

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES BUDGET MEETING – APRIL 11, 2016

Minutes of the Road Department budget meeting held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Mayor Vezina
Councillors: Alkins, Foekens
Clerk-Treasurer Buob
Visitors: Leadhand Kelly Johnson
Absent: Councillor Loan, Councillor Racicot

Mayor Vezina called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, was welcomed to the table. The draft #1 Road Department budget was reviewed. Items were discussed line by line. The training line was discussed and is lower than 2015 as Mr. Johnson did attend the Ontario Good Roads Conference last year. The garage heating line item was discussed as it was budgeted again lower than the previous year due to the lower fuel costs. The hydro line will increase due to the new billing formula and the loss of the 10% discount. For Minor Capital Equipment Mr. Johnson has once again included the purchase of a new wing for Truck #7. The money was originally budgeted in 2015 and was unspent and was put into the reserve to be pulled back out in 2016 for the purchase.

The wages and payroll costs on the draft budget are based on the general wages less estimated project costs. Where allowed, the employees wage expense is included in the project line to show the true cost of the work.

The equipment operating costs were discussed. The fuel used in the equipment while working on the Township's projects will be included in the project costs. Operating costs include the fuel, licensing and safety's. The equipment maintenance costs were discussed. The grader will require new chains and stingers. Mr. Johnson is still awaiting a final credit from Volvo for the grader engine repairs. Truck #7 will need brake and clutch work done this year and new steering tires have been purchased for Truck #9.

The 2016 road projects and bridge repairs were discussed, including the Federal Gas Tax projects. Mr. Johnson's proposed projects for 2016 will once again be the changing of ten miscellaneous culvert's and brushing and drainage at several different locations within the Township. Only minor repairs will be made to Bridge #1 & #2 this year. Using the Federal Gas Tax Funding, two miles of roadway is being proposed to be resurfaced and under the new Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, one mile of Earl Road will be resurfaced. Bridges inspections of the Township's three bridges will be completed this year. Final numbers will be approved upon the completion of the full budget.

A summary of the Five Year Road Plan was briefly discussed. The projects included in the plan for 2016 have been included in the draft budget. If the projects are all approved, the Five Year Road Plan will be expanded and brought back to Council at a later date for review.

Council thanked Mr. Johnson for presenting his budget and it was

1. Moved by Chantal Alkins
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 6:57 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer