

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

Minutes of the meeting held on September 25, 2017 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: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in item 13c) as his spouse is an employee of the Township. It was noted that as per Bill 68, changes will be made on how a Council member will have to disclose an interest at the public meeting.

- Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.**

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas was welcomed to the table. The Fire Department report from June 25, 2017 to September 24, 2017 was read. There was one fire related call and three first response calls in that time. Fire Chief Mattas also reported that six members of the Fire Department attended Fire Con this month. He will be requesting a report from each member who attended on the course they took and he will have them for Council for the next meeting. He also attended a Zone meeting.

Council at their previous meeting received a letter from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services confirming that the Township of O'Connor is in compliance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act for 2016 as it related to Ontario Regulation 380/04. Council wanted to ensure that Fire Chief Mattas was aware of this and that he has a copy of the letter for his records. Fire Chief Mattas confirmed that he does have a copy of the letter.

Fire Chief Mattas reported that the Fire Department air bottles are currently getting tested. One bottle was rejected during the testing and will be replaced. They currently have twenty bottles and 10 air packs in inventory. The air has to be dumped out of the bottles every 180 days.

Fire Chief Mattas noted that the department is looking for an old house trailer for training purpose and if possible would like to place it at the disposal site. Council agreed with Fire Chief Mattas' suggestion and an advertisement will be placed in the next issue of the Cornerstone to see if anyone might have one for free in the area.

Fire Chief Mattas 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

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2017 BE
PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE SEPTEMBER 2017
ADMINISTRATION AND ROAD VOUCHER.**

CK#14506	TBAYTEL	\$	437.54
CK#14507	HYDRO ONE	\$	553.72
CK#14508	LOWERY'S	\$	11.30
CK#14509	STRONGCO	\$	191.70
CK#14510	SPECTRUM GROUP	\$	52.26
CK#14511	LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	\$	23,406.97

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CK#14512	THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC DIST SCHOOL	
	BOARD	\$ 2,099.25
CK#14513	CSDC DES AURORES BOREALES	\$ 145.86
CK#14514	GFL ENVIRONMENTAL INC	\$ 372.90
CK#14515	BEVERLY DALTON	\$ 786.54
		<u>\$28,058.04</u>

Carried

A By-law for borrowing monies for a portion of the cost of the purchase of the Township backhoe was reviewed and it was

3. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT BY-LAW NUMBER 2017-21 BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF MONIES BE PASSED AND ENTERED IN THE BY-LAW BOOK.

Carried

A resolution for endorsement was reviewed from the Town of Blue Mountains with regard to the tax-exempt portion of remunerations paid to local officials and was filed.

Councillor Racicot provided Council with a verbal update on the District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) review meeting held on September 20, 2017. Comments were made to the consultants as was discussed at the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) meeting prior. He noted that there was a good turnout for the consultation. The Consultants are currently going across the Province collecting information for the review. It was noted during the consultation session that the Ministry does not plan on expanding the number of current boards. It was also noted that the DSSAB's lawyers are stating that the representatives to the Board are not supposed to report back to their Council's but rather wait for the minutes to be distributed through the DSSAB. Members are not in agreement.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario – i) Watch File – September 14, 2017
ii) Watch File – September 21, 2017
iii) AMO Communications – Policing Policy and Bill 68 Update
b) Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario – reply to Council's endorsed resolution regarding invasive plant species.

The balance of correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) Township of O'Connor – Township Inspection - October 13, 2017 was set at the last meeting for the Township Inspection however no time was determined. It was agreed that the inspection will begin at 8:30 a.m. starting from the Municipal office.
b) Thunder Bay District Municipal League – invitation to 100th Anniversary Conference – October 27 & 28, 2017. The Clerk-Treasurer requested that the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer also attend as it is the League's 100th Anniversary and she is the administrative representative for the League on the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association. It was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON OCTOBER 27 & 28, 2017.

**MAYOR VEZINA
COUNCILLOR LOAN, ALKINS, RACICOT
CLERK-TREASURER BUOB
DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT**

REGISTRATION: \$160.00

Carried

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As it is the 100th Anniversary of the League Council were asked to invite someone with a history with league or previous Council. Council requested that the Clerk-Treasurer contact a couple of the previous Reeves of the Township to see if they would be interested in attending. Council would be willing to cover their registration costs if they chose to attend. Each municipality was also asked to provide a sponsorship and provide historic items or photos. The old school house model that formally sat in the entrance of the community centre will be offered and Mayor Vezina will look into a possible sponsor.

Councillor Racicot left the room.

c) 7th Annual 2017 Northern Municipal Treasurer's Forum to be held on October 25 & 26, 2017 in Thunder Bay was discussed and it was

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

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE TREASURER'S FORUM TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON OCTOBER 25 AND 26, 2017.

**CLERK-TREASURER BUOB
DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT**

REGISTRATION: N/C

Carried

Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

d) 2018 ROMA Conference – January 21 - 23, 2018 – registration information was reviewed. Councillor Loan attended the Conference last year and felt that it was a very informative conference and recommended that two members attend this year. Council discussed this further and it was agreed to only send one member at this time. Who should or would be available to attend was discussed and it was

6. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE RURAL ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 21 – 23, 2018 IN TORONTO.

REGISTRATION: \$550.00 PLUS HST (EARLY BIRD RATE)

MAYOR JIM VEZINA

Carried

A room will be booked at the host hotel, if there are still some available and the registration will be submitted to catch the early bird registration discount. A flight will be booked at a later date.

e) Review of revised Official Plan and Preliminary Comments on the New Draft Official Plan and comments from Fotenn with regard to the changes were reviewed. Council would like Section 8.1.3., with regard to drinking water, included as per their original comments to Fotenn. Council would like to meet with the local Ministry of Municipal Affairs Planning staff to discuss the draft plan prior to its resubmission to the Ministry's One Window to explain Council's comments or changes. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact their office to see when they might be available to meet with Council. There are also some changes that have to be made to the draft map and the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) will be contacted for the additions. Another public meeting will also have to be scheduled and this will be discussed further with the consultant.

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Under New Business, Council discussed

- a) The Disposal Site Caretaker position and possible compensation for winter conditions. Health and Safety requirements will be reviewed to ensure all requirements are being met. A \$20 per week expense for the additional winter conditions will be offered to the caretaker to compensate for personal expenses.
 - b) Manitoba/NW Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion – requesting support through an advertisement in their Military Service Recognition Book. Council agreed not to place an advertisement in this publication this year.
 - c) Thunder Bay Ventures – Roundtable Invitation – October 3, 2017 and it was
7. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by B. J. Loan

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE THUNDER BAY VENTURES – ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON THE PROSPERITY AND GROWTH STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO TO BE HELD OCTOBER 3, 2017 IN THUNDER BAY.

REGISTRATION FEE – N/C

COUNCILLOR RACICOT

Carried

FedNor has launched an online questionnaire and is also requesting feedback. Council will review the questions and discuss at the next meeting after Council Racicot has returned from the Round Table and will submit a response. The deadline is October 30, 2017.

Under further new business, Council discussed information from the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association with regard to possible funding for replacement of fleet vehicles. There is a program, the Municipal GHG Challenge Fund, which will be looked into further.

Mayor Vezina also noted that he has been invited to sit on a IESO panel.

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

- a) Student Councillor position was discussed. No applications have been received by the September deadline. Council agreed to extend the deadline to the October 23, 2017 meeting and if no applications are received by that time, Council will continue to include information in the Cornerstone with regard to the position for next year to try to find some interest.
- b) AMCTO – Bill 68: How to Implement the Newest Municipal Accountability & Transparency Measures; Local Government – to be held in Thunder Bay November 3, 2017. The Clerk-Treasurer will look further into whether or not there are any changes or concerns that will affect the Township. If it is determined that someone should attend it will be brought back to Council.

For information purposes a building permit was approved at 446 Highway 595 for a new garage.

A new item was brought forward with regard to a personal matter about an identifiable individual and it was

8. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS A PERSONAL MATTER ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BOARD EMPLOYEES, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(B) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 9:02 P.M.

Carried

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A discussion was held with regard to the issue and it was

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

TIME BEING: 9:27 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

Fire Chief Mattas will be asked to provide a report to Council at his next scheduled meeting with regard to the Fire Department air bottle inventory and testing.

10. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

TIME BEING: 9:28 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer