

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – OCTOBER 4, 2010

Minutes of the meeting held on October 4, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building. This meeting was held as the result of the rescheduling of the September 27, 2010 meeting due to no quorum.

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

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas

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, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 AND THE NOTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2010 O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Mayor Nelson invited Fire Chief Mattas to the table. The Fire Department report for June 27, 2010 to September 23, 2010 was read. It was noted that there was one other First Response call on October 2nd not on the report.

Fire Chief Mattas reported that he has spoken with Deputy Fire Chief Vern Groop and he will be stepping down from this position on the department due to work and time restraints. Fire Chief Mattas would like Council to appoint Mike Styles as the new Deputy Chief. He has been in the position of Acting Deputy Chief since February and has been doing a good job. A By-law will be passed later in the meeting to do so.

The Township of O'Connor has received a letter from the Pays Plat First Nation offering to purchase 1984 International Fire Truck. Council reviewed the letter and it was

2. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ACCEPT THE OFFER OF \$16,000.00 FROM PAYS PLAT FIRST NATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE 1984 INTERNATIONAL PUMPER FIRE TRUCK.

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas will have the equipment on the fire truck switched over to the new 1999 Freightliner fire truck. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Pays Plat to inform them of the acceptance of their offer and to make arrangements for payment. Fire Chief Mattas and Deputy Fire Chief Styles will make arrangements to go to Pays Plat to familiarize their fire department members with the truck.

Fire Chief Mattas reported that no members of the O'Connor Fire Department participated in the 2010 Fire Con. The conference is now hosted by the Association of Fire Chief's. O'Connor members that would have liked to participate were too late with their registration and the courses were full and some courses were cancelled prior to closing due to low registration.

Fire Chief Mattas reported that four unorganized fire department's are without pumper trucks due to failure of their pump tests. Mutual Aid will be needed to cover these areas without pumpers.

An invoice from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) for the fire in our Township on April 23, 2010 was reviewed. Council had some concerns with the invoice and would like Mr. Kip Miller, Fire Operations Supervisor, to come to a meeting to discuss it further. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact him to see if he can attend an upcoming meeting.

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A letter from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services with regard to JEPP Funding was read. Fire Chief has not been able to look into what is eligible for funding this year. The funding usually does not meet the Townships needs. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into what is eligible in 2011 and forward it to Fire Chief Mattas for review.

Information from the Salvation Army with regard to their services that are available to the Township was reviewed. Mr. Halvorsen was also at O'Connor Day with their unit on display.

A date for a Table Top Exercise was discussed. Fire Chief Mattas would prefer to have it on a Tuesday night as that is the departments meeting and training night.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending.

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

3. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

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

CK#9697	VANLENTHE AUTO SERVICE	\$1,317.47
CK#9698	LAKEHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	4,763.79
CK#9699	TBAYTEL	19.49
CK#9700	HYDRO ONE	37.63
CK#9701	CANADA POST – CORNERSTONE	37.83
CK#9702	B. DENNHARDT – DENTAL/MEDICAL	175.00
CK#9703	BEVERLY DALTON – REFUND FOR OVERPAYMENT	657.14
CK#9704	VANLENTHE AUTO SERVICE	<u>540.49</u>
		\$7,548.84

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to August 31, 2010 were reviewed.

By-laws to be passed were reviewed and it was

4. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2010-21 BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE O'CONNOR FIRE DEPARTMENT BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2010-22 BEING A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR ADVANCE VOTES TO BE HELD PRIOR TO VOTING DAY BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

An email was read from Mr. Taniwa, Secretary-Treasurer of the Thunder Bay District Municipal League with regard to the Thunder Bay DSSAB appointment of the Zone 1 representative for the upcoming term. A meeting will be held during the lunch of the upcoming TBDML fall meeting. Mayor Nelson will attend.

No one will be able to attend the retirement party for Mary Lucas, CAO of the Thunder Bay DSSAB, to be held on October 15, 2010. A retirement card will be sent from the Township.

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Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority – Summary of court action taken by the Authority in relation to the administration of the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation under the Conservation Authorities Act.
- b) AMO – i) Watch File – September 16, 2010
ii) Watch File – September 23, 2010
- c) County of Huron regarding the Ontario Power Authority and concerns with regard to the requirements for microFIT projects.
- d) NOMA – media release – Far North Act should be withdrawn: NOMA reaffirms opposition to Bill 191.
- e) Nishnawbe Aski Nation – News Release regarding the passing of Third Reading of Bill 191 – The Far North Act

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Strom Road concerns have been addressed. Mayor Nelson has spoken to the OPP with regarding to speeding. The Township is responsible for enforcing the noise by-law, which includes the use of compression brake by-law in the Township. The Clerk-Treasurer has spoken to Taranis Contracting about the trucks using their brakes and he was going to let the manager of the trucks speak to their drivers again.
- b) The date for table top exercise was again discussed and it was

6. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE FOLLOWING DATE BE SET FOR A TABLE TOP EXERCISE:
NOVEMBER 23, 2010 AT 7 P.M. THE EXERCISE TO BE HELD IN THE
O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Mr. Coupland to make the arrangements.

- c) Provincial Policy Statement – Copy of comments submitted jointly by Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste Marie and Timmins were available at the meeting. Council do not have any additional comments at this time.
- d) O'Connor Day 2010 - summary of revenue and expenditures was reviewed. Most of the day's revenue and expenses have been settled. There are still a couple of cash donations that the Township has not received. The Clerk-Treasurer will follow up with these to see if they are still willing to make the donation.
- e) Ontario Power Authority (OPA) – Power Savings Blitz – As per Council's request the Clerk-Treasurer has asked for new quotes for the work on the community centre and fire hall to be reduced so that the work completed is as close as possible to the grant monies available. The garage quote was accepted as originally proposed. The OPA have come back with new quotes. The Clerk-Treasurer has signed the agreements and the work will be completed in 2011.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Emergency Measures Organization meeting held following the NOMA conference on October 1, 2010 was discussed. Mayor Nelson was unavailable and no one else from Council attended. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked to contact Pat Maxwell, Secretary for the organization to see what happened at the meeting.
- b) City of Thunder Bay – Planning for Emerald Ash Borer in Northwestern Ontario. A meeting will be held in Thunder Bay on November 18, 2010. No one will attend.
- c) Ministry of Natural Resources email regarding the posting of Draft Government Response Statements under the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and an invitation for comments on the drafts. No comment will be made at this time.
- d) NOMA – requesting input for the ROMA/OGRA conference planning. No comments were made.
- e) Municipality of Sioux Lookout – Invitation to Municipal Councillor Orientation – November 29 & 30th. No one will attend.

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Further new business, Councillor Nygard has an in-the-wall or window air condition for sale and asked Council if they would be interested in it for the Township. Council discussed it and decided not to purchase it.

The Council honourarium was briefly discussed. It was suggested that if a Councillor is in the position of Acting Mayor for a meeting that they receive the same honourarium as Mayor. It was discussed and decided not to increase the honourarium at this time.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Township of Conmee – copy of letter to Bill Mauro, MPP with regard to the LRCA levy and other levy increases downloaded on municipalities. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare a resolution in support of the letter for the next meeting. A copy will then be sent to Mr. Mauro and those also carbon copied on the letter from The Township of Conmee.
- b) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority – regarding Township of O'Connor's residual funds left from a previous project many years ago in the amount of \$1,119.34. As requested by the Clerk-Treasurer at the time, the money has been kept by the LRCA for a future project. The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer would like to advise Council again of this money and would like to know how they would like to apply it, possibly to another service or to the Township's levy. Council agreed that they would like this credit but towards the 2011 levy. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Ms. Henttonen to inform her of this.

7. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS A PERSONAL MATTER ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(E) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 9:40 P.M.

Carried

A personal matter about an employee of the Township was discussed.

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

TIME BEING: 9:50 P.M

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

9. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:51 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer