

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – OCTOBER 26, 2010

Minutes of the meeting held on October 26, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: none

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Garbutt declared an interest in item #10, Consent applications as the application for review is for her property.

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

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

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

**THAT COUNCILLOR NYGARD BE MARKED ABSENT FOR PERSONAL REASONS.**

Carried

Mr. Wiese or Ms. McCabe did not attend the meeting as requested.

Fire Chief Mattas was unavailable to attend the meeting. The Fire Department report from September 23 to October 24, 2010 was read. There was one First Response call in that time. Pays Plat First Nation has picked up the International Fire Truck. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the meeting held with Mr. Kip Miller and Mr. Dave Monal from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Fire Chief Mattas and herself with regard to the timing and process of the billing for the fire on April 23, 2010. Mr. Miller and Mr. Monal will attend the November 8, 2010 meeting and make a presentation to Council on the fire.

Bills to be paid were passed around the table. It was

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

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

<b>CK#9748</b>	<b>NEEBING LUMBER</b>	<b>\$490.31</b>
<b>CK#9749</b>	<b>L. JACOBSON – DRO ELECTION</b>	<b>285.00</b>
<b>CK#9750</b>	<b>H. ROSS – ELECTION OFFICIAL</b>	<b>255.00</b>
<b>CK#9751</b>	<b>DIST OF THUNDER BAY SOCIAL SERV ADM BD</b>	<b>8,132.00</b>
<b>CK#9752</b>	<b>HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC – POLE REPAIR</b>	<b>1,148.37</b>
<b>CK#9753</b>	<b>HYDRO ONE NETWORKS – STR. LIGHT</b>	<b><u>37.63</u></b>
		<b>\$10,348.31</b>

Carried

A By-law was reviewed and as was discussed at the previous meeting, it was

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4. Moved by J. Vezina  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2010-24 BEING A BY-LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE COUNCIL REMUNERATION FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.**

Carried

Councillor Garbutt left the room.

Severance applications 1B/10/10 and 1B/11/10 were reviewed and it was

5. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/10/10 AND 1B/11/10 FOR GWEN GARBUTT AND NICHOLAS TEMPLE FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CONCESSION 5, LOT 6 FOR TWO 2.1 HA SEVERANCES BE APPROVED.**

Carried

Councillor Garbutt returned to the table.

A resolution for endorsement was read from the Township of Alberton with regard to NWO firefighting training funding and it was

6. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF ALBERTON REQUESTING THAT THE PROVINCE IMMEDIATELY INTRODUCE FUNDING TO COVER THE FULL COST OF HAVING ACCREDITED LOCAL INSTRUCTORS DELIVER FIREFIGHTER TRAINING WITHIN EACH DISTRICT IN NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO TO AREA FIREFIGHTERS BE ENDORSED.**

Carried

A letter from the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board with regard to the 2010 Cost Apportionment was read. The variance between the estimated levy and the actual levy for the Township of O'Connor is an additional \$60.00 for 2010.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) AMO - i) Watch File – October 14, 2010  
ii) Watch File – October 21, 2010  
iii) Breaking News – Minister of the Environment makes decision on Management of Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste
- b) Municipal Taxpayer Advocacy Group – regarding Source of Hydro Rate Problems in Ontario. This information will be filed.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old business, Council discussed

- a) Karen Honan – Development Officer – regarding the Immigration Portal meeting and forum – November 8 & 9, 2010 in Thunder Bay. No one will attend.
- b) EDCO Fall Regional Seminars – Thunder Bay – November 3, 2010. No one will attend.
- c) Federation of Canadian Municipalities invitation to become a member. It was agreed that the Township will not become a member at this time.

Under New business, Council discussed

- a) Thunder Bay District Municipal League – Fall meeting to be held on November 19 and 20, 2010 in Thunder Bay. Mr. Loan, Councillor Elect will be invited to attend. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact him to see if is available and will submit the registration. It was

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7. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEETING TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2010 IN THUNDER BAY.**

**REGISTRATION: \$100.00**

**MAYOR NELSON  
COUNCILLOR GARBUTT, RACICOT, VEZINA  
COUNCIL ELECT LOAN  
CLERK-TREASURER BUOB**

Carried

- b) Mayor Nelson reported on the meeting held with Mr. Ian Smith and Ms. Dale Willis of the Ministry of Transportation with regard to the entrance onto Highway 590 from Taranis's pit in Marks Township. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to send a letter to Mr. Ryan Jones with regard to submitting an application for a commercial entrance from their property onto Highway 590. The letter will also inform him that Council would like assurance that if Council continue to pursue the issue on their behalf that the Township receive confirmation that once the new road is built truck traffic coming and going from their pit in Conmee Township will no longer use Strom road as their access.
- c) The date of the inaugural meeting and the first regular Council meeting in December was discussed. The new Council can be sworn in on December 1, 2010. It was agreed to hold these meetings on December 6, 2010 as original scheduled in the procedural By-law.

Under further new business, Council discussed the response by the Fire Department to a 911 Hydro One call. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to look into whether or not a bill can be sent to Hydro One when the Fire Department or First Response team is called to assistance them when they have downed power lines or poles within our municipality.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) NOMA – Board member – election results. As of December there will be nine vacancies on the NOMA board.
- b) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority – Councillor Vezina reported on the proposed budget and levy increase for 2011.
- c) Thunder Bay District Municipal League – Forwarded message from Species at Risk (Ontario) invitation to make comment on proposed recovery documents. No comments will be made at this time.
- d) Ministry of Natural Resources – copy of letter to NOMA regarding construction and management of dams.
- e) Ontario Good Roads Association requesting nominations to the board. No nominations will be made at this time.

8. Moved by G. Garbutt  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 8:10 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer