

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – NOVEMBER 10, 2008

Minutes of the meeting held on November 10, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

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

Visitors: Leadhand K. Johnson

Mayor Nelson 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 17 d), 20 a) and b) as his spouse is an employee of the township.

1. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by J. Vezina

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 20, 2008 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

2. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT COUNCILLOR NYGARD BE MARKED ABSENT FOR A PERSONAL
REASON.**

Carried

Mr. Johnson was welcomed to the table. Time sheets for October 5 to 18, 2008 and October 20 to October 31, 2008 were read.

Mr. Johnson reported on the new fuel tanks. As was previously discussed with Council via telephone, two – 1000 gallon, above ground, double walled, vacuum sealed fuel tanks with new pumps and nozzles will be purchased. The tanks will be arriving Tuesday for installation. A barrier will have to also be installed around the tanks. Mr. Johnson will continue to work on this.

The traffic count from Strom road from October 15 to 31, 2008 was discussed. The counter was placed on the road past the homes at the sign "No winter maintenance beyond this point". Mr. Johnson explained how the counter works. For every two wheels crossing the cable it counts as one vehicle. These numbers will be compared to the numbers collected in the spring on the same road.

Council reminded Mr. Johnson that Strom road will not be snow plowed beyond the sign stating "No winter maintenance beyond this point" and if someone else was to plow the road a barricade will be installed as the Township would be liable for any accidents that could occur.

Mr. Johnson presented Council with an estimated cost amount for the Gravel Doctor expenses on Strom Road during the flood. Council would like this information submitted to the Gravel Doctor.

TBT Engineering has started the disposal site study. The road department has dug the test holes for them last week and the surveyors will be out tomorrow.

The township equipment report for 2008 was read. Mr. Johnson is recommending that the grader be the next piece of equipment purchased. The Dodge 4 x 4 truck was also discussed.

Roadwork in general was discussed. Hydro One will be in Thursday to hook up the hydro at the disposal site for the Bear Wise project. Mr. Johnson will then build a box around the panel. The storage shed at the disposal site will not be moved into the municipal yard this year.

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Mr. Johnson also reported that the recent rain has been hard on the roads. They will be doing their best to fix the potholes. The newly graveled roads are in good shape.

They will still be putting more gravel down on some of the June flooded roads before the end of the month.

Winter sand also needs to be hauled to the yard.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

The bills to be paid were passed around the table and it was

3. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR OCTOBER 31, 2008 TOTTALLING \$106,548.97 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

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

THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THROUGH THE ONTARIO DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 31, 2008 TOTTALLING \$22,986.06 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditure reports were not available.

The formal acceptance of the quote for the new above ground fuel tanks was discussed. Only one quote was received and it was opened by staff in the office with phone calls to Council for approval. It was

5. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE QUOTE OF RAYMAR PETROLEUM SERVICE INC. TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL TWO 1000 GALLON DW TANKS, PUMPS, HOSES AND NOZZLES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR MUNICIPAL GARAGE YARD AT A COST OF \$9,611.64 BE ACCEPTED.

Carried

The resolution for endorsement from the Town of East Gwillimbury regarding predictable and sustainable support for municipal roads and bridges was filed.

Councillor Garbutt's DSSAB report dated October 22, 2008 was read.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) Thunder Bay District Municipal League fall meeting – draft agenda.
- b) AMO – i) Build Canada Fund – Communities Component Deadline
 - ii) Province Delivers Fall Economic Statement
 - iii) Report of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review Released. The Ontario Works benefit costs will be fully uploaded beginning in 2010 – 2018, as well as the Ontario Drug Benefits and the Ontario Disability Support Program. The cost of court security will also be uploaded starting in 2012. The OMPF component will continue to respond to changing social assistance costs and will decline in response to cost decreases. Councillor Garbutt reported that the Township's 2009 OMPF funding will remain the same as previous years.
 - iv) Ontario Proposes Ban on Cell Phones While Driving
 - v) Climate Change and Public Policy: Adaptation and Action
 - vi) Celebrate Ontario – Province Investing \$9 Million in Ontario's Festivals and Events

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- b) vii) AMO's 2007 Federal Funding Annual Expenditure Report
 - c) MFOA – Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Review Report Released Today
 - d) AMCTO - i) Special AMCTO Express – Provincial Municipal Fiscal & Service Delivery Review.
 - ii) Legislative Update
 - iii) 2009-2010 Ontario Municipal Internship Program – deadline for application December 15th, 2008. It was agreed that at this time the township would not apply for an intern.
 - e) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Report of the Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review .
 - f) Ken Taniwa – NOMA – NOMA has hired Mr. Tom Wilson as the new Executive Director. Mr. Wilson will be taking over for Mr. Taniwa effective January 1, 2009.
 - g) Olaf Lamerz – Fire Protection Advisor Office of the Fire Marshal is leaving the area.
 - h) Ombudsman Ontario – The Sunshine Law Handbook: Open Municipal Meetings in Ontario.
 - i) Ministry of Northern Development and Mines/Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure – Towards a Draft Plan - A message from the Ministers.
 - j) Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration regarding Ontario's volunteer recognition program. No nominations will be put forward at this time.
- The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Hydro One Networks Inc. Power Play grant requesting cheque presentation information. Council would like the cheque presentation to be made at a Council meeting. November 24 and December 1, 2008 dates will be suggested. Mayor Nelson will accept the cheque and a quote with regard to the funding was drafted.
- b) Sharron Martyn, CAO/Clerk of Oliver Paipoonge – a copy of the quote from Bell Mobility Radio for the JEPP Funding application for the FFR Tower equipment was reviewed.
- c) Memo from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot regarding Waste Diversion Ontario was read.
- d) Gravel Doctor agreement was discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that Mr. Jones of the Gravel Doctor has offered their services for drafting up an agreement as they have people on staff who do this all the time. The Clerk-Treasurer to date has not had the time to work on this document and Council was asked if they would consider this option. It was agreed that the Clerk-Treasurer contact Mr. Jones with Council's concerns and ask if they would be willing to draft the agreement for Council's review. The enquires to the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding access through the townline and Mayo was also discussed. Ms. Bolon of the MNR has not responded to the Township's questions. The Clerk-Treasurer will again contact her in this regard.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) AMO – Moving Beyond PSAB – How to keep Federal Gas Tax Money Flowing & AMO Policy Update Sessions to be held in Thunder Bay November 26, 2008. It was
6. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE AMO – MOVING BEYOND PSAB SESSION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 26, 2008 IN THUNDER BAY.

REGISTRATION: \$50.00

**MAYOR NELSON
COUNCILLOR GARBUTT, VEZINA
CLERK-TREASURER BUOB**

Carried

- b) Superior North EMS – 2008 Levy adjustment. The Township's levy will increase by \$308.00.
- c) MPAC – About My Property initiative – Accessibility to Property Taxpayers. Council would like more information with regard to this program. Council have a concern with the Freedom of Information allowing others to look at additional residential property.

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Councillor Racicot left the room

- d) Local Authority Services Ltd. offering Municipal Staff Group Benefits Plan and Elected Officials Group Benefits Plan. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to inquire into the pricing and benefits offered through this program for staff and compare it to our current benefit costs.

Councillor Racicot returned to the table.

- e) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Municipal Official Plan review. Councils must update their official plans every five years. The Township of O'Connor's Plan was last reviewed October 23, 2006.

Under further new business a defibrillator for the O'Connor First Response team was discussed. The Municipality of Neening currently has one. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact their office in this regard and get more information on one.

Councillor Racicot left the meeting.

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

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: 8:20 P.M.

Carried

The draft agenda regarding Union Agreement and negotiations was reviewed. The current benefit package was reviewed. A discussion regarding possible date to meet with union representative and employees was held.

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

TIME BEING: 8:42 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

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

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 8:43 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer