

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – OCTOBER 22, 2012

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, October 22, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas

Absent: Councillor Garbutt

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

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

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

No visitors were present.

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. The Fire Department report from September 19, 2012 to October 23, 2012 was reviewed. There were three medical calls in that time. Fire Department issues were discussed. Fire Chief Mattas reported that the final documents for the driver training, the signing authority and regulatory authority, have been sent off to the Ministry of Transportation for final approval. There is a concern that the Ministry is considering canceling this program in the future. If this application is approved and the program is cancelled it will be grandfathered in.

Fire Chief Mattas reported that he is concerned with the current number of active volunteers on the department. The members are not coming out to meetings, guys are working or have other plans, etc. At one of the last meetings Mr. Douglas was going to do a training session and only two members attended. They are down all over in the area also. Fire Chief Mattas also presented to Council a certificate that Mr. Douglas has created with regard to risk analysis.

The minutes of the Northwestern Ontario Mutual Aid coordinators meeting were reviewed.

The CACC Thunder Bay Fire/First Responder Statistics for the calendar year 2012 to September were reviewed. Currently O'Connor has had 13 medicals call and 9 fire related calls.

The Ontario Power Generation annual dam safety meeting invitation was read. It was

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE ONTARIO POWER GENERATION DAM SAFETY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE PLAN STAKEHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 7, 2012 IN KAKABEKA FALLS.

**MAYOR NELSON OR DEPUTY MAYOR
CLERK-TREASURER BUOB
FIRE CHIEF HENRY MATTAS**

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending.

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

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR OCTOBER 2012 BE PAID – THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE OCTOBER 2012 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.

CK#11126	THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	\$500.00
CK#11127	CANADA POST (FLYER)	50.31
CK#11128	HYDRO ONE	486.56
CK#11129	K. JOHNSON (MEDICAL/DENTAL)	53.00
CK#11130	TBAYTEL (MOBILITY)	8.64
CK#11131	LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES LTD	<u>8,479.31</u>
		\$9,577.82

Carried

By-laws from the Public meeting held earlier in the evening were discussed. It was

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2012-23 BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH A TARIFF OF FEES PAYABLE TO THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE CORPORATION IN THE PROCESSING OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND TO REPEAL BY-LAW 95-6 BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

The balance of the changes for the by-laws discussed will be brought back to the next meeting for approval.

Lakehead Rural Planning Board's decision of consent application 1B/22/12 – Nicholas Temple was reviewed. The application has been approved with conditions.

A resolution from the Township of Conmee requesting support to stop the sale of gas to non-native customers on the reserve was filed.

A reply letter from the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) with regard to caseworker visits to the Area 1 offices was read. They are currently awaiting responses from other Area 1 offices and they will then set up a schedule.

The full 2012 cost apportionment reports were reviewed.

A set of graphs showing the comparison of levy apportionment methods from the Thunder Bay DSSAB were reviewed. The Township's actual usage is the lowest in the area. The Area One leaders are currently working on trying to change the formula used to invoice the Townships.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) i) – regarding Joint Task Force and proposed Regional Economic Development Area (REDA) Pilot Program
ii) regarding Service Ontario changes and the reduction of operating hours at 21 sites in the North.
- b) Pat Maxwell, Township of Conmee – results of round table planning session that she attended with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- c) Superior North Emergency Medical Services – regarding the date change of meeting with City of Thunder Bay for Notice of Motion to rescind relative to EMS Strategic Plan/Deployment
- d) Thunder Bay Area Emergency Measures Organization – Quarterly Newsletter July to September 2012
- e) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File October 11, 2012
ii) Watch File October 18, 2012
iii) Municipalities being urged to learn more about pensions

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- iv) Post Traumatic Stress Bill Must Serve Employees and Taxpayers
 - v) Policy Update – Local Food Act may create additional municipal reporting requirements
 - vi) Investment Seminars – in Thunder Bay November 23, 2012. No one will attend
 - vii) Government Backs Away from Capping OMERS Contributions
 - viii) Canada's Federal Gas Tax Fund: Permanent funding for municipal infrastructure – 2011 Annual Expenditure Report
 - ix) The Navigation Protection Act – Welcomed Changes
 - f) Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) – OGRA Congratulates Joe Tiernay on Receiving the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal
 - g) Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) – "eBulletin" – Ontario Position on the Federal Infrastructure Plan
 - h) Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – thank you letter to Mayor Nelson regarding recent Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference meeting
 - i) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) – letter announcing the comprehensive document, "Understanding OPP Municipal Policing Costs". Mayor Nelson reported that the Township of O'Connor's approximate cost per household is \$130.
- The balance of correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old business, Council discussed

- a) Ministry of Transportation (MTO)– i) copy of letter to Lakehead Rural Planning Board regarding severance application 1B/06/12 – Posthumus and an entrance onto Highway 595. The Ministry have relooked at the property as per Council's request and will now allow an entrance off of Highway 595, however not at the same location as the current entrance due to the distance from the curve and the safety issue.
 - ii) The Clerk-Treasurer asked Council if they would still like Mr. Ian Smith, Regional Director, MTO, to attend a Council meeting on any other matter. Council decided at this time it was not necessary. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to thank Mr. Smith for his assistance in the Highway 595 entrance issue.
 - iii) Email from Rachel Hanson, Corridor Management Officer regarding Council's chosen location of the new Township sign. This sign cannot be located within a curve and therefore will not be allowed. Council again discussed the suggested locations from the Ministry and agreed to the proposed location #2, just east of 110 Highway 590.
 - b) A discussion was held regarding the non-payment of mileage for Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML) and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) conferences held in Thunder Bay this fall. As was brought forward at the October 9, 2012 meeting, during budget discussions it was suggested that Council not claim mileage to attend these conferences to allow the summer students to work seven weeks rather than six. As this was not noted in the budget meeting minutes or decided by prior resolution it was
5. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT COUNCIL FOR THE UPCOMING THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEETING NOVEMBER 2 & 3, 2012 SHALL NOT CLAIM MILEAGE.

Carried

The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association / Regional Conference which was held on September 27 and 28, 2012 in Thunder Bay was discussed.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Superior Chapter Ontario Building Officials Association (OBOA) – regarding upcoming building code technical training courses offered locally in Thunder Bay. Councillor Racicot reported that he had spoken with Mr. Ian Robson, the Township's Provincial Offences and By-law Enforcement Officer to see if he might be interested in becoming the Township's Chief Building Official (CBO). He did state that he would be interested. Council asked Clerk-Treasurer Buob to contact Mr. Alan Cooke, current CBO to see if these courses would be some of the mandatory ones to become a building inspector. The Clerk-Treasurer will also contact Mr. Robson further on this matter.

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- b) Environmental Assessment & Planning Group – Environment Division – regarding Mining Readiness Strategy – Focus Group Sessions to be held in Thunder Bay October 30 & 31, 2012. No one will attend.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Township of Gillies email informing the surrounding Townships included in the recycling program that there was still a small balance left in the Continuous Improvement Fund and asking if each municipality would be interested in purchasing their own recycling information stand rather than borrowing the one that has been purchased and is stored in Oliver Paipoonge. With the balance of funding and \$150 Council agreed to purchase a stand for the Township.
- b) Ms. Chantal Alkins email was read requesting a speed and horse riding caution sign on the Harstone road. Council discussed the email and Ms. Alkins concerns. The speed on an unpaved road will be confirmed from the Highway Traffic Act. This road was recently brushed and the road department keep the roads in a safe driving condition. The horse signs referred to on Highway 590 were installed through the Ministry of Transportation not the Township. The accident referred to happened in Oliver Paipoonge on a paved portion of the road with a reduced speed limit posted. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to reply to Ms. Alkins and thank her for her concerns and let her know that they will take this information under advisement.
- c) Randy Hillier, MPP, Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington – ScuttleButt from Queen's Park regarding the Premier's decision to resign and to prorogue the Legislature.
- d) Mayor Nelson presented a definition of "proroguing" and what it means to municipalities.
- e) Brian Jones, YNH Books – regarding a book of short stories regarding the Boer War in Afghanistan. The Township itself will not purchase any of these books but Council would like this information put into the next issue of the Cornerstone if any of our residents might be interested.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(D) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 9:30 P.M.

Carried

The Memorandum of Settlement from the recent union negotiations was reviewed. Mayor Nelson and Councillor Vezina of the negotiating committee explained the changes made to create the new four-year agreement.

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

TIME BEING: 9:46 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

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

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ACCEPT THE MEMORANDUM OF SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AND THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND ITS LOCAL 87.

Carried

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9. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 9:50 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer