

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
December 10, 2013

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Robert MacMaster
Councillor Robert Rydholm

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent, Francis Turcotte, Bob Whiteside

ABSENT: Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt, Councillor Grant Arnold

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2013- 231

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as prepared.
CARRIED.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.2 Disbursement List No. 12AA 2013.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Nelson Turcotte

Mr. Francis Turcotte attended the Council meeting on behalf of his brother Nelson Turcotte, to request that Council provide a resolution of support for his non-rooftop solar project to be installed under Ontario's Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) program on Oikonen Road. Mr. Turcotte explained the project and Council thanked him for attending. Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2013 – 232 **Date: December 10, 2013**

(WHEREAS) capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Rules, Version 3.0

(AND WHEREAS) Nelson P. Turcotte (the Applicant) proposes to construct a Non-rooftop solar project (up to 48 kw's) comprised of approximately 7 ground mount solar trackers (the Project) on PCL 5027 SEC DFWF Pt. Lot 1 CON 5 CONMEE PT 3 and 5 55R10899 (the Lands) in Conmee Township under the Province's FIT Program;

(AND WHEREAS) the Applicant has requested that Council of the Township of Conmee indicate by resolution Council's support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Property;

AND WHEREAS) pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be

awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant be offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons applying for FIT Contracts;

(NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT) Council of the Township of Conmee supports the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands.

This resolution's sole purpose is to enable the Applicant to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Project or any other purpose.

CARRIED.

4.2 Bob Whiteside

Mr. Whiteside attended the Council meeting to discuss the proposed lease of Township property. Mr. Whiteside suggested that the property be purchased outright. Council advised that they wished to move forward with the lease.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Resolution No. 2013- 233

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 28, 2013 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

5.2 Resolution No. 2013 – 234

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on November 28, 2013 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report

Mayor Holland declared a conflict and left the room. It was noted that Poulin Equipment had not yet responded to our concern that the complete vehicle sticker has still not been provided for the Township snowplow. Council directed the Clerk to contact Poulin and advise that the Township would be taking the truck to Holland Enterprises to have the sticker applied as per the legislation and charge Poulin the costs.

- Landfill Report – not at this meeting

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – not at this meeting

6.3 Clerk's Report - filed

6.4 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last Council meeting including a Lakehead Rural Planning Board meeting, DSSAB meeting, 100th Anniversary Meeting, a telephone conference with the lawyer, monitor of the hall for Yoga and an evening presentation. Mayor Holland also attended Bill Mauro, Open House. Mayor Holland also noted that his

upcoming meetings include the Township Christmas Party, interviews for the position of landfill attendant and the EMO Tabletop exercise.

Councillor MacMaster advised that he had also attended Mr. Mauro's Open House and that a Skatepark Committee meeting was scheduled for next week.

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1 Disbursement List No 12A 2013

Resolution No. 2013- 235

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$184,651.40 as per Disbursement List No. 12A 2013 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

7.2 Disbursement List No. 12AA 2013

Resolution No. 2013 – 236

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$195.89 as per Disbursement List No. 12AA 2013 be approved for payment.

Mayor Holland declared as Conflict.

CARRIED.

7.3 Report on Financial Position

Council reviewed the report from the Treasurer regarding the financial position of the Township and passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2013 – 237

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Treasurer be approved to transfer up to \$100,000.00 from the Reserve Account to the Strictly Business Account (General Operating Account) in amounts as required to ensure the continued operation of the Township.

CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Outdoor Bulletin Board re Landfill

Council discussed the purchase of an outdoor bulletin board for the landfill in the 2014 budget. It was decided that a single door model would suffice.

8.2 Monthly Generator Inspection Report

Council reviewed the monthly generator report. It was noted that there were no issue's identified by the Road Department's inspection. The Clerk did note that there was a loss of power for several seconds when the

generator kicked back on after a recent power outage. The Clerk was directed to question GAL power on whether this was standard.

8.3 Resolution Support Request – Township of Sequin re Proposed OPP Billing

Resolution No. 2013 – 237

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from Sequin Township being a resolution requesting that the new proposed OPP Billing Model be scrapped (copy of Sequin resolution attached).

DEFEATED.

8.4 GAL Power – Quote for Semi-annual and Annual Inspection

Resolution No. 2013 – 238

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to the Service Agreement No. 2014 – 01 with GAL Power to provide annual and semi-annual inspections of the generator.

CARRIED.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Letter from Township of Baldwin re Small Community Capital Fund

Resolution No. 2013 – 239

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the call from the Township of Baldwin to the Minister of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, the Honourable Michael Gravelle, to establish a permanent, small community capital fund program for municipalities with a population under 1000.

CARRIED.

9.2 Letter from AMO re Blue Box Stewardship Program – filed

9.3 AMO Communications re Highlights of November Meeting – filed

9.4 Letter from Teamsters Canada re Rail Safety – filed

9.5 OGRA Nominations – filed

9.6 Letter from Hon. Bob Chiarelli re Long-term Energy Plan – filed

9.7 AMO Communications re New Child Care Legislation – filed

9.8 Resolution re Surplus

Resolution No. 2013 – 240

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT any surplus from the 2013 Township operations shall be placed in the Reserve for Working Funds.

CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS REGARDING AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL INCLUDING BOARD EMPLOYEES

Resolution No. 2013 – 241

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss:

1. Matters relating to an identifiable individual including Board employees at 9:03 pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed resumes received for the position of Fire Chief.

Resolution No. 2013 – 242

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT we do now adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 9:22 pm.

CARRIED.

Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2013 – 243

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1030, being a by-law to appoint a Fire Chief.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Native Housing Overview
- 10.2 TBDSSAB – Minutes – October 24, 2013
- 10.3 TBDSSAB – Minutes – October 24, 2013 – Closed
- 10.4 TBDHU – Minutes – October 16, 2013
- 10.5 LRCA Source Water – Minutes – November 7, 2013
- 10.6 Ontario Heritage Fund Program Creation

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2013-244

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:30 pm.
CARRIED.

Mayor Holland wished all staff and Council a Merry Christmas.

Mayor

Clerk