

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - MINUTES – OCTOBER 6, 2008

Minutes of the meeting held on October 6, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Mayor Nelson arrived at 7:45 p.m.  
Councillors: Garbutt, Nygard, Vezina  
Clerk-Treasurer Buob

Visitors: Leadhand K. Johnson

Acting Mayor Nygard called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m..

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

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

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

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

**THAT COUNCILLOR RACICOT BE MARKED ABSENT DUE TO WORK.**

Carried

Leadhand, Kelly Johnson was welcomed to the table. Time sheets for September 7 to 20, 2008 and September 21 to October 4, 2008 were read.

Roadwork in general was discussed. Job 1, the two miles of gravel resurfacing on Cronk road was finished up today. The driveways along the road will still have to be touched up. They will start hauling to Smith road tomorrow for the Federal Gas Tax project. The fuel tanks have been dug up. They are awaiting the soil test results before the hole can be backfilled. The contaminated soil was taken to the Oliver Paipoonge disposal site. New above ground tanks will be installed as soon as everything is approved.

Mr. Johnson has started organizing the installation of the electricity at the disposal site under the Bearwise project. SAE Inc will be doing the installation and will get all the required permits. The road department will dig the trench and call Hydro when they are ready for installation. The electric fencing will also be purchased.

The temporary bridge repairs on the Harstone road are scheduled to start this week.

The bills for September were passed around the table and it was

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

**THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 TALLING \$84,748.01 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

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

**THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THROUGH THE ONTARIO DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 TALLING \$1,247.08 BE APPROVED AND PAID.**

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to September 30, 2008 were reviewed.

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Notes to the opening of the quotes for the temporary bridge repair on October 1, 2008 were read. It was

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

**THAT THE QUOTE OF LHNORTH GENERAL CONTRACTORS LTD TO COMPLETE THE TEMPORARY REPAIRS TO THE HARSTONE BRIDGE OVER CEDAR CREEK AT A COST OF \$16,750.00 + GST BE ACCEPTED.**

Carried

The engineering requirements for the permanent bridge replacement were discussed. Due to the fact that JML Engineering Ltd. has been doing the work for the temporary repairs and will be doing the bridge study on the rest of the township's bridges this year Council would like to continue with their firm for the permanent replacement. It was

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

**THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR AUTHORIZES JML ENGINEERING TO CONTINUE WITH THE DESIGN FOR THE REPLACEMENT STRUCTURE OVER CEDAR CREEK ON THE HARSTONE ROAD, DAMAGED BY THE FLOOD OF JUNE 6, 2008.**

Carried

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) City of Timmins regarding the reduction of bus service in Northern Ontario, effective October 1, 2008 was filed
- b) Township of Greater Madawaska petitioning the Province of Ontario to review the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation operations and the property assessment model was filed
- c) City of Woodstock regarding the Support of Provincial Sales Tax Exemption for Police was filed

Under DSSAB issues, Councillor Garbutt reported that currently Iain Angus and Mary Lucas are meeting with the Municipality of Greenstone with regard to their objection to DSSAB becoming their own employer. All other municipalities are on board with the change.

As well, Councillor Garbutt reported that NOSDA is proposing new response times for land ambulances. The Thunder Bay and Parry Sound DSSAB's are the only DSSAB's not responsible for Land Ambulance.

Councillor Garbutt's full report will be available at the next meeting.

Correspondence was read as follows:

- a) AMO – i) Federal Election 2008 and Ontario Municipalities  
ii) National Do Not Call List – Implications for Municipal Candidates in Ontario
  - b) Scott Jackson regarding Caribou Recovery Workshop summary. The workshop held in Thunder Bay was well attended. The participants key messages and concerns with the plan were expressed. The Ministry of Natural Resources stated that the exercise is about the caribou conservation and not a socio-economic values/assessments. The final workshop will be held in Dryden next week.
  - c) Waste Diversion Ontario regarding Blue Box Best Practices
  - d) Ministry of Natural Resources regarding Tourism Competitiveness Study
  - e) NOACC Media Release – NOACC Annual General Meeting in Kenora
- The balance of correspondence was passed around the table.

Mayor Nelson arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Under Old Business, Council discussed the following items and it was agreed that item 16c) on the agenda be moved forward to be discussed with Mr. Johnson, Leadhand.

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- c) The Notice of Objector Response letter from Rock Solid Holdings with regard to their Class A aggregate application was read and discussed. Council addressed each comment. The objector, being the township, has twenty days from receipt of the letter to respond with recommendations or it will be deemed that there is no longer a valid objection. Council agreed that they still want to object to the application and would like a draft letter, using their comments discussed, forwarded to them by email for review. Upon final approval the letter will be submitted.

Council would like Mr. Johnson to rent the traffic counter and place it on Strom road to see how many trucks are currently hauling.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending.

- a) An email from Olaf Lamerz, Office of the Fire Marshal, regarding Communication System Upgrade discussions held on September 30, 2008 was read.
- b) Councillor Vezina reported on Thunder Bay FFR Communication system support meeting. There are two sites which need to be upgraded, the Gillies Tower and the Hazelwood Tower. This will cost approximately \$15,000.00/site and will be divided amongst the fire departments. Shuniah will be upgrading the Loon tower on their own. There will be a monthly maintenance fee for each municipality after the change over. As well the Fire Departments will be charged \$15.00 per call, this will include mutual aid calls. The First Response calls will continue to be covered by the Ministry of Health. There will also be an annual fee of \$500.00 or .50 cents per capita whichever is greater.

At the meeting a discussion was held with regard to the municipalities applying for JEPP funding to assist with the upgrade costs. Each municipality will have to submit a resolution stating that they will participate. Sharron Martyn, CAO of Oliver Paipoonge, will prepare the application. As part of the JEPP Funding requirements the applicant needs to tender for equipment. This equipment can only be purchased from Bell Mobility. If it comes from another source it cannot go into their buildings and tenders would also be required for buildings to house the equipment. They will be addressing this issue with the JEPP program.

- d) September issue of a Union Publication article and photo of the Gravel Doctor's pit in Conmee township for information purposes.
- e) Memo from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding inquiries into funding for new office building was read. A new office building does not qualify under the new Build Canada Fund. Linda Braun, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines suggested applying to the Infrastructure and Community Development Program under the NOHFC program. There is a Stage one application, which will determine if the project will qualify. The thrust of the component is economic in nature and is intended to support job creation. Council would like to apply under this program. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Mr. Gammond to see if he has completed the design changes of the new office and see if he can give us an estimated cost for the building.

It was decided not to apply to the Build Canada Fund for another project at this time.

- f) Report from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding the yellow line on Highway 595. The line was painted on Highway 595 today, October 6, 2008.
- g) Hydro One Power Play – The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the Township will be receiving funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 from this program for improvements to the outdoor rink area. The original application was for \$25,000.00. Council reviewed the list of projects that were originally applied for and made the decision to go forward with the repainting of the asphalt surface, pay the balance of the cost of the snow blower above the amount of funding raising that the O'Connor Community Club have raised and Councillor Vezina will look into the cost of the double door for the handy cap accessible entrance as well as the design for a flooding device.
- h) Update on Centrex phone system. TBaytel staff were out to the office to look at our current phone system and to discuss exactly what the township is looking for. The township phone numbers will all have to change when this system is installed. If someone calls the old number Tbaytel will route the existing number for free until June 2009. If we want to continue after this date there will be a charge of \$4.95 per line. The second phone line in the fire hall was discussed. The line will be moved to the township office to be used as the emergency line. The township hall will receive a separate number and a additional jack will be installed for a cordless phone.

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- i) Councillor Vezina reported on Ministry of Environment septage treatment guides document from the last meeting. This document has nothing to do with the septic maintenance concerns discussed at the previous meeting. Councillor Vezina presented a document "Code News" to Council. This document is a free internet-based newsletter with issued by the Building and Development Branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Councillor Vezina volunteered to review this newsletter regularly and keep Council informed if there are any issues that need to be addressed by Council.
- j) A memo from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding the Chief Building Officials information about the Hearings in Thunder Bay for septic inspections. Ms. Maki, Chief Building Official did not recall receiving any information on the hearings.

Mayor Nelson left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Under New Business

- a) the review of Township policies was deferred to the next meeting.

Under further new business it was noted that the Township of Gillies has a brochure with information about their municipality. Council noted that maybe something similiar could also been done for O'Connor in the future.

It was also noted that there are a lot of craft sales coming up and possible we could rent some tables to sell the history book at them. Councillor Nygard will look into this. The Thunder Bay country market was also suggested as a location to try to sell them. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into what is required to have the books at the market.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

- a) Thunder Bay District Municipal League fall meeting registration. It was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FALL MEETING TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 14 & 15, 2008 IN THUNDER BAY.**

**REGISTRATION: \$100.00**

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

Carried

- b) Office of the Prime Minister reply to Council resolution regarding the Canada Summer Jobs program
- c) Stewardship Ontario regarding Industry's 2<sup>nd</sup> contribution to the Municipal Blue Box Recycling Program for 2008
- d) Clayton Sampson – Cooperative Recycling Planning Project meeting. It was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE COOPERATIVE RECYCLING PLANNING PROJECT MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2008 IN THUNDER BAY.**

**DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT**

Carried

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9. 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: 9:10 P.M.** Carried

A discussion was held with regard to the Union Agreement and what Council's position is going into negotiations.

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

**TIME BEING: 9:33 P.M.**

**THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.**

Carried

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

**THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE TOWNSHIP INSPECTION TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008 AT 1:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 9:34 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer