

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – JUNE 11, 2018

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Mayor Vezina
Councillors: Foekens, Handy, Loan, Racicot
Clerk-Treasurer Buob

Visitors: Kelly Johnson, Leadhand

Mayor Vezina 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 15 a) i) and ii) and 16 c) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

1. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Mr. Johnson was asked if he wished to address Council on any personal matters and he replied no.

Mr. Johnson, Leadhand was welcomed to the table. Mr. Johnson reported that he has completed some of the gravel resurfacing projects including Connolly Road, Cardiff Drive and Loghrin Road and one load of calcium has been put down on the roads. He noted that the hills on Blaikie Road are still soft so he has put ½ load restrictions back on the road as there has been more traffic on the road due to the detour and the closure on Highway 590, including large trucks. Mr. Johnson is hoping to get another load of calcium down at the end of this week, including on Earl Road, where again there will be more traffic due to the Highway 590 closure. Mr. Johnson will be arranging with Fire Chief Mattas to get the training trailer, located at the Disposal Site, in place so that it can be used for training in the near future.

Mr. Johnson informed Council that there is a Ritchie Bros. Auction coming to Kakabeka Falls on June 22nd and there is a 93 Ford L9000 from the Township of Emo. This is the same as the Township's truck and he would like to possibly purchase it for parts if it can be purchased for a reasonable amount. Council agreed to allow Mr. Johnson to use funds from the Road Equipment Reserve to purchase the truck if it is a reasonable price. Mr. Johnson also noted that there is an old trailer which was purchased for a minimal amount in 2007 and has never been used. He would like to know if Council would be interested in selling this. It was suggested that perhaps it could be brought to the Auction or put it for sale through the Township. Council agreed that if it is not being used that it be sold.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for attending and he left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

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

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND ROADS VOUCHER FOR MAY 2018 TOTTALLING \$63,865.37 BE APPROVED AND PAID.

Carried

3. Moved by W. Handy
Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR MAY AND JUNE 2018 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE JUNE 2018 ADMINISTRATION AND ROAD VOUCHER.

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CK#15021 MAXIM TRUCK AND TRAILER	\$ 90.29
CK#15022 BAY CITY CONTRACTORS	\$11,158.75
CK#15023 KAK CONTRACTING	\$ 5,296.87
CK#15024 OSCAR'S GRAVEL PRODUCTS	\$ <u>557.99</u>
	\$17,103.90

Carried

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures to May 31, 2018 were reviewed.

A copy of the Fuel Supply and Equipment Agreement with Superior Propane was reviewed. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the Equipment and Equipment fees as per her discussion with the Account Managers. They will be changing out the current tanks and the new tanks will have sensors on them to inform both the Township and Superior Propane of the propane levels so there will be less chance of the tanks running out.

The By-law to enter into the Agreement was reviewed and it was

4. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2018-12 BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SUPERIOR PROPANE, A DIVISION OF SUPERIOR PLUS LP ("SUPERIOR") BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

A resolution of endorsement from the City of Quinte West regarding cannabis grace period request was read and filed.

Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) issues were discussed as follows:

- a) A letter from the TBDSSAB with regard to the 2017 Operating Results by Municipality was read. This letter is as per the Area One Municipalities request for information. The TBDSSAB developed a hybrid cost allocation methodology to approximate a Municipal breakdown. The letter states that these estimated figures are subject to significant limitations that must be considered when drawing any conclusions from the results of the analysis. The Township of O'Connor's 2017 Net Cost variance between Allocated Weighted Assessment and Allocated by the Hybrid Allocation Methodology is \$51,052 overpayment compared to our actual expenses.
- b) Update from the Board Newsletter from June 6, 2018 was read.
- c) TBDSSAB is seeking interested candidates to apply for the new Child Care and Early Years' (CCEY) Advisory Table. No one from Council will be putting their name forward.
- d) TBDSSAB – 10 Year Homeless Plan review. Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis is the DSSAB Representative on the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) and is asking the members of the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) for comment. Council at this time do not have any comments to add.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) June Newsletter – Council would like the information with regard to high boating fatalities and bicycle safety in the next issue of the Cornerstone.
- b) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) – 2017 Audited Financial Statements. No questions arose from the document.
- c) AMO Communications – New Government – Next Steps. A message from the AMO President congratulating the new Premier and thanking all the candidates in the provincial election. Also noting that the 2018 AMO Conference in August will provide an opportunity to get to know the new cabinet.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Lakehead Police Services Board (LPSB) and the appointment of a Community Representative to the Board as per the regulation. The Municipality of Neebing has a resident who has put their name forward and it was

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5. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT COUNCIL AGREE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOSEPH BEITZ, FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING, AS THE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE LAKEHEAD RURAL POLICE SERVICES BOARD FOR THE BALANCE OF THIS TERM OF COUNCIL.

Carried

- b) Township of Gillies resolution endorsing the Municipality of Shuniah's proposed recommendation for appointment of representatives on the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board for Area One was read.
- c) Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) regarding the appointment of Area One representatives was further discussed. It was noted that in the Municipality of Shuniah's proposal it stated "that representatives to be paired evenly according to weighted assessment and serve on a rotational 4 year term." Council would like to add according to weighted assessment "in 2018" so the pairs are set once and not done each year. It was

6. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT COUNCIL HEREBY RECOMMENDS TO THE LAKEHEAD RURAL MUNICIPAL COALITION, FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD, THAT REPRESENTATIVES BE PAIRED EVENLY ACCORDING TO WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT IN 2018 AND SERVE ON A ROTATIONAL 4 YEAR TERM;

AND FURTHER THAT ANY VACANCIES FROM THOSE MUNICIPALITIES NOT WISHING TO PUT FORTH A REPRESENTATIVE IN ANY GIVEN TERM WILL BE DETERMINED BY ELECTION OR BY LOT.

Carried

- d) Main Street Revitalization Fund – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) transfer of funds and update on project eligibility was reviewed. A list of suggestions and costs associated with those suggestions was reviewed. We are still awaiting some estimates for some of the items. There is still a small balance still available using these estimates. Additional expense were estimated and will be added for freight and the electrical connections for the electronic sign. It was also suggested that the garbage cans be braced in the ground. New flag poles will also be added. Once the list is completed the Clerk-Treasurer will have the application submitted.

Councillor Racicot left the room.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) An email from Paul S. Heayn, former employee of the City of Dryden and pensioner, with regard to potential changes to the municipal pension plan and well as information from the Municipal Retirees Organization Ontario, President's message regarding the review of pension benefits. According to the email OMERS is considering not indexing OMERS pensions starting in 2021. Council would like to learn more about this review and will await more information.

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

- b) Rural 60 Plus request letter for support for their funding application to the New Horizons for Seniors Program. Council agreed that the Centre is an asset for our residents and the project would make a substantial improvement to the building making it more energy efficient which in turn would save them money otherwise spent on their hydro bills and allow them to offer more programs for the local seniors and it was

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7. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR SUPPORT THE RURAL 60 PLUS CENTRE IN THEIR APPLICATION TO NEW HORIZONS FOR SENIORS PROGRAM FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WINDOW INSULATORS FOR THE WINDOWS IN THEIR CENTRE LOCATED AT 5 PINEVIEW ROAD, KAKABEKA FALLS, ONTARIO.

Carried

- c) Thunder Bay & Area Food Strategy invitation to their Annual Spring Council meeting to be held on June 13, 2018 from 11:30 to 1:30. Mayor Vezina may try to attend.

Issues brought forwards or letter received after the agenda was mailed were read as follows:

- a) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) – Municipal Policing Bureau letter – As of July 1, 2018, Motor Vehicle Accident Reports to third party requesters are to be directed to the Ministry of Transportation. As a result, the OPP Detachment administrative staff will resume fulfilling their main responsibilities of assisting officers, municipalities and civilian governance structures. This change will result in a reduction of the total revenue collected by the detachments on behalf of municipalities as these requests will no longer be processed by the OPP.
- b) The appointment of Mr. Cuthbertson as the Township's Residential Tenancy Inspector was discussed. Mr. Cuthbertson has provided his requested wage for this position. Council were in agreement and the official appointment will be made at the next meeting.

Councillor Racicot left the meeting.

- c) OMERS – message from Paul Harrietha, CEO regarding the conducting of a Comprehensive Plan Review was read. The ultimate goal of the review is to modernize the Plan, and to determine if there is a better and more equitable way to deliver the pension promise in a fast-changing and demanding world. There will be no changes implemented before the end of 2018 and they do not expect to see changes before 2021. The final vote will take place in November. In coming weeks stakeholders will be invited to participate in an employer forum on July 24th. They are also encouraging employees to participate in future webcasts and focus groups.

For information purposes no building permits have been issued since the last meeting.

8. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by W. Handy

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

TIME BEING: 8:25 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer