

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
October 25, 2016

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

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Bruni, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk
ABSENT:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2016-212

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as prepared.
CARRIED.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.2.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

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

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2016 - 213**

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 11, 2016 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

5.2 **Resolution No. 2016 – 214**

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on October 11, 2016 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

6. **REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report

Council discussed the merits of continuing the yearly road inspection. Although this inspection was targeted to areas that have been repaired or

need repair, there is not a lot of value in the expense of Council investigating these repairs personally, unless there is a need. Despite this, Council decided that a spring inspection with the new Public Works Manager would be appropriate.

- 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

Council requested that the Clerk include a discussion on the Fire Chief's report when other issues are being addressed.

6.3 Clerk's Report

- Clerk's Report on Attendance at Alcohol Policy Session - filed
- Clerk's Report on Election Changes Act

Council discussed the changes to the Elections Act which will impact both the candidates and the Retuning Officer's responsibilities, including the use of ranked ballot voting. Council requested that the ranked ballot issue be returned to the next meeting for an official resolution.

6.4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave an update on the installation of the new security cameras.

A report was discussed on the requirement for any project that the Township wishes to use grant money or federal gas tax on, to be identified as a priority in the asset management plan. This is becoming a significant roadblock to our ability to apply for these funds.

The Treasurer advised that the computerized asset management plan is near completion and Councillor MacMaster requested that Council be given some training so that they understand how to use the plan in the future.

The Clerk noted that our inability to apply for or use grants can be added as an issue at the ROMA infrastructure delegation.

6.5 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting, including a meeting to offer employment to the successful applicant for Public Works Manager, road inspection, a planning meeting for the SRSSB and a meeting with the Minister of Community and Social Services. Mayor Holland also met with Don Rusnak, MP.

Councillor Woodbeck reported that she will be attending a Thunder Bay District Municipal League Board meeting the evening prior to the start of the League annual meeting.

Councillor Maxwell attended the road inspection and is coordinating the upcoming Halloween party.

Councillor MacMaster reported on his attendance at the Board of Health meeting as well as several strategic planning and risk management meetings for that Board. Councillor MacMaster also attended the road inspection.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

- EMO Newsletter – 3rd Quarter

Council discussed the news regarding the retirement of John Coupland as the Community Emergency Management Coordinator and member of Emergency Management Ontario. Mr. Coupland has held this position for a great number of years and his knowledge and expertise will be missed by all of the municipalities. Council suggested that Mr. Coupland should be invited to the office for a presentation and gift. The Clerk will coordinate this matter.

- Rural Cupboard Food Bank Meeting – Minutes - filed

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1 Disbursement List No 10B 2016

Resolution No. 2016 - 215

Moved by **Councillor Maxwell**
Seconded by **Councillor MacMaster**

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$68,530.38 as per Disbursement List No. 10B 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

7.2 Disbursement List No. 10BB 2016

Resolution No. 2016 - 216

Moved by **Councillor Woodbeck**
Seconded by **Councillor MacMaster**

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$1,389.91 as per Disbursement List No. 10BB 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room.

7.3 Payroll Disbursement

Resolution No. 2016 – 217

Moved by **Councillor Arnold**
Seconded by **Councillor Woodbeck**

THAT the Payroll in the amount of \$8,221.08 as per Disbursement List No. 10BBB Payroll 2016 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Draft Landfill Amendment

Council briefly reviewed the draft MOE landfill approval document and requested that a written summary be provided at the next meeting.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Resolutions re Solar Installations

Resolution No. 2016 – 218

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 the Municipal Council Support Resolution as submitted on behalf of 2467264 Ontario Limited to allow the installation of a solar project at 12 Lundstrom Road.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2016 – 219

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

THAT the Mayor be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix his signature to the Municipal Council Support Resolution as submitted on behalf of 2467264 Ontario Limited to allow the installation of a solar project on Part of Lot A, Concession 4, Pin #62302 – 0294.

CARRIED.

9.2 Legion Request for Support – Military Recognition Book – filed

9.3 Request for Support – Neebing – Bill 7 – Admin. Report #28

Resolution No. 2016 – 220

Moved by **Councillor Maxwell**
Seconded by **Councillor Woodbeck**

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee is opposed to the passage of Schedule 5 of Bill 7 which will download the enforcement of residential tenancy standards to Municipalities without any compensation to the Municipalities for the increased workload that will result.

CARRIED.

9.4 Request for Signing Petition – October 7th Huffington Post Report Attached – filed

9.5 NOMA Request for Symphony Support

Council discussed the request from the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra for financial support. It was suggest that the hall be offered to the Symphony for a fund raising concert.

9.6 Quote from Spectrum Group re Radios

Council discussed the quote from Spectrum regarding new radios with gps tracking capability. It was decided to move forward with a quote for the Roads department only with several extra portable radios for Council use in an emergency. The Clerk will request an amended quote.

9.7 Draft Amendment to Liquor Policy

Resolution No. 2016 – 221

Moved by **Councillor Arnold**

Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee accepts the changes to Policy No. 30, being a Policy to establish the procedures for the Serving of Alcohol during Community Centre rentals.

CARRIED.

9.8 By-law No. 1109 – Hiring New Public Works Manager

Resolution No. 2016 – 222

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1109 being a By-law to establish the terms of employment for Leonard Arps, Public Works Manager.

CARRIED.

9.9 Resolution for Applying for Grants re Wastewater – deferred

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL INCLUDING MUNICIPAL OR BOARD EMPLOYEES

Resolution No. 2016 – 223

Moved by Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Meeting be adjourned to a Closed Session to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or board employees at 9:53 pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed the financial implications of the retirement of an employee.

Resolution no. 2016 – 224

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck
Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

THAT we adjourn this Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 10:53 pm.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Thank you from Parker Family

10.2 AMO – Consultation on Scope and Process re OMB

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2016 - 225

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 10:55 pm.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk