

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – OCTOBER 26, 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on October 26, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Acting Mayor Nygard
Councillors: Garbutt, Racicot, Vezina
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot

Visitors: OPP Staff Sergeant Larry Lamme, Acting Detachment Commander

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in item 16c) and d) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

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

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009, THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 2009 AND THE NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP INSPECTION ON OCTOBER 24, 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried.

2. Moved by J. Vezina
Seconded by B. Racicot

THAT MAYOR NELSON BE MARKED ABSENT DUE TO WORK.

Carried.

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. The Fire Department Report was reviewed. There have been three first response related call between September 25th and October 25th. The Ontario Power Generation test call, which was implemented on Friday, October 23, 2009 was discussed. The Fire Department did receive the text page. The Municipal office staff were unavailable to receive the call since the office is closed at noon on Fridays and efforts to reach staff and the roads department by the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority were unsuccessful.

Kevin Schooler of the Ontario Fire Marshall's office was contacted by Fire Chief Mattas regarding procedure for disciplinary action for department member. The Township does currently have a policy in place, however the Fire Chief Mattas will review this policy and it will be brought to Council for any needed amendments.

The issue of Fire Department and 1st Response member receiving a stipend for training sessions that are attended was discussed. It was noted that members are paid for any Ontario Fire College training courses that they attend, however they are not paid for any other training courses that they attend including 1st response training. Council would like the policy brought to the next meeting of Council for review.

On November 30th a training session with Officer Doug Goulding and Officer Todd Smith of the Ontario Provincial Police will be held at the O'Connor Municipal Building. The training will involve note taking and how to handle an accident scene. Other surrounding departments will be invited to attend. The department will supply refreshments.

An update on the tire repair for the pumper was discussed. A used tire for the pumper truck will be purchased from Kevin's Tire Service and installed within the next week. It was noted that this issue was also brought up during the Township Inspection held on October 24, 2009.

The air compressor for filling the department member's oxygen tanks was discussed. Chief Mattas has ordered a new compressor from Superior Safety and it should be arriving soon. Payment for the compressor can be made in two installments with the second installment due in 2010. An advertisement will be placed in the next issue of

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the Cornerstone and on Kijji to sell the old compressor, which failed due to the dew point level. Asking price for the compressor will be \$2,500.00.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending the meeting.

Staff Sergeant Larry Lamme was welcomed to the table and introductions were made. Staff Sergeant Lamme has been Acting Detachment Commander since September of this year and commented that the position should be filled by January of 2010.

Staff Sergeant Lamme commented on the low crime rate in the Township of O'Connor. Councillor Garbutt commented on a recent call made by the Clerk-Treasurer regarding the theft of batteries out of the compactor at the Disposal Site and that the detachments response was not acceptable.

Staff Sergeant Lamme commented on the Township's Emergency Plan that had not been updated recently. An updated call out list was given to Staff Sergeant Lamme.

Councillor Garbutt inquired as to why there has not been a Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting recently. Staff Sergeant Lamme will look into setting up a meeting with committee members.

An invitation to O'Connor Day 2010 was extended to Staff Sergeant Lamme and he was thanked for attending the meeting.

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

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR OCTOBER 2009 BE PAID – THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE OCTOBER 2009 ROAD AND ADMINISTRATION VOUCHER AND THE OCTOBER STATE OF EMERGENCY VOUCHER.

CK# 9041	K.A. VANDERZWAAG CONSTRUCTION	\$51,818.40
CK# 9042	HYDRO ONE	31.90
CK# 9043	TBT ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION GROUP	<u>3,402.00</u>
		\$55,252.30

Carried.

The following By-law was discussed:

A By-law to enter into a contract with K.A. Vanderzwaag for the construction of the new municipal office was reviewed and it was

4. Moved by B. Racicot
Seconded by G. Garbutt

THAT BY-LAW 2009-13 BEING A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AND K.A. VANDERZWAAG CONSTRUCTION INC. BE PASSED AND ENTERED INTO THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) The Town of Fort Frances regarding the Fort Frances' Economic Development Advisory Committee's input into the Sustainable Forest Licenses and their request to pass a similar resolution was filed.
- b) The Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls regarding the support of the redesign of the Ontario Underserved Area Program was filed
- c) The Thunder Bay District Municipal League regarding a petition for running rights on the Trans Canada Highway and it was;

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

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE REQUESTING THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO TO WORK WITH GREYHOUND CANADA AND/OR ALL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROVIDERS TO RESOLVE DIFFICULTIES TO ENSURE THAT INTER-CITY BUS SERVICE CONTINUES TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES BE ENDORSED. Carried.

Under DSSAB issues the report from Neebing Councillor Mary Schmidt, the Township's Thunder Bay DSSAB representative was read.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) AMO Communication i) AMO report to Members on the September 2009 Board meeting.
ii) Bill 168, Violence & Harassment in the Workplace
iii) Waste Diversion Act Review
iv) Minister of Finance Delivers Fall Economic Statement
b) Report from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit – September 30, 2009
c) MMAH – regarding Ontario Municipal Internship Program. Council commented on the possibility of area municipalities sharing an intern.
d) E-mail from Robert Hornung – regarding a message from Canadian Wind Energy Association
e) LAS Communication – regarding New Group Home and Auto Insurance Partner
The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under old business Council discussed: the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's Office Building Business Plan. This item will be deferred to the November 9, 2009 Council meeting.

Under new business Council discussed:

- a) Township Inspection. There were no major concerns or decisions to be made regarding the inspection.
b) The Corporation of the City of North Bay's letter regarding the Mayor to Mayor Campaign launched in Bay American Battle. No letter will be written for the campaign.

Councillor Racicot left the room

- c) AMCTO's 2010 Municipal Election, Are you prepared? Workshop entitled Election 101 Training and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE AMCTO ELECTION 101 TRAINING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON OCTOBER 29, 2009. REGISTRATION: \$200.00 PLUS GST, PER PERSON. CLERK-TREASURER BUOB

Carried.

- d) MFOA's webinars regarding HST Transition Rules and Training was discussed and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S TAKE PART IN ONE OR MORE OF THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION'S HST TRANSITION RULES AND TRAINING BEING OFFERED THROUGH A SERIES OF WEEKLY WEBINARS STARTING DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9TH THROUGH TO THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2009. REGISTRATION: \$65.00 PER WEBINAR

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Carried.

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Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- e) Ministry of Natural Resources regarding the application for Helping Ontarians Protect Species at Risk Funding. No application will be submitted.
- f) Canadian Red Cross regarding their Northern Raffle. Council did not have an issue with the raffle.

Under further new business Councillor Racicot mentioned the possibility of contacting Thunder Bay Telephone to discuss the possibility of sharing in the cost of lighting and some type of outdoor security for both buildings. Councillor Racicot will look into who the contact at Thunder Bay Telephone would be.

Councillor Garbutt brought up the issue of hall rentals for the O'Connor Community Club and the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. The policy for hall rental fees will be reviewed at the next meeting of Council.

The issue of dogs running at large was discussed. There have been a number of complaints received regarding dogs. Council would like changes made to the policy regarding dog and the fees charged to the owners for finding them running at large. Council would like the policy changed to reflect a first time offence of a warning and return of the dog, a second time offence of a fine and return of the dog once the fine is paid and a third time offence of an increased fine and the dog being brought into the Thunder Bay Animal Services. This policy will be brought to the next Council meeting.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Memorandum from MMAH regarding Local Government Week was read.
- b) Letter from the Saving the Region of Ontario North Group (STRONG) regarding their response to the Tenure Reform was read.
- c) The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines' news release regarding Growth Plan Aims to Strengthen Northern Economy was read.

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

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 8:44 P.M.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer