

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES BUDGET MEETING – APRIL 8, 2024

Minutes of the Fire Department Budget meeting held on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6 p.m. in the O'Connor Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Vezina
Councillors: Crane, Rea, Sobolta, Torkkeli
Clerk-Treasurer Buob

Mayor Vezina called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. Moved by Brendan Rea
Seconded by A. Crane

THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING BE APPROVED.

Carried

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof: None.

Fire Chief Biloski was unavailable to attend the meeting. He provided a hardcopy of the Fire Department Draft #1 budget and a Budget Attachment with notes regarding Fire Department Capital items he would like Council to consider.

The notes were read and discussed. Councillor Rea, also a member of the Fire Department, provided additional information where required. It was noted that the pumper needs mechanical work. Fire Chief Biloski will be asked to get prices on this as soon as possible. Under Hall Maintenance there is a request for water diversion within the hall, as there is an issue with the water dripping off the vehicles and under the interior wall. Councillor Rea explained the concerns further.

The Clerk-Treasurer provided information regarding the Fire Departments fixed costs, including memberships, hydro, communications, and heating. Most of these costs are set and there is not a lot that can be adjusted. The insurance numbers are currently only an estimate based on a 5% increase, as Township renewal is June 1, 2024, and the actual amounts are not available at this time.

Mayor Vezina asked Council if they had any questions regarding the budget to this point. A couple of questions arose, and the Clerk-Treasurer will forward them on to Fire Chief Biloski.

As this is Fire Chief Biloski's first budget, Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to ask him for more detail in his notes included in the budget, including a breakdown and price of the items requested.

The Fire Department budget will continue to be updated as actual expenses occur. Any changes will be discussed further at the full budget meeting yet to be scheduled. It was

2. Moved by J. Sobolta
Seconded by Carly Torkkeli

THAT THE BUDGET MEETING ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 8, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE O'CONNOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

TIME BEING: 7:00 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer