

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES BUDGET MEETING – APRIL 14, 2009

Minutes of the fire department budget meeting held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Councillors: Garbutt, Nygard, Racicot, Vezina  
Clerk-Treasurer Buob  
Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas

Acting Mayor Vezina called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

1. Moved by Bishop Racicot  
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT MAYOR NELSON BE MARKED ABSENT DUE TO WORK.**

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. The fire department budget was reviewed. The fixed budget was reviewed first. The SCBA Air Testing account has been moved to the operating budget. A new account for the dispatching fee of \$500 per year and the \$15 fee per call was added. Fire Chief Mattas has estimated ten fire calls for 2009. A Health & Safety meeting account was also added to cover the Health and Safety representatives wage.

The operating budget was then reviewed. An increase in both the Fire Chief's honourarium and member honourarium was discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact the other municipalities to see what they are paying. Fire Chief Mattas will come back with a value for the next meeting. The SCBA maintenance and bottle testing will be combined into one account with the air testing. The clothing maintenance line will now be included in the sundries account. A portion of the cost of the cornerstone will be charged to the public education account, as each month a fire department advertisement with fire prevention and public education is included.

The capital budget was reviewed. Some new equipment will be required this year. A SCBA air compressor is a priority. Fire Chief Mattas has received 2 quotes and is awaiting a third. It was suggested that he look into leasing one as well. He will check into this to see if it is possible. The new pump for tanker #42 was previously approved and has been purchased. A portion of the cost of the new towers for dispatching will have to be included this year. If the JEPP funding is granted the township will pay 55% of 1/11 of the total cost. New boots, balaclavas and gloves are required to meet regulation. Six new radios have been requested by the department to ensure that all first responders have radios. Council asked Fire Chief Mattas to confirm how many he feels are needed. Some members of the first response team are family and living in the same home.

The expenses for the Ontario Fire College training courses, that the department members are attending, will come from the Ontario Fire Service Training Reserve. Due to the fact that the department is not aware of all training that may be available or taken by the members for 2009, Fire Chief Mattas would like to take the total amount still available from the funding and put it into the account for this year and if it is not spent by the end of the year it would again go back into the reserve.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending and presenting his budget. Final numbers will be approved upon the completion of the full budget.

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

**THAT THE BUDGET MEETING ADJOURN TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. TIME BEING: 7:07 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer