

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 2015

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor Robert MacMaster
Councillor Sheila. Maxwell
Councillor Cathy Woodbeck

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Bruni, Treasurer, Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent
ABSENT:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2015- 193

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as prepared.
CARRIED.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared an interest in Disbursement List No. 11A Payroll

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no depositions or petitions for Council's consideration

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2015 - 194**

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 27, 2015 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

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

Council discussed the landfill report and would like to see the volume of furniture going into the landfill recorded. It was noted that this volume is captured at the end of the year but the Landfill Attendant will be asked to try to keep some weekly records.

The Clerk was asked to get some information on how Oliver Paipoonge is doing their new system on identification required to use their landfill.

- Generator Report – Not at this Meeting
- Tank Level Report – Admin. Report #018 - filed

- 6.2 Fire Chief's Report – Not at this meeting

- 6.3 Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised that ownership evidence has been found in the garbage that was dumped near the landfill and that a letter was sent advising that this person was not eligible to use our landfill. Council directed the Clerk to send an invoice for the cost of the clean-up.

- 6.4 Treasurer's Report

Tax Collection Policy

Resolution No. 2015 – 195

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT Council approves of the amendment to Policy No. 52 being a Policy to direct staff for Tax Billing Procedures.

CARRIED.

Resolution to Transfer Funds

Resolution No 2015 – 196

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

WHEREAS Council had dedicated funds from the Reserve Account to cover the cost of Form Architect's services to the Township of Conmee on behalf of the Rural Cupboard Food Bank;

AND WHEREAS it was the intention that the Rural Cupboard Food Bank would reimburse the Township for those expenditures;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Cupboard Food Bank has reimbursed the Township of Conmee in the amount of \$15,000.00 to date;

NOW THEREFORE the Council for the Township of Conmee hereby authorizes the Treasurer to perform a transfer of \$15,000.00 from the Operating Account to the Reserve Account.

CARRIED.

The Treasurer requested direction on the payment of the OPP bill. Council discussed the new OPP billing model and noted some severe concerns with the accuracy of the report on the calls for service in the Township, including an apparent fatality on Township Roads that no one else is aware of. Mayor Holland advised he had requested background information on the calls while he was at the CPAC meeting but was informed that a breakdown was not available.

Council also discussed the failure of the OPP to respond to a resident's concerns regarding someone in their backyard with a gun, as well as other instances where the OPP have not responded to calls for service. In fact, these calls for service are apparently not even being recorded.

Council directed the Treasurer to withhold payment of the bill until such time as Council's questions have been answered.

6.5 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting including a CPAC meeting, Bill Mauro's press conference on the spring bear hunt, a meeting with the consultant for the SRSSB, a food bank meeting, a planning board meeting and an SRSSB meeting.

Councillor Maxwell reported on the children and adult's Halloween parties. The children's party was very well attended while the adult party was not.

Councillor MacMaster reported on his meeting with staff on the CCN, including discussion on hours of operation and the formation of a guidebook. He also noted that as "vaping" is not yet regulated at the Provincial level, a by-law should be passed to prevent its use on municipal

property. Councillor MacMaster also noted the information on radon in the Thunder Bay area should be given to our residents.

Councillor Arnold reported that he has an up-coming LRCA meeting.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports – not at this meeting

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1 Disbursement List No 11A 2015

Resolution No. 2015 - 197

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$61,308.84 as per Disbursement List No. 11A 2015 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Payroll Disbursement

Resolution No. 2015 – 198

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Payroll in the amount of \$11,495.93 as per Payroll Cheque Log from October 23, 2015 to November 6, 2015 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Email from DSSAB re Picture – filed

8.2 Boundary Road Agreement

Council discussed the draft boundary road agreement as forwarded by O'Connor. Council felt that the summer road maintenance should also be shared by the two Townships as it has been costing the Township of Conmee a significant amount of money to do maintenance such as culvert replacement and brushing. Council directed that a letter be sent to O'Connor asking for a meeting to discuss this issue.

8.3 Draft Landfill Amendment

Council discussed some changes that the Public Works Department would like to make to the layout to improve operations such as snow plowing. Council directed that the changes be sent to True Grit and if they do not identify any issue with the changes, True Grit can be directed to submit the application to the MOE.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Speed Signs

Mayor Holland presented the information received from the OPP regarding the distance apart that speed signs must be placed. The Public Works Department is to provide costing on this issue.

9.2 NOMA Email re Spring Bear Hunt – filed

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS REGARDING AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL.

Resolution No 2015 – 199

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss matters regarding an identifiable individual including municipal employees at 9:50 pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed an issue regarding community service work, a WSIB claim and the resignation of an employee.

Resolution No. 2015 – 200

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn this Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 10:30 pm.

CARRIED.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1 Thank you from MMAH re AMO Meeting

10.2 2004 Gas Tax Report

10.3 Ontario Response to Advisory Panel on Homelessness
10.4 AMO Communications

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 2015 - 201

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 10:50 pm.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk