

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

June 24, 2016

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

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Bruni-Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, Jason Fleck-Fire Chief, Mr & Mrs. Erdman, Brian Lehto, Ms. Bettioil, Mr & Mrs. Manns – Ratepayers.

ABSENT: Patricia Maxwell, CAO/Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2016-127

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as prepared.

CARRIED.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Maxwell declared a pecuniary interest on item 4.3.
Mayor Holland declared a pecuniary interest in item nos. 7.2 and 7.3.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Council welcomed Robert and Gayle Manns who expressed their wishes to replace the current Northwestern Ontario Military Museum located in their home by constructing a separate building on the property. A written report was provided. Mr. Manns requested that Council consider an amendment to the Zoning By-law as well as, requesting a reduction in taxes on the proposed museum. Council advised Mr. Manns to submit a completed application for the zoning amendment and that a public meeting date would be set when that application is received. The Treasurer advised that municipalities are not allowed by Provincial legislation to reduce property taxes.

4.2 Mr. & Mrs. Erdman were welcomed by council. Mr. Erdman requested information on the status of his application for a zoning amendment. Mayor Holland explained that a public meeting date would be set later in the meeting. Mr. Erdman questioned the information received by council from a local law firm regarding the loss of zoning when a property was not in use for some time. Mayor Holland replied that zoning on a property never changes unless a specific by-law is passed to change it.

4.3 Dave Maxwell – Councillor Maxwell declared a conflict and left the room. Mr. Maxwell requested Council permission to live in his current home until such time as they move into the new one. The second unit would then either be removed or demolished. Council requested a timeline be given

to Administration when a draft agreement can be drawn up and sent back to council for approval.

CLOSED SESSION TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL INCLUDING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Resolution No. 2016 - 128

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT this meeting be adjourned to a Closed Session to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees at 6:35pm.

CARRIED.

The Deputy Clerk provided an update on an ongoing legal issue.

The Fire Chief also provided information on recent incidents in the Township.

Council also discussed an upcoming employee retirement.

Resolution No. 2016 - 129

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn this Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 7:10pm.

CARRIED.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Resolution No. 2016 - 130

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 24, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report - filed

- Grader Report – filed
- Generator Report – filed
- Tank Level Report – filed

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – filed

Chief Fleck was in attendance and spoke to previous fires in the Township the past April and that the repairs to the fire truck has been completed, at which time Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room for the update on the truck repairs.

6.3 Clerk's Report – filed

6.4 Treasurer's Report

- Response from OPP re interest – filed

Council agreed to release the interest payment to the Ministry of Finance with a letter of explanation to the OPP.

The Treasurer presented a draft pamphlet to be sent out with tax bills and changes were noted.

The Treasurer presented a clip for a social media commercial explaining property taxes and requested direction from council before expenses were incurred on purchasing the program. It was the consensus of council to move forward with purchasing the software as long as it fits within the Administration budget.

6.5 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on the DSSAB mediation process to date. Mayor Holland will be attending the DSSAB board meeting on June 23rd to answer questions. Mayor Holland provided an update on the food bank construction, reported his attendance at the last wine and paint night held by the social committee and will be attending a meeting in regards to the Rydholm development.

Councillor Woodbeck reported her attendance at the Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML). The TBDML put forth a motion to support the Rural Cupboard Food Bank Building Fund from all funds raised from the conference being held in Oliver Paipoonge. Councillor Woodbeck also reported a that she had a discussion with Pam King from the Heritage Arts and Fund program to possibly host a program in Conmee Township. Councillor Woodbeck will be unable to attend the August 13th TBDML meeting held at 12:00 pm in Red Rock. Councillor MacMaster may be able to attend that meeting.

Councillor Maxwell will be in attendance at the next Social Committee meeting held in July to discuss plans for Halloween and Christmas.

Councillor Arnold will be in attendance for the EMO table top exercise held in Oliver Paipoonge on June 22nd and the Lakehead Regional Conservation Authorities retirement party on June 24th.

Councillor MacMaster provided two reports for the Board of Health
Board of Health Report-April 20, 2016-Filed
Board of Health Report-May 18, 2016-Filed
Also noted that he is following updates on the LINS and will update council as more information is available.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

Minutes-Rural Cupboard Food Bank – May 4, 2016 – Filed
Minutes-Board of Health-April 20, 2016-Filed
Minutes-DSSAB-Regular Meeting-April 21, 2016-Filed
Minutes-DSSAB-Closed Meeting-April 21, 2016-Filed

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

7.1 Disbursement List No 05BB Payroll 2016

Resolution No. 2016 – 131

Moved by **Councillor Arnold**
Seconded by **Councillor MacMaster**

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$112,212.77as per Disbursement List No. 06A 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2016 – 132

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$690.95 as per Disbursement List No. 06AA 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room.

Resolution No. 2016 – 133

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$13,759.52 as per Disbursement List No. 06AAA Payroll be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Resolution re Release of Escrow Funds and Direction to Agent

Resolution No. 2016 – 134

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

WHEREAS the mediation between the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board and the Corporation of the Township of Conmee, together with the Municipalities of Neebing, Oliver Paipoonge and Shuniah and the Township of Gillies and O'Connor has concluded;

AND WHEREAS the municipalities had agreed to establish and Escrow Account into which five of them paid the money that they would otherwise have paid in levies to the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board, until the mediation had been completed, regardless of the outcome of the mediation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to the direction of the Escrow Agent, authorizing him to close the Escrow Account and return the funds to the Corporation of the Township of Conmee that it paid into the account, plus the Corporation of the Township of Conmee's proportionate share of earned interest;

AND THAT the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check to the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board for the amount of the levies it paid into the account, without interest.

CARRIED.

8.2 Erdman OMB Hearing Update – Admin Report #2016-18 - filed

8.3 Erdman Zoning Amendment – Admin Report #2016-19 – filed

Council has set a public hearing date for a Zoning Amendment application on July 27th, 2016 beginning at 6:00 pm.

8.4 Vehicle Lease Agreement re Fire Truck – Admin Report #2016-20

Resolution No. 2016 – 135

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Fire Chief and the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to the temporary Lease Agreement with the City of Thunder Bay for a fire vehicle.

CARRIED.

8.5 Agreement with FedNor re Elevator – Admin Report #2016-21

Resolution No. 2016 – 136

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law no. 1105 being a by-law to enter into a Contribution Agreement with Industry Canada/FedNor

CARRIED.

8.6 By-law 1104 – Budget – For renumbering

Resolution No. 2016 – 137

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No 1104 being a by-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required for the year 2016.

CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 O'Connor Open House re Official Plan and Zoning By-law - filed

9.2 Possible Firearm Control in Township

Council MacMaster raised an issue regarding setting firearm discharge safety zones around residences. Councillor MacMaster is concerned that there is no regulation or bylaw against discharge of firearms near residences in the Township. Councillor MacMaster requested a direction to staff to research a possible regulating bylaw. After extended discussion, Council declined to move forward with the issue.

9.3 NOMA Request for Support on Ontario's Energy Plan

Resolution No. 2016 – 138

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Mayor be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix his signature to a letter to the Ontario Minister of Energy supporting the

recommendations of NOMA and NOACC regarding the next version of Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan (copy attached).

CARRIED.

- 9.4 OPP Letter re New Initiatives - filed
- 9.5 OPP – New Reporting on Billing - filed
- 9.6 Memo from TBDML – Cap and Trade Announcement

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 AMO Communication - filed
- 10.2 AMO Communication - filed
- 10.3 MNRF – Forest Tenure Review - filed
- 10.4 Bill 181 – Municipal Elections Reform -filed
- 10.5 CN Community Report - filed
- 10.6 Thank you from Zella Muloin and Family re Funeral Luncheon - filed

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2016 - 138

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:32 pm.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk