

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 28, 2011

PRESENT: Reeve Kevin Holland
Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt
Councillor Robert MacMaster
Councillor Robert Rydholm

ABSENT: Councillor Grant Arnold

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Holland called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2011-113

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Agenda was amended by the addition of a second Disbursement List under 7.2 and a Closed Session.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Reeve Holland declared a pecuniary interest in Disbursement List No. 6B1.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no deputations or petitions for Council's consideration.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 Minutes – Regular Meeting – June 15, 2011

Resolution No. 2011-114

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 15, 2011 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

5.2 Minutes – Closed Meeting - June 15, 2011

Resolution No. 2011-115

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on June 15, 2011 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report – not at this meeting
- Landfill Report – not at this meeting

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – filed

6.3 Clerk's Report
- Admin. Report #2011-14 – Energy Use in Township Buildings

The Clerk reported that a comparison of prior energy use over a one year period has shown a reduction in kilowatt hours for the Community Centre/Municipal Office and the Garage, but not the Fire Hall. There does not appear to be a clear reason why, however, the fan on the heating and ventilation system has been turned off and staff will monitor this to see if it was causing the increase. It may also be possible to put it on an intermittent cycle.

6.4 Councillor Reports

Reeve Holland reported on a discussion he had with Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis from Oliver Paipoonge regarding the Highway 11/17 issue. Mayor Kloosterhuis has agreed to a meeting with Conmee Council to discuss a mutually satisfactory resolution of this issue and acknowledged that the loss of homes and businesses in Conmee would impact Kakabeka Falls Village. Mayor Kloosterhuis also agreed that the deferral of the decision on a final route was not in anyone's best interest and that a joint meeting or submission to the Minister of Transportation would be appropriate.

Reeve Holland also reported on his discussions with Reeve Kieri from Gillies and Mayor Nelson from O'Connor regarding sharing of services. A tentative meeting date of July 19 has been set.

Reeve Holland noted that he has had good reception for his idea of a Regional Economic Area. A meeting of the participating municipalities will be held in the Fall.

Reeve Holland advised that the meeting of the Area 1 DSSAB municipalities has been deferred. However, Reeve Holland did receive the information on program costs he had requested. From the information received, it would appear that a levy based on usage would be more appropriate and less expensive for the Township. This issue will be raised when the Area 1 meeting is held.

Councillor MacMaster requested that a category for Health and Safety Committee reports be added to the Reports from Municipal Officer's section of the Agenda under 6.5.

Councillor MacMaster reported that a satisfactory agreement has been reached with Ancliffe Timber and Greenmantle Forest Inc. regarding the log haul on Lundstrom Road East. Councillor MacMaster advised that he has spoken to Reeve Kieri from Gillies, who is affiliated with Greenmantle, about developing a standard haul permit and application that would apply to all the Townships. This would avoid the need for continuing negotiations, and different rules. Reeve Kieri agreed to explore this further in the Fall.

Councillor MacMaster advised that he has reviewed the road information received from O'Connor and has found some good information on the web at the University of Minnesota website. Councillor MacMaster suggested that the roads crew should also review these videos.

Councillor MacMaster advised that he was donating a spare laptop computer to the Township. This laptop could be used by the roads department or others as needed. Reeve Holland thanked Councillor MacMaster for his donation.

Councillor Hunt reported on her attendance at the Regional Economic Summit held in Thunder Bay. Councillor Hunt did not feel that this summit was beneficial and did not feel that any progress would be made on this issue due to the large numbers and area involved.

Councillor Hunt requested that Council review the Cemetery By-laws to control the planting of trees in the Cemetery. Councillor Hunt feels that the trees eventually become a problem that has to be dealt with by Council and that they should not be allowed. The Clerk advised that a complete review of the Cemetery operations will be required by the new Funeral and Bereavement Act. The Clerk also noted that restrictions should also be placed on things such as fences and permanent flower beds, as these require more intensive hand work by the Public Works Department to maintain the surrounding areas. Councillor Hunt noted that defined walkways should also be established and maintained as a level surface. The Clerk will provide a complete report on the new Act.

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1 Disbursement List No. 6B 2011

Resolution No. 2011-116

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$13,546.63 as per Disbursement List No. 6B 2011 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

7.2 Disbursement List No. 6B1 2011

Reeve Holland declared an interest in this Disbursement List and left the Chair. Deputy Reeve Rydholm assumed the Chair.

Resolution No. 2011-117

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$463.30 as per Disbursement List No. 6B1 2011 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Reeve Holland resumed the Chair.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 By-law No. 990 – Tax Rates

Resolution No. 2011-118

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Reeve and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 990, being a by-law to establish the 2011 tax rates.

CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Email from Hagi Community Services

Council discussed the email from Hagi Community Services. It was unclear whether this company wants to enter into an agreement with the Township or with individuals who need their services. The Clerk was directed to contact Hagi Community Services and ask for a representative to attend a Council meeting.

9.2 AMO Alert re Injuries in the Workplace

Council reviewed the AMO Alert which provides information on a Superior Court decision regarding a charge that a resort hotel failed to report a guest's accidental drowning to the Labour Board. Although the resort argued that the guest was not an employee, the court has found that if an employee could be subject to the same circumstances that caused a non-employee's death (in this case a pool), then the death should be reported to the Labour Board. This issue raised considerable concern as all roads are considered a workplace, including major highways where considerably more accidents causing death occur. It is not clear if every accident on a road should be reported to the Labour Board.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 LRCA Minutes – May 18, 2011 – filed
- 10.2 DSSAB Minutes – May 19, 2011 – filed
- 10.3 AMO Watch File – filed

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2011-119

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss information regarding an identifiable individual at 7:56 pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed issues raised by the Facilities Manager regarding a hall rental and an apparently illegal use of property.

Resolution No. 2011-120

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT we do now adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 8:49 pm.

CARRIED.

Council requested that the Clerk send a letter of appreciation to the Facilities Manager. Council also requested that the Clerk send a letter to the property owner advising that the use of travel trailers on the property is not permitted.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2011-121

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 8:56 pm.
CARRIED.

Reeve

Clerk