

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, September 26, 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: Councillor Racicot declared an interest in item 14 a) as his spouse is an employee of the Township.

- Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

Carried

Fire Chief Henry Mattas was welcomed to the table. The Fire Department report from June 19 to September 24, 2016 was read. In that time the team responded to five medical calls and two motor vehicle collisions. Fire Chief Mattas reported that the pump test was completed on the pumper truck and it passed. He also noted that he, along with Moe Douglas and Monica Budiselic from our department attended Conmee fire department member, Terry Baxter's funeral. He also participated in the honour guard.

Fire Chief Mattas also reported that the team did shut down their training throughout the summer months but are now getting back into the routine of their regular Tuesday night meetings. A new member, Jarryd Parker, has come out to one of these meeting.

An emergency table top exercise was discussed for the Township. Council has met the requirements as set out by the Ministry, however they would like to have an exercise and include all members of our fire and first response team as well. Mr. John Coupland will be contacted with a couple of possible dates and the date will be set at the next meeting.

The minutes of the Fire Department Auxiliary meeting held on June 14, 2016 were read.

Fire Chief Mattas was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

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 SEPTEMBER 2016 BE PAID. THESE BILLS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE SEPTEMBER 2016 ADMINISTRATION AND ROAD VOUCHER.

CK#13822	KELLY JOHNSON	\$	95.00
CK#13823	STAPLES	\$	42.93
CK#13824	THUNDER BAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	\$	300.00
CK#13825	BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES CENTRE	\$	28.00
CK#13826	LOWERY'S	\$	45.00
CK#13827	LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES	\$	543.03
CK#13828	SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA	\$	1,070.52
CK#13829	TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR	\$	65.40
CK#13830	LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	\$	21,156.32
CK#13831	THUNDER BAY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	\$	2,021.92
CK#13832	CSDC DES AUREORES BOREALES	\$	132.56
CK#13833	THUNDER BAY AREA ZONE ONE MUTUAL AID ASSOC	\$	200.00
			<u>\$25,700.68</u>

Carried

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Consent applications were discussed as follows:

a) Application 1B/23/16 – Concession 6, Lot 2 – Baumann. It was

3. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT CONSENT APPLICATION 1B/23/16 FOR BERTHOLD AND RUTH BAUMANN FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2, CONCESSION 6, RP 55R-981 FOR A SEVERANCE OF 4.23 HECTARES BE APPROVED.

Carried

b) Lakehead Rural Planning Board – Decision regarding Application 1B/22/16 – Woodbeck. The application was approved by the Board.

Resolutions for endorsement were read as follows:

- a) Municipality of Dutton Dunwich requesting that the residents of the municipality be provided 100% hydro rate reduction was filed.
b) Town of Aurora regarding the endorsement of the recommendations contained in the Report no. CS16-020 - Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Reform update was filed.

Correspondence were read as follows:

- a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – i) Watchfile – September 15, 2016.
ii) Watchfile – September 22, 2016.
iii) AMO Policy Update – Speech from the Throne Emphasizes Action on Electricity Costs.
iv) AMO Communications – More Participation Opportunities in What's Next Ontario? Mayor Vezina may attend the session in Dryden on October 19, 2016 if he is in the area for work.
v) AMO Releases Seniors Policy Paper.
b) Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy – regarding Kendal Donahue, Food Strategy Coordinator – leaving her position.
c) Northern Policy Institute – regarding Northern Ontario Data Consortium.

The balance of the correspondence was passed around the table.

Under Old Business, Council discussed

- a) A draft copy of letter to Tbaytel regarding cell service to the area was discussed. Council made suggestions as to what they would like to see added. The Clerk-Treasurer will make the changes and send the letter off as soon as possible.
b) Local Employment Planning Council – introduction information with regard to the new Magnet program – Councillor Loan received this information at a recent Thunder Bay District Municipal League meeting and brought it forward to Council. He explained to Council the program and how they are trying to put workers together with employers.
c) A discussion with regard to the Highway 590 road closure was held. The Clerk-Treasurer reported to Council on the most recent complaints and comments received. One of the complaints was with regard to speed of the traveling public. Mr. Johnson will put up construction speed limit signs near the residents on Cronk road. It was also noted that gravel has been placed on Fleming road, five of the loads were donated by Taranis Contracting.

Under New Business, Council discussed

Councillor Racicot left the room.

a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – 2016 Northern Municipal Treasurers' Forum – to be held in Thunder Bay – November 9 & 10, 2016 and it was

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

**THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND THE TREASURERS' FORUM TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2016.
DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER RACICOT
REGISTRATION: N/C**

Carried

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Councillor Racicot returned to the meeting.

b) Request for quotes for a Township auditor was discussed. It was agreed to request a price for a four year term to perform the Township of O'Connor's financial audit and to have the quotes in to the Township office for the October 24 Council meeting.

c) Forum North, November 1 & 2, 2016 – attendance. It was

5. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSON/S ATTEND FORUM NORTH TO BE HELD IN THUNDER BAY ON NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 2016.

KELLY JOHNSON, LEADHAND

REGISTRATION: EARLY BIRD BY OCTOBER 11TH -\$309 + HST

Carried

- d) Official Plan review – revised draft from Fotenn for review prior to submission to the Ministry. Council did have additional questions and comments with regard to the draft, which will be submitted to Fotenn for comment and response. The draft is close to being ready to be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for their review and approval.
- e) Mayor Keith Hobbs, City of Thunder Bay – requesting support for an Event and Convention Centre. At this time Council were not in favour of formally supporting the project.
- f) Councillor Chantal Alkins – regarding a concern with regard to animal rights extremists and harassment of a local farmer in the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge. She expressed her concern with these groups, including her concern that they may also come into our Township pushing their opinion. It was noted that there are two sides to every story and Council agreed at this time they will not take sides and no correspondence will be sent out. If they come to our Township, Council will deal with the situation then.
- g) Councillor Loan – regarding a Student Councillor program which is currently being run in the Town of Marathon and the Municipality of Greenstone. Copies of Policy's from the two were reviewed. This program is trying to bring political interest to youth in the communities between grades 10 to 12. The program in these Municipalities is run from October to June and the student Councillor would have to be from the municipality. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into the program further for next year and it will be discussed further during the 2017 budget process.

Issues brought forward or letters received after agenda was mailed

a) Thunder Bay OPP – October Newsletter was read. It was agreed to include Hunting information in the October issue of the Cornerstone. Some Halloween safety information will also be included.

For information purposes building permits were approved for a garage at 273 Highway 595 and an addition at 555 Highway 590.

6. Moved by K. Foekens
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEXT PORTION OF THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS; PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 239(2)(D) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001.

TIME BEING: 8:50 P.M.

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Interviews held for the administrative assistant position were discussed by Council.

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

TIME BEING: 8:58 P.M.

THAT WE NOW MOVE TO OPEN MEETING.

Carried

- 8. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

THAT ERIN LAFOREST BE OFFERED THE PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 23, 2016.

RATE OF PAY WILL BE THE ENTRY WAGE OF \$14.94.

Carried

- 9. Moved by Chantal Alkins
Seconded by K. Foekens

THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN TO THE TOWNSHIP INSPECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016 AT 8:30 A.M.

TIME BEING: 8:59 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer