry regarding the review of Ontario's forest tenure and pricing systems. Information session in Thunder Bay on May 18, 2010. No one will attend.
- c) The Premier of Ontario reply to Council's endorsement of the resolution of NOMA regarding Endangered Species Act.
- d) MPAC regarding Tentative Settlement with Ontario Public Service Employees Union. A two-year contract with no increases has been struck.
- e) Ministry of Natural Resources have provided the Township with the Natural Heritage Reference Manual.
- f) John Yakabuski, MPP – i) regarding the upcoming private member's bill the Gasoline Tax Fairness for All Act, 2010.
ii) regarding Queen's Park wind rally and a motion calling for the Premier to restore local planning decisions to local governments.

The balance of correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Grant Thornton's letter regarding Internal control findings from the 2009 audit.
- b) CACC advisory, Fire/First Response meeting May 12, 2010. Fire Chief Mattas is now unable to attend this meeting. It was

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7. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE CACC FIRE SPECIFIC ADVISORY MEETING TO BE HELD IN OLIVER PAIPOONGE ON MAY 12, 2010.

REGISTRATION: FREE

COUNCILLOR VEZINA AND ACTING DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF STYLES

Carried

- c) Discuss a new date for budget meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that there is not enough budget work completed to justify having a budget meeting at this time. It was

8. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010 AT 7 P.M. BE RESCHEDULED TO THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2010 AT 7 P.M.

Carried

- d) A discussion with regard to the Township's grand opening of the new office and Council chambers was held. An application for funding has been submitted to Celebrate Canada – Canadian Heritage for a Canada Day celebration and Municipal Building Grand Opening on July 1, 2010. To date the Township has not heard back from the committee as to whether or not the Township was successful in the application or not. It was decided at this time to withdraw our application and set a new date for our grand opening. It was decided to have the grand opening the same day as O'Connor Day starting at 2 p.m. with cake and coffee available.
- e) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) reserve information from the 2008 Financial Statements was reviewed. Councillor Vezina reported that the LRCA have made changes to their original plans with regard to their budget for 2010 and will be sending a letter and a new levy amount for this year.
- f) The Clerk-Treasurer reported that a meeting has been set for Friday, May 14, 2010 with the Ministry of Transportation, the Mayor and herself. The meeting is in regard to Rock Solid Holdings' entrance on Highway 590 in Marks Township and the Ministry wanting the entrance moved to the Township's Mayo road. Also to be discussed will be the Ministry's permit control area requirements for entrance permits for property along a municipal road. Council would also like to have the Ministry of Natural Resources representative at the meeting to discuss their proposed road agreement with Rock Solid Holdings through the crown land. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Mr. Hovi from the MNR to see if he and anyone else he feels should be there would be available.
- g) Under further old business, Council discussed the outdoor lighting and the possibility of motion sensors on the outdoor lighting of the new building. This will be looked into further.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) A letter was read from Adrian Tessier with regard to an ATV ride that will be going through the area on May 28, 2010. The riders would like to travel on parts of Loghrin, Fleming and Strom road in the Township of O'Connor to access the snowmobile trail. Council discussed the matter and agreed that they would not pass a by-law to allow ATV on our township roads at this time. The rules of the road apply and if they wish to travel on these roads they will be doing so at your own risk. A letter will be forwarded to Mr. Tessier informing him of Council's decision.
- b) Dale Smyk, Field Officer, EMO regarding an Emergency Information Officer workshop in Thunder Bay on May 18, 2010. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to see if Mr. Coupland, Emergency Management Ontario will be attending. No one from the Township will attend this training.

Councillor Racicot left the room

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- c) IAPA Networking and Knowledge exchange for preventing MSDs in your workplace – A focus on workstations – no one will attend.

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- d) Email from Joyce Savoline, MPP, Burlington requesting information on the impact of the HST on the 2010 municipal budget. The Township does not currently have this information to forward to her.
- e) June as Recreation and Parks Month. This information was filed.
- f) Under further new business, Council discussed the kitchen accommodations in the community centre. During recent events it was noted that the kitchen area upstairs is not large enough to do the larger dishes and to move all dishes down to the basement kitchen takes time. It was suggested that the upstairs kitchen area be expanded or a possible dumbwaiter be put in to move the dishes to the basement kitchen. The Clerk-Treasurer will try to find out more information for the budget meeting on this.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) OGRA information regarding the Ontario One call to Dig Program. There is a \$1,000.00 enrollment fee that covers the initial setup and mapping and after enrollment municipalities will be charged \$1.75 per call. Council agreed not to use this service.

- 9. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:52 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer