

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – APRIL 28, 2008

Minutes of the meeting held on April 28, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas
Leadhand Kelly Johnson

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

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

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

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

THAT COUNCILLOR RACICOT BE MARKED ABSENT DUE TO WORK.

Carried

Mayor Nelson asked Mr. Johnson if he wished to address Council on any personal reasons. He replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. Mr. Johnson reported to Council on the garbage compactor situation. He was unable to find a used cylinder and a new one for the current truck would be very expensive and not available until at least June. Mayor Nelson also reported that he was unable to find a cylinder. Mr. Johnson has gone to Schreiber to look at a used compactor truck there. The truck is a 1991 Ford L8000. Pictures were previous emailed to all of Council for review. Mr. Johnson recommended the purchase of the truck. It looked in good shape and there was no evidence of any cylinder problems. The price for the truck was discussed. The price of a new cylinder would be close to the same price. Council were in agreement to have Mr. Johnson contact the owner to make a deal. Mr. Johnson will look into whether or not it would be best to have it floated to the township or if the road staff should drive it back. It was decided to salvage any parts they can from the current truck and take the rest to the scrap yard. Any monies made from the scrap for the truck will go into the disposal site reserve account.

The removal of the underground fuel tanks in the municipal garage yard was discussed. They must be removed by October 1, 2008. Council would like Mr. Johnson to send out an invitation for requests for proposal. A site visit will also be arranged. The Road department will do whatever they can on their own for this project, however there are several regulations that will require qualified personal and equipment to do the work. The request for proposal will be due back to the office by Monday, May 12, 2008 at 4 p.m.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. The fire department report was read. There have been 5 first response calls, 1 fire call and 1 mutual aid call since the last report. Fire Chief also reported that from the time that he wrote up this report they have also had 1 fire call and 1 first response call. Fire Chief Mattas has attended several meetings with regard to dispatching of calls by the Central Ambulance Communication Centre and he informed Council of the current situation. Currently there is no concern for our service, but eventually the township will have to pay for this service.

The Fire Fighters competition scheduled for June has been officially cancelled. The equipment has not been returned to the area.

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Fire Chief Mattas reported that the 4 x 4 forest fire truck is ready for the grass fire season and the members have also done training with it at their last meeting.

The Fire Department minutes of the March 10, 2008 meeting were read.

The rate of pay for full day training sessions for the fire department and first response teams discussion was continued from the budget meeting. Currently Fire Chief Mattas has not as yet included these figures in his budget. Council would like Fire Chief Mattas to estimate how many of these training meetings members will be attending throughout the year and come back to the Clerk-Treasurer with suggested rates for the budget.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending.

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

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR APRIL 2008 BE PAID – THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE APRIL 2008 VOUCHER.

CK#7903	MICHAEL SKUBE, IN TRUST (VFIS INSURANCE)	\$1,771.20
CK#7904	R. CHESSELL (BUILDING REPAIRS AND MAINT.)	102.78
CK#7905	HYDRO ONE (STREET LIGHTING)	27.56
CK#7906	ONTARIO GOOD ROADS ASSOC. (GST ON REG)	<u>7.50</u>
		\$1,909.04

Carried

A By-law was reviewed and it was

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2008-07 BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Tay Valley Township regarding Provincial Funding – Evaluation & Approval Process was filed.
- b) Township of Tiny regarding the 400th Anniversary of the Arrival of Samuel de Champlain was filed.

The Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) media release – Local services are making a difference was read.

Councillor Garbutt's April 28, 2008 DSSAB report was also read.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Ontario Good Roads – Funding Allocation Methodology
- b) AMO – i) Request for Nominations for 2008-2009 AMO Board of Directors
ii) AMO Report to Members on March 2008 Board Meeting
- c) Hon. Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines – regarding the Northwestern Ontario: Preparing for Change, the final report of Dr. Robert Rosehart, Northwestern Ontario Economic Facilitator

The balance of the correspondence was passed around table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Clayton Sampson – Intent to Apply Project Overview was read. This project goal is to develop a common recycling plan that can be utilized for municipal programs in the Thunder Bay area of Northwestern Ontario.

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- b) Councillor Vezina presented two, new office drawing samples as was requested at the last meeting. Council reviewed the drawings and chose one that will be used for requesting a quote for a design drawing. A final decision as to whether or not these drawings will be done this year will be decided at the budget meeting. The drawings would be a part of a strategic plan if funding were to become available in the future.
- c) Hydro One funding application for the township rink revitalizations project was reviewed. Council discussed the total amount of funding they would like to request and the different projects they will do if the application is successful. It was
5. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR APPLY TO THE HYDRO ONE POWERPLAY PROGRAM FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 TO IMPROVE THE OUTDOOR RINK AND BUILDING AREA. APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 30, 2008.

Carried

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Letter from Margaret Stadey and Mellisa Doucet requesting the hall rental fee be waived for Tom Pogue Appreciation Day – June 1, 2008. It was
6. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Lee Ann Nygard

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR WAIVE THE HALL RENTAL FEE FOR THE TOM POGUE APPRECIATION DAY, JUNE 1, 2008, AS REQUESTED BY THE FRIENDS OF TOM POGUE APPRECIATION COMMITTEE.

Carried

- b) Fred Dean, Barrister and Solicitor – Workshop Parliamentary Procedure for Municipal Clerks and Administrators May 29, 2008 in Thunder Bay. No one will attend this workshop.
- c) Alan Simard, STRONG President regarding Groups network to cope with mill closures article. Requesting comments on Parker Hogan's statement. No comments will be submitted.
- d) Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding Membership from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009. The Township will not become a member at this time.
- e) It was decided not to set a date for an O'Connor Day planning meeting at this time. A date will be set after the budget meetings are complete.

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

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE BUDGET MEETING MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 8:50 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer