

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – APRIL 27, 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on April 27, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Leadhand K. Johnson,
Fire Chief H. Mattas

Acting Mayor Vezina called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in items 19 c), d), e) and 20 a) as his spouse is an employee of the township.

1. Moved by Lee Ann Nygard
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED AND THE BUDGET MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

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

THAT MAYOR NELSON BE MARKED ABSENT DUE TO WORK.

Carried

Acting Mayor Vezina asked the visitor, Mr. Johnson, if he wished to address Council for any personal reasons. He replied no.

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. A fire department report for the period of March 18 to April 19, 2009 was read. The Township had one fire related call and one first response related call since the last report. Fire Chief Mattas informed Council that three members of the fire team have taken Regulation 101 training on April 18th, eight personal have signed up for the MNR training on May 1st & 2nd and three are signed up for Modular A training later in May.

Fire Chief Mattas informed Council that the JEPP funding application that was submitted by the surrounding municipalities for telecommunications has been approved. The municipalities will be responsible for 55% of the project costs.

Fire Chief Mattas has also received an invoice for the new dispatching fees. The Township of O'Connor had three calls for the first billing.

The radios for the team were discussed. Mr. Styles had informed Council at the last meeting that he attended that in order for the supplier to honour last years pricing they would have to be purchased prior to April 30th. Council agreed that six new radios would be purchased.

The Fire Chief's honourarium was discussed. The surrounding municipalities fire department honourariums or wages were discussed. Council will make a final decision at the budget meeting.

A letter from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services was read. The letter announced that Kevin Schooler was the successful candidate for Fire Protection Adviser with the Office of the Fire Marshal, Northwest Region and he will service the Thunder Bay area.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending.

Time being 7:30 p.m. the meeting now moved to closed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL BOARD; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(E) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 7:30 P.M.

Carried

The third draft of the road agreement with Taranis Contracting Group and the Township of O'Connor and comments from Mayor Nelson regarding his conversation with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Mr. McKitrick, the township lawyer, were discussed.

- 4. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

TIME BEING: 8:18 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

It was agreed that this draft, with Council's additional comments as per their discussion tonight, be forwarded to Mr. McKitrick for review.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

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

- 5. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR APRIL 2009 BE PAID – THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE APRIL 2009 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER.

CH#8671	TOWNSHIP OF GILLIES (REIMBURSEMENT BENEFITS)	\$397.94
CH#8672	TBAYTEL (TELEPHONE)	\$370.25
CH#8673	HYDRO ONE (STREETLIGHTING)	<u>\$ 31.17</u>
		\$799.36

Carried

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for January 31, 2009, February 28, 2009 and March 31, 2009 were reviewed.

Deferred items from previous meeting – Accessibility Advisory Committees Regional Forum to be held in Thunder Bay. It was

- 6. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE ACCESSIBILITY DIRECTORATE OF ONTARIO REGIONAL FORUM TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON MAY 1, 2009.

COUNCILLOR GARBUTT

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that the Township did receive a revised approval letter from the Lakehead Rural Planning Board for application 1B/01/09 correcting the approval agency.

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A resolution from the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers regarding the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio job cuts. This resolution was filed.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Jacquie Cottingham - Copy of reply letter to Rock Solid Holdings dated April 9, 2009 regarding her objection to the A license for their gravel pit off of Strom road. In the letter she did again express her concerns for the hours of their operation.
- b) NOMA & Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – announcing the 27th Annual Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference to be held October 1 and 2nd, 2009.
- c) Superior North EMS – 1st Quarter Levy for 2009. The 2009 operating and capital budget has decreased by 0.2% from 2008.
- d) Government of Ontario – Policing Services – 2008 Actuals and Minister of Finance credit notice.
- e) AMO – i) Canada and Ontario Launch Intake 2 of BCF Communities Component and Application Process for Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, Application due May 1.
ii) Approval of the Used Tires Program Plan.
iii) Request for Nominations to the 2009-2010 AMO Board of Directors.
iv) Federal Gas Tax Award Deadline May 15, 2009.
- f) John Rafferty, M.P. – regarding Build Canada Fund's Communities Component program.
- g) OGRA Alert – Intake Two of the Communities Component is Now Available.
- h) Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Secretariat – regarding Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.
- i) Hon. Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines – regarding Building Canada Fund – Communities Component and the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.
- j) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority regarding Lake Superior Stewardship Guide.
- k) MFOA – Federal Budget Update.
- l) Office of the Prime Minister acknowledging receipt of Council's resolution supporting the Town of Mattawa regarding infrastructure funding for smaller municipalities.
- m) Minister Responsible for Seniors requesting that Council proclaim June as Seniors' Month.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge – JEPP funding results – The application for telecommunication has been approved for the fire departments. The approved Federal share is \$16,437.25.
- b) Welby Soares – Bell regarding JEPP funding and GMCO approval to proceed.
- c) Insurance coverage – A memo from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding appraisals and options for coverage was read. Council agreed that an appraisal will be conducted on the two fire trucks and the first response vehicle to ensure that there is an accurate value for these emergency vehicles if something were to happen to them. This information can also be used for the asset management requirements. An appraisal on the municipal buildings would cost between \$3,500 to \$5,000 each. An opinion of value would cost \$200 but would only give a market value if we were selling it not an insurable value. It was agreed not to have an appraisal or an opinion of value done through a real estate agent on the municipal buildings. AON is looking into another option for the value of the building for us. There are three options to the insurance coverage for the buildings. The coverage for these options would depend on what would happen if the buildings were destroyed and how or if they would be replaced.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) The Township of O'Connor's application to the Infrastructure Stimulus fund and the Communities Component of the Building Canada fund were discussed. It was agreed to submit the maximum, three applications, to the Infrastructure Stimulus fund and one to the Building Canada. Both funding programs would be 1/3 Federal, 1/3 Provincial and 1/3 Municipal cost sharing. It was agreed that the most expensive bridge repairs will be submitted to the Building Canada fund. A resolution is required to apply for Building Canada Fund and the Clerk-Treasurer will confirm what information has to be in the resolution and will draft one for the next meeting.
ii) Jeremiah Gammond - estimated costs for proposed new Municipal Building. These numbers will be used for the funding application.

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- b) Ministry of Tourism – regarding our application to Celebrate Ontario 2009. The Township of O'Connor's application was not supported by the program.

Councillor Racicot left the meeting.

- c) IAPA Training to be held in Thunder Bay was discussed. The Certification Part 2 - Offices course will be looked into further as well as the Maintenance Safety course. This information will be brought back to the next meeting.
- d) MDW Webinar Spring Training 2009 – Road Inspection and Bridge Inspections. It was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S PARTICIPATE IN MDW WEBINAR TRAINING ON APRIL 28 & 30, 2009.

REGISTRATION: \$25.00 + GST EACH

KELLY JOHNSON, LEADHAND AND CLERK-TREASURER BUOB

Carried

- e) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – regarding Bankruptcy information session to be held in Thunder Bay on May 21, 2009. It was

8. Moved to G. Garbutt
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING INFORMATION SESSION DEALING WITH THE IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OF A RATEPAYER FILING FOR BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION AND SUBSEQUENT BANKRUPTCIES TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON MAY 21, 2009.

CLERK-TREASURER BUOB

Carried

Under further new business, Council Garbutt noted that she has received an email from Rebecca Johnson, Councillor from the City of Thunder Bay and City representative on the Thunder Bay District Municipal League. This email stated that she was asked by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines to contact the representatives on the TBDML for the municipalities surrounding the City of Thunder Bay to inform them that they would like to set up a meeting with regard to a NCIR funding session. No time or date has been set as yet.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Accessible Customer Service Training for Front Line Staff – May 4 in Thunder Bay. It was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE ACCESSIBLE CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING FOR FRONT LINE STAFF TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON MAY 4, 2009.

REGISTRATION: \$89.25

CLERK-TREASURER BUOB

Carried

For information purposes a building permits was approved for an attached garage on Con 6, Lot 3.

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

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE TOWNSHIP INSPECTION TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.

TIME BEING: 9:37 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer