

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
October 11, 2016

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

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Bruni, Treasurer

ABSENT: Councillor Grant Arnold

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2016- 202

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as prepared.
CARRIED.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared a conflict with Item 7.2 Disbursement List.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

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

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2016 - 203**

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Minutes of the Public Meeting held on September 26, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

5.2 **Resolution No. 2016 – 204**

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 27, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. **REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

- 6.1 Road Superintendent's Report – filed
- Grading Report - filed
 - Landfill Report – Not at this meeting
 - Generator Report – Not at this meeting

- Tank Level Report – Not at this meeting

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – filed

6.3 Clerk's Report - filed

- Clerk's Report on Attendance at Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act – filed
- Clerk's Report on Attendance at Zone 9 Fall Meeting - filed

6.4 Treasurer's Report

- Budget to Actual Report – filed
- OPP Billing Report

Council discussed the discrepancy in the 4 year average of calls and directed that staff contact the OPP regarding this matter. Since the Township is billed at different rates for different types of calls, it is important that these numbers are correct.

6.5 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting including attending a food bank building fund meeting, an SRSSB meeting, a food bank general meeting, and a Lakehead Rural Planning Board meeting. Mayor Holland noted an upcoming meeting for planning the meeting with the Deputy-Minister of Community and Social Services.

Councillor MacMaster reported on his attendance at Health Unit training and their regular Board meeting.

Councillor Maxwell reported on a meeting with the Social Committee to plan the Halloween Party.

Councillor Woodbeck noted she has been on holidays and has no report at this time.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

- LRCA – Minutes – August 31, 2016
- DSSAB – Minutes – Closed Meeting – June 23, 2016
- DSSAB – Minutes – Regular Meeting – June 23, 2016

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

7.1 Disbursement List No 10A 2016

Resolution No. 2016 - 205

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$237,506.73 as per Disbursement List No. 10A 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

7.2 Payroll Disbursement

Resolution No. 2016 – 206

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT the Payroll in the amount of \$15,519.33 as per Disbursement List No. 10AA Payroll 2016 be approved for payment.
CARRIED.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 Thank you from Dianne Baxter – filed
- 8.2 Request to Re-sign Council Resolution re Solar Installation

Resolution No. 2016 – 207

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor Woodbeck

THAT the Mayor be authorized to affix his signature on behalf of the Council for the Township of Conmee to a resolution submitted by Nelson Turcotte regarding the Feed-in-Tariff program (copy attached).
CARRIED.

- 8.3 Follow Up Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs re Delegation at AMO – filed
- 8.4 Request for Haul Permit

Resolution No. 2016 – 208

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT a Hauling Permit be issued to A&A Timber for hauling on Enders Road. A bond in the amount of \$5,000.00 will be required to be paid prior to issuing the permit.
CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Resolution Support Request – CUPW – Postal Services – filed
- 9.2 Resolution Support Request – AMO – Fiscal Gap

Resolution No. 2016 – 209

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

WHEREAS recent polling conducted on behalf of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario indicates 76% of Ontarians are concerned or somewhat concerned property taxes will not cover the cost of infrastructure while maintaining municipal services and 90% agree maintaining safe infrastructure is an important priority for their communities;

AND WHEREAS infrastructure and transit are identified by Ontarians as the biggest problem facing their municipal governments;

AND WHEREAS a ten-year projection (2016-2025) of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases, shows there to be an unfunded average annual need of \$3.6 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs;

AND WHEREAS the \$3.6 billion average annual need would equate to annual increases of 4.6% (including inflation) to province-wide property tax revenue for the next ten years;

AND WHEREAS this gap calculation also presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal governments are fulfilled;

AND WHEREAS if future federal and provincial transfers are unfulfilled beyond 2015 levels, it would require annual province-wide property tax revenue increases of up to 8.35% for ten years;

AND WHEREAS Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country;

AND WHEREAS each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, the fiscal health and needs are a challenge which unites all municipal governments, regardless of size;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its work to close the fiscal gap, so that all municipalities can benefit from predictable and sustainable revenue, to finance the pressing infrastructure and municipal service needs faced by all municipal governments.

DEFEATED.

9.3 Ministry of Natural Resources – Review of Aggregate Resources Act – filed

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ISSUES REGARDING AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL INCLUDING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Resolution No. 2016 - 210

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT this meeting be adjourned to discuss:

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees at 8:10 pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed the interview results for the new Public Works employee and issues with another employee.

Resolution No. 2016 – 211

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT we do now adjourn this Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 9:35 pm.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Council's consideration.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 2016 – 212

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:37 pm.
CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk