

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – OCTOBER 12, 2010

Minutes of the meeting held on October 12, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand
Jerry Loan

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2010 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

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

**THAT COUNCILLOR NYGARD BE MARKED ABSENT FOR PERSONAL
REASONS AND COUNCILLOR RACICOT BE MARKED ABSENT DUE TO
WORK.**

Carried

Mayor Nelson asked the visitors if they wished to address Council and they replied no.

Mr. Johnson was welcomed to the table. Timesheet reports were read from September 5 to 18, 2010 and September 19 to October 2, 2010.

Roadwork in general was discussed. The road department has done a few contract jobs and are finishing up loose ends. They have checked over the snowplows. The hydraulics for the wing and post for the new grader have been installed and the grader will be brought back to the dealer when the wing and post arrive.

Mr. Johnson informed Council that he has postponed the construction of the salt shed. Due to the size of the lot and the minimum side, rear and front yard requirements a minor variance may be required as well as permission from the Ministry of Transportation. This will be looked into further for possible construction next season.

JML Engineering is currently working on the Township's bridge and culvert inspection.

Mr. Johnson asked Council if he could sell the grader parts and 4 tires from the old grader as they are surplus and do not fit on the new grader. Council agreed to sell the items and an advertisement will be put in the November Cornerstone. Mr. Johnson will determine a minimum bid for the items.

Council asked Mr. Johnson about possible brushing that needs to be done on the Harstone road near the Townline of Oliver Paipoonge. Mr. Johnson does plan on brushing in the fall after other jobs are complete.

The Monthly Workplace Inspection Report from September 22, 2010 for the Municipal garage was reviewed.

Council asked for reports from the Fire Hall, Township Office and Community Centre to be presented to Council as well.

North of Superior Public Works Association meeting to be held on October 28, 2010 was discussed and it was

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

THAT LEADHAND KELLY JOHNSON ATTEND THE NORTH OF SUPERIOR PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010 IN THUNDER BAY.

Carried

A fall Township Inspection was discussed and it was decided to postpone the inspection for this year unless something serious shows in the bridge and culvert inspection reports.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

The voucher for September 2010 and the bills to be paid were reviewed and it was

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

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 TOTTALLING \$72,688.02 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2010 BE PAID – THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE OCTOBER 2010 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.

CK#9745	HYDRO ONE NETWORKS	\$489.74
CK#9746	TBAYTEL	372.84
CK#9747	KAK CONTRACTING – DITCHING	<u>13,300.10</u>
		\$14,162.68

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to September 30, 2010 were reviewed.

A By-law was reviewed and it was

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2010-23 BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT OPTIONAL TOOLS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADMINISTERING LIMITS FOR THE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND MULTI-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CLASSES FOR THE YEAR 2010 BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

Correspondence were read as follows:

- City of Thunder Bay POA – 2009 Financial Statement and 2010 Partial Payment information.
- Stewardship Ontario regarding Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for 2010 Program Year and the second quarterly payment.
- Ministry of Tourism and Culture regarding the Public Library Operating Grant Program 2010-2011. The Township's grant has been approved in the amount of \$1,220.00 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. This money will be forwarded to the Oliver Paipoonge public library.
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Municipal Performance Measurement Program and the 2010 reporting requirements.
- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regarding bed-bug infestation becoming a growing concern in communities across the Province.

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- f) AMO – i) Watch File – September 30, 2010
ii) Watch File – October 7, 2010
- g) North Superior Workforce Planning Board – September, 2010 report
- h) Ontario Association of Emergency Managers – Message from the President. Public Safety Canada is indicating a cut in their budget by some \$35.8 million dollars over the next three years.

The balance of correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) A meeting with Kip Miller of the Ministry of Natural Resources has been set with the Clerk-Treasurer and Fire Chief on October 21, 2010 to discuss invoice for the fire on April 23, 2010 in the Township of O'Connor. Another meeting will be arranged with Council in November.
- b) Emergency Measures Ontario – October 1, 2010 meeting report concerning the budget and withdrawal of members was read. Council would like to ask the Thunder Bay District Municipal League to discuss the Emergency Measures Ontario situation at the spring meeting in March.

Under New business, Council discussed

- a) Thunder Bay Area EMO – Quarterly Highlights for July to September 2010.
- b) Request for wireless internet for the Fire Hall. It was suggested that the department look into the possibility of using a point to point booster for the internet or look at any other options of getting the service in the hall.
- c) Ontario Power Generation NWPG – Dam Safety Emergency Preparedness & Response Plan Stakeholder Meeting – November 25, 2010. It was

- 7. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ATTEND THE ONTARIO POWER GENERATION NWPG DAM SAFETY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE PLAN STAKEHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2010.

**FIRE CHIEF MATTAS
CLERK-TREASURER BUOB
MAYOR NELSON**

Carried

- d) Thunder Bay District Municipal League – request from the Ministry of Natural Resources for applications for membership on the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario. No applications will be submitted.
- e) The Council honourarium for the upcoming term. The results of a survey taken in 2009 of Council honourarium from across Northwestern Ontario was reviewed. It was

- 8. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE HONOURARIUM OF THE NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR THE TERM DECEMBER 1, 2010 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2014 BE SET AS FOLLOWS:

**MAYOR - \$135.00 PER MEETING
COUNCILLOR - \$110.00 PER MEETING.**

Carried

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario - 10 year membership recognition for Lorna Buob. A certificate has also been provided.
- b) Municipal Taxpayer Advocacy Group regarding the opportunity to eliminate waste management costs through revenue from waste to energy projects. Requesting the Province change the laws to make waste to energy projects commercially viable. Council were not interested in this opportunity.

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c) Thunder Bay District Municipal League – Draft agenda and registration for the upcoming Fall meeting – November 19 & 20, 2010. The registration will be brought back to the next meeting following the Municipal election.

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

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 8:08 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer