

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – MAY 11, 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on May 11, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand
Brian Wiese and Robin McCabe

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

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

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009, THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009 AND NOTES FROM THE TOWNSHIP INSPECTION HELD ON MAY 8, 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Mayor Nelson asked the visitors if they wished to address Council for anything other than what is on the agenda. They replied no.

Mr. Wiese and Ms. McCabe were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Wiese informed Council that Mr. Henderson of Taranis Contracting had been to speak with them with regard to them lifting their objection to Taranis Contracting's A licence application for their pit. Before they would feel comfortable doing this they would like to know what Council is doing with regard to the hauling situation. Council informed Mr. Wiese and Ms. McCabe that Council is continuing to pursue the matter. We cannot jump into an agreement without knowing all the facts and how it can affect our futures. We want to make sure that it is done properly but due to the fact that it is a legal matter we cannot discuss where we are at or what is being done at this time. Ms. McCabe also mentioned that during Mr. Henderson's visit they asked him about the use of jake brakes on Strom road. Mr. Henderson did not have a problem with a sign being posted stating no use of jake brakes. Council did inform Mr. Wiese and Ms. McCabe that if Mr. Henderson or any representative from Taranis Contracting was to attend a meeting where any of this issue would be discussed in open they would be notified if they wish to attend. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into getting a copy of the no jake brake by-law from the City of Thunder Bay for reference.

They were thanked for attending.

Mr. Johnson was welcomed to the table. Timesheets for April 5 to 18, 2009 and April 19 to May 2, 2009 were read.

Roadwork in general was discussed. The road department is currently working on grading the roads and fixing frost heaves.

The Township inspection was discussed. Councillor Racicot presented a Hydro One relocate design for the municipal building. The estimated cost for this work would be \$3,500 plus the civil work. This design will be submitted to Hydro One but the work will not be done unless we receive approval for funding for the new office. The hiring of students to help clean up the disposal site was discussed. It was agreed that this should be done as soon as possible. Mr. Cronk, disposal site caretaker, will be notified to see if he would be available as a supervisor Thursday, May 14th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. It was agreed to get between four to six students to do the work. Minimum student wage will be paid.

It was agreed to move the closed portion of the meeting ahead on the agenda to discuss the Strom road agreement with Mr. Johnson.

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- 2. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by J. Vezina

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: 7:37 PM.

Carried

The draft Strom road agreement with the lawyers comments was reviewed.

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

TIME BEING: 8:40 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

The bills to be paid were passed around the table. It was

- 4. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR APRIL 30, 2009 TOTTALLING \$97,641.95 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

- 5. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by G. Garbutt

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

CH#8723	J.VEZINA – VAN RENTAL	\$100.00
CH#8724	VANLENTHE AUTO SERVICE	\$933.38
CH#8725	O.M.E.R.S. – PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS MARCH	\$2,038.60
CH#8726	CUPE LOCAL 87	<u>\$174.28</u>
		<u>\$3,246.26</u>

Carried

The statement of Revenue and Expenditures to April 30, 2009 were reviewed.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) City of Cornwall regarding Provincial Harmonized Sales Tax and the impact on minor sports was filed.
- b) Town of Ingersoll with regard to including volunteer and part time firefighters with the same presumption WSIB coverage afforded to full time firefighters was filed.
- c) Homegrown Ontario with regard to supporting Ontario Buy Local was filed.

DSSAB issues were discussed as follows:

- a) District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board letter regarding a Housing Strategy for the TBDSSAB. Council did not have any comments with regard to the housing strategy.
- b) Copy of letter to the Honourable Jim Watson, MMAH, regarding a request for capital repairs of social housing units and the redistribution of former OHC Federal funding.
- c) Update report from Maureen Schmidt, Councillor for Neebing regarding DSSAB.

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Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) AMO – i) CRTC Changes National Do Not Call List – Municipal Candidates Now Exempt.
- ii) AMO Advises Members on Changes to Funding for Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs).
- iii) AMO Report to Members on April 2009 Board Meeting.
- iv) AMO Establishes Task Force to Foster Local Economic Development Opportunities.
- v) Count Me in Campaign! And Energy Conservation Week – May 17 to 23, 2009.
- b) OGRA – OGRA to Attend Stakeholder Discussions Exempting Public Works Officials from Bill 118.
- c) Common Voice Northwest – Media Release Common Voice Northwest Says No to Cuts at CBC.
- d) Leeanna Pendergast, MPP Kitchener-Conestoga, regarding Ontario taking steps to improve Health Care in rural and northern communities.
- e) Minister of Finance – Social Program Costs Report and 2009 MPMP Municipal Workbook
- f) The Premier of Ontario reply to Council's endorsed resolution regarding Bill 150, the Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009.
- g) NOMA announcement regarding the passing of Councillor Charlie Viddal of the Township of Atikokan.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) i) Ministry of Northern Development and Mines regarding summer student applications. Funding has been approved for one labourer and one office assistant as per our applications. This program provides a rebate of \$2.00 per hour.
- ii) Canada Summer Jobs 2009 – a verbal approval of one labourer through the program was received. Official documents will be coming. This program reimburses the township 50% of the student's wage.

An advertisement for the positions will be put into the June cornerstone. The applications are to be in by June 19, 2009 with Council reviewing them at their meeting to be held on June 22, 2009.

- b) Building Canada Fund – Resolution of support for the bridge rehabilitation project. It was

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

THAT COUNCIL HEREBY DEEM THE PROJECT ENTITLED BRIDGE #3 – SMITH ROAD REHABILITATION AS A NUMBER ONE PRIORITY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AND HEREBY APPROVE OF THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE BUILDING CANADA FUND – INTAKE TWO – COMMUNITIES COMPONENT.

Carried

Under New business, Council discussed

- a) AMO Member Communication - Human Resources and Skills Development Canada - Enabling Accessibility Fund Program Call for Proposals. The deadline for applications was May 8, 2009 and the administration staff did submit an application for funding for the accessibility features of the new municipal office building.
- b) i) Complaint letter from a resident concerning pigs running at large and damaging property was discussed.
- ii) A report from Mr. Richard Noy, fence viewer, regarding the complaint and the pigs running at large and damaging property was also read.

The Clerk-Treasurer will send a reply letter to the complainant informing them of what actions are being taken.

- c) MFOA and LAS - Investment Basics and Beyond What every Municipality should know! Session to be held in Thunder Bay October 14, 2009. No one will attend this session.

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- d) Memo to Council regarding the closure of the local gas supplier for the summer was discussed. After speaking directly to the supplier it was noted that the information received was false and the purchase of gas will remain status quo.
 - e) Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) – Helping Municipalities Build Stronger Communities – Webinar on the basics of the new loan opportunity, May 12, 2009. The Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will participate. There is no fee and it is during regular working hours.
 - f) Discussion with regard to the upcoming budget meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2009 was held. The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that due to the funding applications recently submitted and the recent AMCTO conference and training session, the budget is not ready and there would not be enough information available at this time to have this meeting. It was
7. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009 BE CHANGED TO THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009 AT 7 P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Carried

Notice of this change will be posted on the Township website, as well a sign will be put on the door in case anyone were to attend.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Government of Canada/Ontario regarding the Recreational Infrastructure Canada, Funding Opportunity. It was agreed that no application would be submitted at this time.
- b) A letter from the Government of Canada outlining the response to the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and the Communities Component of the Building Canada Funding was read. 2,700 project applications worth a total of \$6 billion from 425 municipalities were received through the Infrastructure Stimulus fund and 420 applications were received through Intake 2 of the Building Canada fund. Results of these applications will be announced as soon as possible.
- c) Email from Iain Angus advising that Mr. Tom Wilson is no longer with NOMA. A Committee has been struck to commence recruitment for an Executive Director. In the meantime Mayor John MacEachern has been elected interim Executive Director for the purpose of financial matters. Other executive members will assist with other duties.

It was

8. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:23 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer