

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – JUNE 14, 2010

Minutes of the meeting held on June 14, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Leadhand Kelly Johnson
Mr. Rod Allan

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

1. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
MAY 25, 2010 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT COUNCILLOR NYGARD BE MARKED ABSENT FOR PERSONAL
REASONS.**

Carried

Mayor Nelson asked the visitors if they wished to address Council. They replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand was welcomed to the table. The timesheets from May 2 – 15, May 16 – 29 and May 30 to June 12, 2010 were read. Roadwork in general was discussed. The road department has been grading the roads and three loads of calcium have been put down to date. Another load still has to put down. The road projects that are scheduled for resurfacing will also receive calcium once they are complete. The reflective markers discussed on township inspection have been installed on Chambers road. Some hand brushing has been done at intersections. Mr. Johnson is still awaiting a reply from Hydro One with regard to the pole relocation on Blaikie road.

A brief discussion with regard to the Township inspection was held. The kitchen sink that was picked up in Geraldton was discussed. It is wider than the old one and will have to be moved down away from the outside wall during installation. This will possibly block the second entrance into the kitchen. A large swing tap and a couple of regular sink taps will have to be purchased. The staff will get it installed. Councillor Racicot was thanked for picking up this unit.

Bills to be paid were reviewed and it was

3. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR MAY 31, 2010
TOTALLING \$65,812.73 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

4. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUNDING VOUCHER FOR THE
NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO MAY 31, 2010 TOTALLING \$31,471.84 BE
APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

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

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By-laws were reviewed and it was

5. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2010-13 BEING A BY-LAW TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AND THE O'CONNOR FREE METHODIST CHURCH, FREE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA, REGARDING THE TRUSTEESHIP FOR CEMETERY CARE AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

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

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2010-14 BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH DANIEL WOODBECK AND LUCY WOODBECK FOR FIRE PERSONNEL TRAINING AND FIRE EQUIPMENT TESTING BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

The Quotes for the weed/grass cutting on the sides of the Township road were opened. Two were received and it was

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

THAT THE QUOTE OF PETER VANLENTHE TO CUT THE WEEDS ON THE SIDES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR ROADS AT A COST OF \$1,745.+ HST BE ACCEPTED.

WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY JULY 31, 2010.

Carried

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) AMO – i) Watch File – May 27, 2010
 - ii) Watch File – June 3, 2010
 - iii) Watch File – June 10, 2010
 - b) Ontario Good Roads Association Alert - Ontario Good Roads Association applauds Extension of Highway 407
 - c) Thunder Bay District Health Unit – 2009 Audited Financial Statements
 - d) Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – announcing Brad Welyki has been hired as an additional Fire Protection Adviser in the Northwest Region.
 - e) Land Use Council regarding the Committee on Status of Species at Risk in Ontario
- The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) The new office building and the issue with the outside lighting of the building. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the contractor has hired a new subcontractor to come out and take care of the lighting issues. The setup of the lighting system in the Council chambers has been changed as was specified, as well the outside lighting was looked at. Motion sensors cannot be hooked up to this type of lighting system. The electrical contractor had suggested putting in two motion sensor lights at each end of the building. This would cost between \$500 and \$600 to complete. Council asked if the insides of the current lights could be changed. This will be discussed further at the budget meeting.

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- b) A date for an O'Connor Day planning meeting was discussed and it was
8. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE FOLLOWING DATE BE SET FOR AN O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010 AT 7 P.M. THE MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE O'CONNOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Carried

Under further old business, Council discussed the surplus fencing from Hydro One. They are currently awaiting approval for head office before they can release it. There is approximately 600' of fencing which the Township would like to use at the disposal site.

It was also noted that there may be some 30 – 35 foot poles coming available that could also be used at our disposal site. Councillor Racicot will contact the Clerk-Treasurer if they become available and a letter will be submitted to the owner.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) A letter from Dennis Roy regarding an O'Connor Day event. Mr. Roy would like to work independently this year providing his own equipment and related materials. He would like to have an air driven bazooka, scenario paintball mounted on a tripod, waterbottle rocket launcher and a mortar. Council liked the idea and asked that a letter be forwarded to him welcoming his participation in this year's O'Connor Day celebrations. He will also be made aware of the upcoming O'Connor Day planning meeting.
- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding a Five Year Review of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005. The Ministry is requesting feedback by August 31, 2010.
- c) Lakehead University Small Business Consulting Services – offering their services. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to contact their office and inform them that the Township of O'Connor was one of their first clients and because we have previously used their services the letter should have been worded differently.
- d) City of Kawartha Lakes requesting donation for legal costs as they defend the rights of all municipalities as they appeal the MOE orders to the Environmental Tribunal. This request was filed.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed were discussed as follows:

- a) A letter from Ray Montgomery, O'Connor Free Methodist Church cemetery committee, was read. The letter asks Council if the Township's summer students could again cut the grass at their cemetery this summer. Council agreed with this request and a reply letter will be forwarded to him.
- b) NOMA – 2010 Regional Conference dates were received. Councillor Garbutt provided additional information with regard to the upcoming conference. The event will be held at both the Travelodge Airline and the Vahalla Inn this year. The NOMA board is currently reviewing their policies and procedures and any changes required will be discussed at the annual meeting. It was also noted that the Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Agreements rates will also be reviewed as the rates seem to be different in every municipality.

Building permits were approved as follows: demolition permit for ML F17, Con 1, deck – 65 Earl road, structural repair, moving permit for temporary trailer and demolition permit - 251 Whittaker road, shed & deck – 37 Winslow rd, new residence - 13 Blaikie rd, shed – 377 Hwy 595.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(D) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 8:10 P.M.

Carried

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Applications for student employment and occasional disposal site caretaker were reviewed. The employees insurance coverage was also briefly discussed.

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

TIME BEING: 8:42 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING STUDENT BE HIRED UNDER THE MINISTRY OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES SUMMER JOBS SERVICE 2010 FOR THE ROADS DEPARTMENT:

DANIELLE MULOIN

START DATE WILL BE JULY 5, 2010.

THE STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING.

Carried

- 12. Moved by G. Garbutt
Seconded by J. Vezina

THAT THE FOLLOWING STUDENT BE HIRED FOR THE CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM FOR THE ROADS DEPARTMENT:

NICHOLAS VAILLANT

START DATE WILL BE JULY 5, 2010.

THE STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE JUNE 28, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING.

Carried

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING STUDENT BE HIRED UNDER THE MINISTRY OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES SUMMER JOBS SERVICE 2010 FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT:

ASHLEY GUNN

START DATE WILL BE JULY 5, 2010.

THE STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING.

Carried

- 14. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT SCOTT HOLOMEGO BE HIRED AS THE CASUAL RELIEF FOR THE DISPOSAL SITE CARETAKER.

RATE OF PAY WOULD BE THE SAME AS THE DISPOSAL SITE CARETAKER.

Carried

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15. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE BUDGET MEETING TO BE HELD
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 8:45 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer