

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES BUDGET MEETING – APRIL 24, 2017

Minutes of the Fire Department budget meeting held on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Vezina
Councillors: Alkins, Loan, Racicot
Councillor Foekens arrived at 6:10 p.m.
Clerk-Treasurer Buob

Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas, Deputy Fire Chief Monica Budiselic
Fire Department members – Greg Biloski, Stefan Derech
Fire Department Auxiliary members – Cheri Biloski, Gayle Poohachoff,
Linda Racicot

Mayor Vezina called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Fire Chief Henry Mattas and Deputy Fire Chief Monica Budiselic were welcomed to the table. The Fire Department draft #1 budget was reviewed. Items were discussed line by line. The Fire Department's revenue was discussed. The Township of O'Connor will be receiving \$500 from FireSmart Canada for their upcoming Wildfire Community Preparedness Day to be held on May 6, 2017 and this is included in this line. The sale of smoke detectors and CO detectors are also included.

Under Capital purchases one set of turnout gear has been budgeted for. Fire Chief Mattas would like to purchase a new generator for the truck to run the lights at a scene as the current one cannot be repaired. He also presented prices for a combo cutter/spreader for auto extraction. The Fire Department Auxiliary recently purchased a quad runner to use for grass fire response, during some recent preparation for this fire season it was noted that this may not be the best option. The Department members would like to purchase a crewcab 4 x 4 side by side, sharing the costs with the Fire Department Auxiliary and using the proceeds from the sale of the current quad towards the expense. They feel that this new piece of equipment would be able to carry more members to the fire and be able to pull the heavier trailer easier.

Loan payments on the pumper will remain the same as 2016 as this line only includes the principal on the loan and the interest is included in the administration budget.

The line item for the Honourarium for the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and members remained the same as last year.

Under Fire Department training, Fire Chief Mattas noted that two members have recently, received their DZ driver's licence. The training was started in 2016 and one other member took the in class training but will not be going for their licence. Taranis has provided a credit for this member which is showing in this account for 2017 and was originally paid in 2016's budget. It was also estimated that five members will attend the Fire Con conference to be held in the fall.

The Fire Department equipment, operating and maintenance of each vehicle was discussed. Some minor repairs were discussed but at this time Fire Chief Mattas is not aware of any major issues with any of the equipment. A pump test will be required on the pumper.

The Fire Department Fixed costs were also reviewed.

In the 2016 budget the First Response team had been approved to purchase CPR manikins, however they were not purchased and the unspent monies did go back into the Fire Department reserve. It was noted that these items have once again been included in this budget. The Fire Department was given authorization to purchase four of these manikins at this time and when the full budget is reviewed it will determined whether or not the money will be pulled from the reserve. It was also suggested that perhaps more than 4 should be purchased. Ms. Coderre, the First Response Coordinator will be contacted to see if more would be required.

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The budget will be discussed further at the full budget meeting to be held on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Council thanked Fire Chief Mattas and Deputy Fire Chief Budiselic for presenting the Fire Department budget and it was

1. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 6:55 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer