

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 18, 2017

Minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Neebing Municipal Building and held jointly with the Councils of the Townships of Conmee, Gillies, O'Connor and Municipality of Neebing.

Present: O'Connor Council:
 Mayor Jim Vezina
 Councillors: Kevin Foekens, Jerry Loan, Bishop Racicot
 Clerk-Treasurer Lorna Buob
 Absent: Councillor Chantal Alkins

Also Present: Conmee Council:
 Mayor Kevin Holland
 Councillors Grant Arnold, Bob MacMaster, Shelia Maxwell, Cathy Woodbeck
 CAO/Clerk Pat Maxwell

Gillies Council:
 Reeve Rick Kieri
 Councillors Karen O'Gorman, Wendy Wright, Rudy Buitenhuis
 Clerk Shara Lavallee
 Absent: Councillor Bill Groenheide

Neebing Council:
 Mayor Ziggy Polkowski
 Councillors Erwin Butikofer, Mike McCooye, Roger Shott, Bill Lankinen,
 Curtis Coulson, Brian Wright
 Solicitor-Clerk Rosalie A. Evans

Guests: Sergeant Pam Ford, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)
 Sergeant John Reppard, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)
 Graham Wight, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

Visitors: Marilyn Arnold

Mayor Polkowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the Municipality of Neebing.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: none

Mayor Polkowski turned the meeting over to Sergeant Pam Ford.

Sergeant Ford introduced herself and explained to the group her role in Ontario relating to policing contracts. She outlined the details of an agreement and noted that the agreement is with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the OPP is only the service provider. In a joint contract case, the lead municipality receives the invoice and is responsible for paying it, and in turn will invoice the other parties. The cost to each municipality does not change from their current charges. The same formula is used to calculate policing costs whether or not a contract exists. There may be some additional costs related to the Board honourarium and training which will be shared amongst the municipalities. Additional services become available under an agreement in terms of by-law enforcement, which can be discussed with the local OPP Detachment. Municipalities with contracts may also apply for grant funding available for programs in their communities.

Sergeant Ford distributed copies of a document comparing the differences between Section S. 5.1 vs. S. 10 PSA. The Civilian Governance for a S. 10 requires a Police Services Board and a S. 5.1 has a Community Policing Advisory Committee. The Township of O'Connor is currently under a S. 5.1.

Sergeant Ford then responded to questions from the different Council members and turned the meeting over to Mr. Wight.

Mr. Wight introduced himself and reviewed with those present the way that a Police Services Board operates. He confirmed that the "normal" Police Services Board for our communities would be a 3-person board, but that the communities could request

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approval for a 5-person board from the Solicitor-General. It was recommended that a by-law be passed by each municipality setting up a 5-person board from the outset, so that permission can be immediately sought. He stressed that the approval would not be guaranteed, but that he felt that the circumstances of four municipalities working together presented a good case.

Mr. Wight noted that training is available for members of police services boards free of charge and Mr. Wight is the trainer in that regard and he would come to Thunder Bay to deliver it.

The costs of operating a police services board vary from community to community, depending on the price paid to members for their attendance at the meetings and depending on whether or not the board is active in attending conferences, etc. A Police Services Board is mandated to sit 4 times per year but most sit more frequently. There is no obligation to pay Municipal appointed board members, however, there is an obligation to pay Provincially-appointed board members \$100.00 per meeting. Most boards pay all members the same rate.

Mr. Wight confirmed that the Police Services Act is currently under review and is being re-drafted.

Mayor Polkowski then asked those present if they have any questions of the Solicitor-Clerk, Rosalie Evans, relating to the Administrative Report will regard to forming a Joint Police Services Board and entering into a contract with one another and the Ministry for Policing Services. No additional questions arose.

Mayor Polkowski then asked those present if they have any questions of the Solicitor-Clerk, Rosalie Evans, with respect to by-laws to create a Joint Police Services Board and again no additional questions arose.

Mayor Polkowski then turned the meeting over to Mayor Holland. The resolutions required for the passage of the By-law and the creation of a Joint Police Services Board were passed by their Council.

Mayor Holland then turned the meeting over to Mayor Vezina and it was

1. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2017-14 BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICE SERVICES FROM THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE POLICE SERVICES ACT BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

2. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2017-15 BEING A BY-LAW TO CONSTITUTE A JOINT POLICE SERVICES BOARD BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

Mayor Vezina then turned the meeting over to Reeve Kieri. Reeve Kieri advised that due to their Procedural By-law they could not pass a by-law at this time and it would be brought to their next meeting of Council to be held April 24, 2017 for further discussion.

Reeve Kieri then turned the meeting over to Mayor Polkowski. The resolutions required for passage of the By-law and the creation of a Joint Police Services Board was passed by their Council.

A brief recess was held at 8:10 p.m. to allow Sergeant Ford and Mr. Wight to leave the meeting.

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Mayor Polkowski called the joint Council meeting back to order at 8:23 p.m.

Further discussion on matters of common interest was brought forward. Mayor Polkowski noted that the Township of Gillies had indicated a wish to discuss representation of Area One on the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board at this meeting. Given that two of the municipalities in Area One were not present, there was consensus that the discussion should not occur at this time.

Some discussion occurred relating to choosing the representation on the Joint Police Services Board. Consensus among those present was that the resident (non-elected) municipal member would be sought from the municipality without an appointed Councillor if the Board is approved to have five members. These sorts of issues will be included in the constating documents for the new Police Services Board once it is established.

There being no further business, Mayor Polkowski thanked everyone for coming and it was

- 3. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 8:47 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer