

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2010

Minutes of the meeting held on February 8, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Leadhand, Kelly Johnson

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in items 17 i) and j) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

1. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT COUNCILLOR NYGARD BE MARKED ABSENT FOR WORK AND COUNCILLOR GARBUTT BE MARKED ABSENT FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

Carried

Mr. Johnson was welcomed to the table. Timesheets for January 10 – 22, 2010 and January 24 to February 5, 2010 were read. Roadwork in general was discussed. The road department staff have been working on the road department policies and procedures manual, their 2010 budget, mechanical work as needed and roadwork as needed. The "No Winter Maintenance beyond this point" sign posted on Strom road was discussed. Mr. Johnson has been snowplowing to Fleming road and it was agreed that this sign can be removed.

The move into the new office building was discussed. Council would like the road department full time staff, and part time staff if necessary, to help with the move when needed.

Item 17k) on the agenda was moved forward to discuss with Mr. Johnson. The fire department fleet was discussed. It was suggested that Mr. Johnson take care of the maintenance, or scheduling of the maintenance, of the fire department equipment. It was agreed that the road department staff would not take this over. Council would like an update on the condition of all equipment for the next meeting. Council would also like to make this an annual report the same as the road department.

Mr. Johnson reported to Council on the recent purchase of a grader in a neighbouring municipality. Council asked Mr. Johnson to start looking for a grader and check into what the market value would be on our current one. This information will be discussed further during budget meetings.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

The bills to be paid were passed around the table. It was

3. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR JANUARY 31, 2010 TOTALLING \$82,581.05 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

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4. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUNDING VOUCHER FOR THE NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO JANUARY 31, 2010 TOTTALLING \$61,221.99 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The draft Income Statement to December 31, 2009, which includes the year end journal entries, was reviewed. The monies for the new municipal building were discussed. As the new building is still under construction and monies were pulled from the reserves for this purpose and have not all been spent a portion of these funds will have to be transferred back into the reserve for the expenses in 2010. It was

5. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009 THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE FOLLOWING RESERVE/S.

BUILDING – MUNICIPAL	\$31,623.00
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Carried

The request for quotes for township insurance for the upcoming renewal was discussed. Two insurance companies have approached the township offering quotes. It was agreed that the Clerk-Treasurer will collect information from our current policy and ask for prices from the two new companies as well as our current company.

A quote for a custom built table for the Council chambers in our new building from our contractor was reviewed and discussed. The members of the building committee will discuss the design of the table with the contractor at the building committee meeting which was rescheduled for Tuesday, February 9th. The administration staff have also asked some of the local office furniture supplier for information on what might be available to suit our needs.

The Lakehead Rural Planning Board have made a decision with regard to application 1B/01/2010 regarding the proof of water quantity and quality and are asking for Council's approval of their decision. It was

6. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT COUNCIL AGREE WITH THE DECISION OF THE LAKEHEAD RURAL PLANNING BOARD WITH REGARD TO THE WATER AND SEPTIC FIELD REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSENT APPLICATION FOR 1B/10/10 FOR KIM JOHN GEORGE KYDD CONCESSION 6, S. ½ LOT 7.

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- Municipality of West Grey calling upon the Province of Ontario to put an indefinite moratorium on industrial wind turbines in order for the Province to commission a third party study regarding health, safety and well being of persons, and the protection of persons and property, including consumer protection of persons was filed.
- Township of Southwold requesting that the Premier of Ontario develop comprehensive legislation regulating the exotic animal industry was filed.
- Township of South Stormont encouraging the Province of Ontario to conduct a review of the Conservation Authority mandate, responsibilities and allowable cost recovery methods was filed.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association – Provides Provincial Budget Input
- AMO i) Propelling Economic Prosperity – AMO Makes its 2010 Pre-budget Submission

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- ii) Watch File – January 28, 2010
 - iii) AMO Pays Out Gas Tax Fund Interest. The Township of O'Connor has received \$150.93 for our share of the interest.
 - iv) Gas Tax Agreement – release of accumulated interest over 2005-2009.
 - v) Watch File – February 4, 2010
 - c) Susan Prince, chair NMEPC Health & Safety Committee – Copy of letter to Bill Bartley, Chairman Lakehead Region Conservation Authority regarding Source Water Protection and the potential industrial wind power development.
- The balance of the correspondence was passed around table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) TBDML – agenda information for March 5 & 6, 2010 annual meeting.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge regarding a meeting with area municipalities and Bell Mobility scheduled for February 16, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. It was

- 7. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE AGREEMENT WITH BELL MOBILITY FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE DISPATCH SERVICES TO BE HELD IN OLIVER PAIPOONGE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010.

**COUNCILLOR VEZINA
FIRE CHIEF MATTAS
CLERK-TREASURER BUOB**

Carried

The Township office will be closed in the afternoon to allow the Clerk-Treasurer to attend this meeting.

- b) Superior North EMS regarding Public Access Defibrillators (PADS). A PAD is available for the community centre if the Council would like to have one installed. A standard agreement will have to be put in place. The device will be no charge but there are maintenance requirements. Council agreed that the Township would install a PAD in the community centre. Superior North EMS will be notified and Council will sign the agreement when it is available. It was suggested that an alarm system be put on this device. The Clerk-Treasurer will look further into what is required for the installation of the PAD.
- c) Lakehead Rural Planning Board regarding the renewal of Agreement between the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and the LRPB and the 2010 budget of the board. The Township's share of the 2010 budget for the LRPB will remain the same as in 2009.
- d) An application to the Canada Summer Jobs 2010 was discussed. It was

- 8. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ASK FOR 3 STUDENT/S UNDER THE CANADA SUMMER JOBS 2010 SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM, FOR A PERIOD OF 8 WEEKS.

START DATE FOR THE PROGRAM WOULD BE JULY 5, 2010 RUNNING UNTIL AUGUST 27, 2010.

Carried

- e) City of Thunder Bay and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation – Sustainable Planning and Development Workshop – March 3, 2010 was discussed. It was

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9. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE CMHC SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON MARCH 3, 2010.

REGISTRATION: NO CHARGE

**MAYOR RON NELSON
ALTERNATE COUNCILLOR VEZINA**

Carried

- f) Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario – regarding the 2010 membership. It was agreed to continue with the membership.
g) Canadian Heritage – Celebrate Canada Program 2010. It was agreed that an application for funding would be submitted for 2010 similar to 2009's application.
h) Waste Diversion Ontario – Special Blue Box program funding available. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to look into a compactor for cardboard and apply to this program for funding.

Councillor Racicot left the table.

- i) Northwestern Ontario Immigration Portal Launch – Invitation March 24, 2010. It was

10. Moved by Ron Nelson
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO IMMIGRATION PORTAL LAUNCH TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON MARCH 24, 2010.

REGISTRATION: NO CHARGE

MAYOR NELSON

Carried

- j) Northwestern Ontario Development Network – Invitation for Economic Development Workshop March 24, 2010. It was

11. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Ron Nelson

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE 3RD ANNUAL NODN EDPC TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON MARCH 24, 2010.

REGISTRATION: \$50.00

MAYOR NELSON

Carried

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- k) Discussion regarding the fire department fleet was moved forward on the agenda and discussed with Mr. Johnson, Leadhand.
l) The By-law Enforcement Officer position was discussed. Mr. Garbutt has expressed to the Clerk-Treasurer that he is no longer interested in the position of By-law Enforcement Officer, but he would be willing to continue until a new person was found to replace him. Council would like a flyer sent out to the residents and posted on the website to see if anyone is interested in the position. The job description will be reviewed at the next meeting. The application will be due on March 8, 2010 to be reviewed at the March 8 Council meeting.

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Under further new business, Council discussed the Ministry of Transportation entrance request for the severance application 1B/01/2010. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to request a copy of the letter from the Lakehead Rural Planning Board for discussion at the next meeting.

Councillor Vezina reported that Lucy Kloosterhuis, Mayor of the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge is now the Vice Chair of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

12. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M**

TIME BEING: 9:48 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer