

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – NOVEMBER 26, 2018

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Connor Community Centre.

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

Visitors: Henry Mattas, Fire Chief
Linda Racicot, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Alex Crane, Councillor-elect

Mayor Vezina called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: None

1. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018 AND THE NOTES FROM THE EMERGENCY TABLETOP EXERCISE HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2018 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

The visitors were asked if they would like to address Council and they replied no.

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. The Fire Department report from October 25, 2018 to November 22, 2018 was read. There were two (2) First Response calls in that time.

The Township of Conmee is planning on hosting a seminar offered by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management called the Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection – A Decision Maker's Guide and is inviting the other Township's to attend. They are looking to see if there is interest as they will need a minimum of nine to host. Council agreed that they would like to have at least two attend depending on their availability on the date chosen.

The Minutes of the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary meeting from October 9, 2018 were read. No questions were asked in their regard.

Item #13 a) discussion with regard to the Community Wildland Fire Protection Plan was moved forward on the agenda to be discussed with Fire Chief Mattas. Fire Chief Mattas has not seen the latest draft. It was agreed to forward him a copy and the item will be deferred for final approval by Council at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Mattas then thanked Council for all their support throughout the year and congratulated Councillor Foekens on his final meeting and he left the meeting.

Councillor-Elect Crane also left the meeting.

A By-law with regard to the appointment procedure for Council Representation on the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board (TBDSSAB) was reviewed. The Township of O'Connor and the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge will share a seat. It was

2. Moved by Jerry Loan
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2018-18 BEING A BY-LAW TO SET OUT THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE FOR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SIX AREA ONE MUNICIPALITIES ON THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

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A resolution for endorsement from the Town of Kearney with regard to the voters' list for the municipal election was reviewed and it was

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

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWN OF KEARNEY SUPPORTING THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, AMCTO, MPAC AND ELECTIONS ONTARIO IN EXPLORING AND IDENTIFYING WAYS TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN THE VOTERS' LIST FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS BE ENDORSED.

Carried

DSSAB issues were read as follows:

- a) Update from the Board newsletter dated November 20, 2018.
- b) TBDSSAB Quarterly Operational Report, 3rd Quarter 2018.
- c) TBDSSAB 2018 Third Quarter Financial Report – Operating Budget.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) – i) Health Unit News: TBDHU and Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) Reach Tentative Agreement November 19, 2018.
ii) Update from The Township of Conmee Councillor McMaster – Outcome from TBDHU Union Agreement. A contract settlement has been reached with a four year agreement putting the renewal into December 2020. There will be a 3% increase in the municipal levy for 2019.
- b) Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) – i) Minutes from the October 25, 2018 meeting.
ii) Notes from the Meeting with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) – November 6, 2018. The Township of O'Connor's issue was in regard to the accident on Highway 590 on October 17, 2018 after a flash freeze that morning, where the hill on Highway 590 was glare ice. The Ministry staff were not aware of the incident as there was no report of the accident. Mr. Mossop of the MTO indicated he will look into the matter.
- c) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) AMO Policy Update - Cannabis Retail Regulation Released. Each municipality in the Province will have to, by January 22, 2019, decided whether or not to opt out of hosting retail cannabis stores within their municipality.
ii) AMO Policy Update – Welcome Fire News. The province has provided a set legislative protection to allow double hatters to continue to serve their communities as dedicated volunteers.
iii) AMO Policy Update – Provincial Government Releases Fall Economic Statement
iv) OMERS Comprehensive Plan Review Update. The Board of Directors voted on a number of proposals from OMERS Plan changes, as part of its Comprehensive Plan Review. It passed two of the six measures put forward.
v) AMO Policy Update – Government Announces New Social Assistance Reform Plan.
- d) Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – Emergency Alert System Testing on November 28, 2018.
- e) Office of the Prime Minister – Reply to Council's endorsed resolution with regard to Dairy Management System.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) The Township of O'Connor's draft Community Wildland Fire Protection Plan was previously discussed with Fire Chief Mattas and deferred to the next meeting.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) – Municipal delegations at ROMA Conference deadline to submit is December 10, 2018. The Township of O'Connor will not put in any individual requests. It was noted that the LRMC will be submitting requests on behalf of the member municipalities and Councillor Handy may join in with these meetings at the conference if she wishes.
- b) Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) – workshop for Elected Officials with regard to the Introduction of Asset Management. Council will not be participating.

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- c) Clerk-Treasurer Buob reported to Council that one of our Township Plow/sander trucks was involved in an accident on Saturday, November 24, 2018. A vehicle rear-ended Truck #7 on Highway 590 as it had slowed down to turn down Loghrin Road. No one was hurt in the incident, however both vehicles had to be towed from the scene. The insurance company has been notified and we are currently waiting to hear back from them on when we can proceed with repairs.

Under further new business Council discussed the public meeting held earlier this evening. It was agreed that a resolution be drafted with regard to the current tax system and be submitted to Provincial government. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot will draft a resolution for an upcoming meeting.

It was also noted that a resident who was planning on attending the public meeting fell in the driveway on the ice upon her arrival. The Road Department had specifically put down extra sand on the driveway and parking areas prior to tonight's meeting.

As this is Councillor Foekens last meeting of his term on Council, Mayor Vezina presented him with a plaque for his four years of dedicated service to the Township.

Issues brought forward or letters received after the agenda was mailed were read as follows:

- a) Thunder Bay Federation of Agriculture (TBFA) request for advertising. Council agreed to not advertise at this time.
- b) Minister of Transportation's reply to Council's endorsed resolution with regard to CN Railway's proposed Milton Logistics Hub.

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

The meeting then moved to Closed to discuss recent charges laid by the Provincial Offences Officer (POA).

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot left the meeting.

4. Moved by W. Handy
Seconded by Jerry Loan

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION, INCLUDING MATTERS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS, AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOCAL BOARD; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(E) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.
TIME BEING: 9:17 P.M.**

Carried

Clerk-Treasurer Buob reported on the incident and the charges laid.

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

**TIME BEING: 9:30 P.M.
THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.**

Carried

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

**THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURN TO THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.
TIME BEING: 9:31 P.M.**

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer