

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING
November 7, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor Robert MacMaster
Councillor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor Cathy Woodbeck

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Bruni, Treasurer

ABSENT: Mayor Kevin Holland

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2016- 226

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as prepared .
CARRIED.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest on the part of any member present.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Deputy-Mayor MacMaster welcomed those present to the public meeting and explained how the meeting would be conducted. Deputy-Mayor MacMaster invited those present to step forward to address the issue of the Tycon zoning amendment application.

Holly Bernier read a letter regarding the impacts she felt her family would experience if the proposed pit operations were allowed. She noted that she felt that the current construction on the highway near her home had impacted her sheep's wool growth and that the traffic from the proposed pit would have the potential to permanently impact the sheep. Ms. Bernier was also concerned about the environmental impact as well as the recreational use of the road. She also expressed concerns about the ability of the road to withstand the traffic and that the road continues to be prone to landslides even when it does not rain. Deputy-Mayor MacMaster thanked Ms. Bernier for her submission.

Seeing that there were no further speakers, the Deputy-Mayor requested that the Clerk read the correspondence received. The Clerk read letters from MTO, CN, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and a number of residents. Several residents signed and submitted a form letter and Council agreed that the letter was only read once with acknowledgement given to each of the letter writers. The Clerk also read a letter that listed a number of names but did not have a signature. The Clerk acknowledged that it was submitted by "concerned residents".

Deputy-Mayor MacMaster called for any further depositions. Mr. Dan Strachen stepped forward.

Mr. Strachen's concerns included the ability of the road to support heavy traffic. Mr. Strachen said he felt that Council needed to listen to the residents who were against having gravel pits in our Township. He noted that if he wanted to listen to noise he would have moved next to a gravel pit. Mr. Strachen felt that Council had not listened to the residents on the last application for a gravel pit and that Council should be fighting for the residents and just say no to the by-law change. He stated that white noise is against the law. He stated that he could stand outside his home at night and hear the crusher from Oscar's pit, because he crushes in the middle of the night even though he is not supposed to. Mr. Strachen stated that he remembered what the road was like when Hacquoil's pit was still operating and that you have to go down Hunt Road because you couldn't travel on Holland. He stated that Council has a right to say that a company could not destroy the road. Mr. Strachen stated that it was clear that people who did not live near the proposed gravel pit did not want it as evidenced by the written submission from residents on Sovereign Road. He noted that he used Mokomon Road for fishing and recreational uses. Mr. Strachen requested that Council refuse the zone change.

Deputy-Mayor MacMaster thanked those present for coming and noted that the by-law would be reviewed at the Council meeting to be held on the 8th of November which was the next evening.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2016 -227

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT we do now adjourn this Public meeting at 6:56 pm.
CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk