

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – OCTOBER 24, 2016

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Present: Mayor Vezina
Councillors: Alkins, Foekens, Loan, Racicot
Clerk-Treasurer Buob
Visitors: Fire Chief Henry Mattas

Mayor Vezina called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Fire Chief Henry Mattas was welcomed to the table. The Fire Department report from September 24 to October 22, 2016 was read. There have been three First Response calls and one Motor Vehicle Collision since the last report.

Fire Chief Mattas noted that they are still in need of new members on the Fire Department. He did have a new member attend the last meeting and an inquiry via email last week asking if the department is accepting new members. Both of the gentlemen are currently living in the City of Thunder Bay and are looking for experience on a volunteer fire team. They have each taken a fire training course and are going for their DZ licence. One of the gentlemen is currently taking the Red Cross First Aid training as well. Fire Chief Mattas has informed them that we do not have a lot of fire calls in the Township, but they do have regular training. The one inquirer, via email, was not sure where O'Connor was for sure and it was suggested that he check with a closer department. He said that he had, but with no response. Fire Chief Mattas would like to get Council's opinion on whether or not to have these new applicants on the team as it may cost the Township money with regard to WSIB and possibly training expenses. The questions were discussed as such, would they actually stay on the team after all the training and would they be able to attend a call if a page did come in. Council discussed the pros and cons of having them join the team and agreed to allow them to join. However, prior to them being provided with pagers or gear, they must prove that they are committed to the team. The volunteers also get calls through their cell phones, so Fire Chief Mattas will set them up with that service and let them know that they are welcome to attend. The experience may attract these young gentlemen to move out to O'Connor in the future. Council were in favour of having these members join the team.

The O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary minutes from the September 13, 2016 and the October 11, 2016 meetings were read.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending and he left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2016 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE OCTOBER 2016 ADMINISTRATION AND ROAD VOUCHER.

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| CK#13877 | RON BILOSKI (DONATION 2-BIT AUCTION) | \$ 200.00 |
| CK#13878 | HYDRO ONE | \$ 719.68 |
| CK#13879 | KELLY JOHNSON (MEDICAL/DENTAL) | \$ 95.00 |
| CK#13880 | LINDA RACICOT (MEDICAL/DENTAL) | \$ 70.00 |
| CK#13881 | LORNA BUOB (MEDICAL/DENTAL) | \$ 68.00 |
| CK#13882 | LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES (FUEL) | \$ 461.98 |

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| CK#13883 | FORT GARRY INDUSTRIES LTD. | \$ 113.00 |
| CK#13884 | GFL ENVIRONMENTAL INC. | <u>\$ 372.90</u> |
| | | \$2,100.56 |

Carried

By-law Number 2016-13 to authorize the execution of an Agreement for funding was reviewed and it was

3. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2016-13 BEING A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ONTARIO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND – FORMULA BASED FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

The Lakehead Rural Planning Board approval decision for application 1B/23/16 – Baumann was read.

Council also discussed application 1B/22/16. Clerk-Treasurer Buob reported on Mr. Woodbeck's concerns with regard to the water requirement for the creation of a new lot. Council agreed that as per the Township's current Official Plan, the requirement of a certificate proving an adequate water supply must be provided for his application. It was noted that if the new draft Official Plan is approved by the Ministry as it is currently written, and if Mr. Woodbeck was willing to reapply after the Official Plan's approval, due to the size of the lot he is creating, this may not be a requirement, however there is no guarantee that the Ministry will approve Council's opinion as presented in the draft plan.

The quotes for the 2016 – 2019 Township of O'Connor Audit were reviewed. Two quotes were received, one being from our current auditor. The quotes came in very close, however the current auditors quote was slightly higher. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to review the packages provided further, to ensure that the quotes are comparable with regard to services offered. They would also like to know what would be involved with changing over and providing someone new with the Township's starting balances and procedures. They would also like to confirm that the extra money saved will not be spent on staff time providing this information to the new auditors. The information will be brought back to the next Council meeting for Council to make their final decision.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Grey County - requesting that the Province re-evaluate the structure of hydro in terms of access and delivery, and implement structural changes to address the unfair practice of charging more for delivery for rural residents was filed.
b) Grey Highlands - requesting the Minister of Education initiate an immediate moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process and it was

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

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF GREY HIGHLANDS REQUESTING THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION INITIATE AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON THE ACCOMMODATION REVIEW PROCESS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A REVIEW OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED IMPACTS ON SMALL RURAL COMMUNITIES BE STUDIED, COMPLETED AND THE RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BE CONSIDERED BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- c) Township of Archipelago regarding Improving Ontario's Intensive Therapy funding/services for Children with Autism and it was

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5. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE RESOLUTION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF ARCHIPELAGO REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ONTARIO'S INTENSIVE THERAPY FUNDING/SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM;

AND ASKING THAT THE PROVINCE AMEND ITS POLICY TO ONE THAT WILL ALLOW CHILDREN ON THE CURRENT WAITING LIST TO RECEIVE THE INTENSIVE BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTION (IBI) SERVICES PROMISED TO THEM;

AND REMOVE THE AGE LIMIT FOR IBI THERAPY AND REPLACE IT WITH A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES ONGOING IBI SERVICES BASED ON NEED AND INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT, NOT AGE;

AND ENSURE OVERSIGHT BY PROFESSIONALS AND PARENTS BASED ON DEVELOPMENT PROCESS CRITERIA AND MILESTONES;

AND ADOPT A DIRECT FUNDING OFFERING MODEL IN LIEU OF THE CURRENT DIRECT SERVICE OFFERING MODEL BE ENDORSED.

Carried

- d) Township of North Frontenac – requesting support for Ontario's Electrical Bills was filed.

Councillor Foekens provided an update to Council on the Meeting held on October 21, 2016 with the Area One municipalities and the Deputy Minister of Community and Social Service, with regard to the current issues with the Area One municipalities and the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB). Mayor Holland, Township of Conmee and Mayor Landry, Municipality of Shuniah provided a detailed explanation of the groups concerns and the process to resolve these issues to date. The Deputy Minister also met with the TBDSSAB earlier in the day. Mayor Kloosterhuis, Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge was in attendance at both meetings as she is the group's board representative. The facilitator from the negotiation process was also present. Once a response is received the Mayors of the Area One municipalities will once again meet to discuss.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Thunder Bay Area E.M.O. Newsletter – July, August & September 2016. In the newsletter Mr. Coupland announced that he will be stepping down from his position as Emergency Planning Officer and CEMC at the end of December 2016. It was suggested that a retirement gift be purchased for Mr. Coupland. The Clerk-Treasurer will ask the other municipalities if they would be interested in going together on a gift, or if each municipality will present their own.
- b) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) – 2016 Assessment Update – Notices for Farm and Business Properties. The reassessment notices for these classes are currently being sent out by MPAC. Council would like information included in the next issue of the Cornerstone notifying the residents with these property classes to review these documents and if they have concerns to contact MPAC.
- c) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watch File October 13, 2016
ii) Watch File October 20, 2016
iii) AMO Policy Update – Ontario Municipal Board Update
- d) Mosey & Mosey – regarding Legislative Change to the Waiting Period Under the Employment Insurance (EI) Board. Effective January 1, 2017 the waiting period for EI benefits will change from two weeks to one week. This may change Short and Long Term Disability plan's waiting periods. The Clerk-Treasurer was asked to look into this further for the Township of O'Connor's benefit package.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed:

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- a) Tbaytel – Reply letter to Council's letter concerning the cellular coverage in the Township of O'Connor. Tbaytel is currently considering the installation of a new tower, located on the Township of O'Connor property. If approved, they will contact the Township in December. Council would like to send a response letter back stating that we would be willing to cooperate with Tbaytel, but are curious to know how much land they would require for the installation.
- b) Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) – information with regard to others attending the conference from the surrounding municipalities and delegation requests. The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council of who will be attending the conference from the Municipalities of Oliver Paipoonge and Neebing, and the Township of Conmee. Council agreed that they would not request any individual delegations. Both Neebing and Conmee have submitted requests for delegations and have offered to have Councillor Racicot participate with them if he so wishes.
- c) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – i) regarding the Introduction of the legislation to amend the Aggregate Resources Act.
ii) Copy of the Environmental Registry Number 012-8443
Council would like to discuss these amendments further with Mr. Johnson, Leadhand, and would like to defer this item to the November 14, 2016 meeting.
- d) Review revised version of the Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law. Council discussed the 2nd draft of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law. Some minor changes were suggested. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact Fotenn to discuss these items. The documents will be resubmitted to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority to confirm that their concerns have been addressed. Once these and any of the LRCA's comments, if any, have been addressed, the draft Official Plan will be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs as the next step in the review process.

Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) – Watercrossing Workshop invitation. It was

- 6. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE LAKEHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WATERCROSSING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016 IN THUNDER BAY.

**KELLY JOHNSON, LEADHAND
BRENT DENNHARDT, EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

Carried

- b) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) – regarding Multimodal Transportation Study update. No one will attend.
- c) Manitoba/NW Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion – regarding Military Service Recognition Book. It was

- 7. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT A 1/10 PAGE – BUSINESS CARD COLOUR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION MANITOBA/NW ONTARIO COMMAND "MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION BOOK" BE PURCHASED AT A COST OF \$225.00.

Carried

- d) The Ministry of Infrastructure for the OCIF Top-Up Component. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that an application has been submitted requesting funding in the amount of just over \$93,800.00 for the replacements of three culverts on Sitch Road at Beaver Dam Creek.

Under Further New Business, Councillor Alkins asked if Council had been invited to participate in the Forum North breakfast. The Clerk-Treasurer was not aware of an invitation but would look into it further.

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Issues brought forward or letters received after the agenda was mailed.

- a) Thunder Bay District Health Unit – regarding the 2017 Public Health Budget. The approval of the 2017 budget and municipal levy will be delayed, however, the Board is requesting that the January 2017 levy invoice be paid at the 2016 rate and if any changes are approved, they will adjust afterwards. Council agreed to make the payment as requested.
- b) AMO – Office of the President – Why you need to attend the upcoming Energy Symposiums. No one will attend.
- c) Request for hall rental fee to be waived for upcoming Halloween dance fundraiser for the Rural Cupboard Food Bank. It was

- 8. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR WAIVE THE HALL RENTAL FEE FOR THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016, FOR THE RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK'S HALLOWEEN PARTY FUNDRAISER.

Carried

For information purposes, a building permit was approved for a garage at 184 Holomego Road.

- 9. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by Chantal Alkins

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M .

TIME BEING: 9:10 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer