

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – MAY 11, 2015

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: 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 items 13 c) and 15 b) as his spouse is an employee of the Township. Councillor Foekens declared an interest in item 7 b) as he is the owner of the business being paid.

1. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET MEETING HELD ON APRIL 27, 2015 AND THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

The notes from the O'Connor Day Planning meeting held on May 11, 2015 were also read.

Mr. Johnson was asked if he wished to address Council on any personal matters and he replied yes. Mr. Johnson asked Council if they have done anything with regard to concerns of Premier Wynne and the Province selling off a portion of Hydro One. Council informed Mr. Johnson that they have endorsed a resolution at their April meeting and it has been forwarded to the Premier.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand was welcomed to the table. The Monthly Road Department report from April 11 to May 8, 2015 was read. An inquiry was made with regard to the recent ruts and spin marks in the municipal yard. It was suggested that security cameras be placed around the community centre to try and discourage the people from causing this damage and before the building or windows get damaged from flying rocks. Signage would also be posted informing those in the yard of these cameras. This will be discussed further at the budget meeting.

Roadwork in general was discussed. Mr. Johnson informed Council that Ms. Earl will be starting back to work this week. They have been grading roads, power washing equipment and will be starting on changing culverts soon. The brushing project is complete at this time.

Summer students were discussed and it was agreed that only two students will be hired for the road department this summer, rather than three which they have had for the past two years.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending and he left the meeting.

The Administration and Roads Voucher for April 2015 was reviewed and it was

2. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR APRIL 30, 2015 TOTTALLING \$73,841.11 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

Councillor Foekens left the room.

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The voucher for Kevin's Tire Service was reviewed and it was

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

THAT THE ROADS VOUCHER FOR KEVIN'S TIRE SERVICE FOR APRIL 2015 TOTTALLING \$1,210.68 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

Councillor Foekens returned to the meeting.

The additional invoices to be paid for April and May were reviewed and it was

4. Moved by Kevin Foekens
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR APRIL AND MAY 2015 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE MAY 2015 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.

CK#12939	JERRY LOAN (HONOURARIUM)	\$ 525.00
CK#12940	VANLENTH AUTO SERVICE	\$2,131.56
CK#12941	BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES CENTRE	\$ 31.50
CK#12942	TBAYTEL (TELEPHONE)	\$ 372.63
CK#12943	HYDRO ONE	\$ 45.52
CK#12944	COASTAL STEEL CONSTRUCTION LTD.	\$ 414.15
CK#12945	MINISTER OF FINANCE (POLICING)	\$ 751.00
		\$4,271.36

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures were unavailable.

The Township of O'Connor's Health and Safety Policy was reviewed. No changes will be made at this time.

By-law Number 2015-06 with regard to the Township of O'Connor's tax ratios for 2015 was reviewed and discussed and it was

5. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2015-06 BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH THE TAX RATIOS FOR THE YEAR 2015 BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

A resolution for endorsement was read from the Township of Hornepayne supporting the Township of Madawaska Valley with regard to Hydro One rates. As Council have previous endorsed the same resolution, this one was filed. A supporting letter will be sent to the Township of Hornepayne informing them that Council are in agreement with the resolution but they have already previously endorsement the Township of Madawaska Valley's resolution.

The 2014 Audited Financial Statements of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board were reviewed.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) The Premier of Ontario – reply letter to Council's resolution regarding hydro rates
b) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) – Police Services Board Report for O'Connor from January to March 2015. One Break & Enter for this time period was reported.

Councillor Racicot left the room.

- c) Mosey & Mosey – Employee Group Benefit Plan renewal was reviewed.

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Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- d) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File April 30, 2015
 ii) Watch File May 7, 2015
 iii) AMO Communications – What's Next Ontario
 iv) AMO Communications – Policy Update – Province Releases SAMS Report
 v) Notice regarding the AMO Combined Conference – Process for Ministers' and Parliamentary Assistants' Delegation. Mayor Nelson will be attending the conference as past-president of NOMA. Additional attendees will be discussed at the budget meeting. At this time no deputations will be requested from the Township of O'Connor.
 - e) Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs – regarding 2015 Seniors' Month celebrations. Information will be included in the June Cornerstone.
- The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old business, Council discussed

- a) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) – regarding Plan Input and Review of the LRCA's Regulatory Role – the summary of the presentation provided by the LRCA from the meeting that Council will be unable to attend was read for information purposes.

With regard to the LRCA – Hazelwood area and the information currently in the news with regard to the dismantling of the building, Councillor Vezina, as the LRCA Board representative for the Township, gave an update on the issue.

- b) The next steps for the Township of O'Connor's Official Plan review were discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that according to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, there are a few other municipalities in the area that are also due for a review. If these municipalities would be interested in doing a review at the same time the Township could possibly use the same consultant and share the travel costs if someone is selected from out of the area. It was agreed that the Township will request this item be added to the upcoming Lakehead Rural Municipal Committee meeting to be held on May 14 for discussion.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge – regarding the venue for the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Conferences. The Municipality has a concern that the meeting room used is not conducive for this type of conference. Councillor Loan informed Council that this issue was already discussed by the Board at their meeting on May 9 and the Board has dealt with it. A price comparison for the possible venues was reviewed and Council agreed that the Conference should remain at its current location with a possible different setup.

Councillor Racicot left the room.

- b) Linda Braun, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines regarding the Rural Ontario Institute – invitation to participate in a Developing the Ontario Rural Knowledge Network session to be held in Thunder Bay on June 22, 2015. It was agreed that no one will attend.

Councillor Racicot returned to the room.

- c) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority – Invitation to participate in webinar at the LRCA office with regard to flooding and green infrastructure. Council were not interested in attending but as the webinar is during the day and if Mr. Johnson was interested in attending Council had no problem with his participation.
- d) Wolters Kluwer – regarding The Manual for Elected Municipal Officials – Ontario. The manual is practical and comprehensive and contains information on day to day functions of a Councillor in Ontario. It was agreed to order one copy of the book at this time.
- e) Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Ontario's New Democrats – regarding Privatizing Hydro One. This information will be put into the June issue of the Cornerstone for the Township residents to respond to if they wish.

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- f) Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade – regarding the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship. No nominations will be submitted.

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

- a) An email was read from Maureen Mills, Senior Special Event Officer from the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation with regard to the upcoming Motorcycle Ride for Dad. They would like to use the Community Centre yard as a lunch pit stop for their riders. The event will be held on June 20, 2015 and they would be in the area between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.. Council agreed to allow them to use the municipal yard but suggested that they may want to have a second porta-pottie brought in if they get a large turnout. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Ms. Mills and coordinate the use.

For information purposes a building permit was approved for an addition at 117 Pool Road.

- 6. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE BUDGET MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015 AT 7 P.M.

TIME BEING: 8:38 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer