

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
July 10, 2012

PRESENT: Reeve Kevin Holland
Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor Robert MacMaster
Councillor Robert Rydholm

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Malinoski Road Superintendent, Matt Henny

ABSENT: Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2012- 130

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Meeting Agenda was amended by the addition of 8.5 – Insurance and 9.5 Health and Safety Policy.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

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

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Matt Henny re Clearing Pasture

Mr. Matt Henny attended the Council meeting to discuss removing the gravel that was deposited in his horse pasture during the flood of May 28/29th. Mr. Henny stated that they had not come to the Township after the 2008 flood as the pasture was just rough, however, they paid a contractor to come in and establish a better pasture in 2009. Mr. Henny stated that Reeve Holland had told him that the Township would get a bulldozer and remove the gravel. Reeve Holland replied that he had stated that the Township would investigate the possibility of assisting, however, since the Township has partnered with the City of Thunder Bay and the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge to provide access to the private property damage portion of the Disaster Relief fund, all residents with private damage were being directed to apply. Councillor MacMaster noted that if the Township does the work on private property there is no opportunity for us to apply for these funds and that the Township simply cannot afford to fix all the damage that occurred on private property in the Township.

Mr. Henny stated that he felt the Township was at fault for the flooding that occurred on that portion of the road since it has occurred in the past and therefore the Township knew there was a problem. Reeve Holland replied that the Township had taken steps to alleviate the problem after the 2008 flood, and in fact those repairs held up under this flood. The water from this flood was actually water flowing off of other private property that damaged our roads.

Mr. Henny asked if Council was concerned about liability if he had someone come into his pasture and they hurt themselves on the gravel deposit. Reeve Holland replied that the Township would have to deal with that if it occurred.

Mr. Henny stated that he felt his damage would not be eligible under the ODRAP funding. The Clerk explained that although the funds are generally directed to replacing the necessities of life, such as furnaces, freezers and washer/dryers, there was a "hardship" portion for people who were affected and that it would appear this issue would qualify for assistance.

Mr. Henny then stated that the Township had been doing ditching in the area and that we should be careful where we ditch since we were getting close to his private property and he did not want to see stakes on his property.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Resolution No. 2012-131

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 26, 2012 be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

It was noted that the resolution for adjournment contained the incorrect time of adjournment. The time should read 10:52 and not 10:22.

5.2 Resolution No. 2012 – 132

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on June 26, 2012 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report – filed
- Landfill Report - filed

6.2 Fire Chief's Report

Council reviewed the Fire Chief's report on the pit party that occurred on June 29 at the end of Mokomon Road. Council was concerned about the lack of concern on the part of the attending OPP officers. A significant number of vehicles containing teenagers had removed the barricades closing Mokomon Road, and had crossed both bridges, one of which has significant damage sustained during the flood and is unsafe to use. Chief Spencer noted that the OPP refused to call the CN police even though it was their property. The responding officers also did not see a problem with the tents that had been set up on the railway right-of-way, nor did they appear concerned about the possible underage drinking that was going on.

Council agreed that this lack of response and concern to any problem or issue that occurs in Conmee Township must be addressed with the

officer's superiors. Council has lost confidence that the OPP will respond to any emergency. One of the officer's involved in this instance was Constable Beebe.

Council did request that the Fire Chief submit a signed copy of his report.

During the discussion of this issue Council noted that more substantial barriers must be erected to keep people off of Mokomon Road until the bridges are repaired as well as the washout on the side of the road.

6.3 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on her attendance at the Round Table Planning Session held by MMAH on June 19, 2012. The full report is on file in the office.

The Clerk also reported that the adverse water problem has been resolved. It was noted that we need to figure out the volume of water in the well and reservoir in order to calculate the amount of Javex to use. In this last event too much chlorine was put down the well and require significant time running the taps to clear.

6.4 Councillor Reports

Reeve Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting, including the Health Fair and CPAC. He presented new posters for the Health Fair and requested that the Landfill Attendant hand them out at the landfill. Reeve Holland noted that he had discussed the issue of the highway road closures and the lack of detour information. He also noted that the MTO and OPP needed to work on a solution to this issue.

Councillor MacMaster reported on his attendance at a luncheon meeting with the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, which he attended as Acting Reeve while Reeve Holland was unavailable. The meeting was held at the Founder's Museum. Councillor MacMaster noted there were approximately 72 people in attendance. The Minister spoke about the government's commitment to "Risk Assessment and Management" specifically geared to the agricultural community. Councillor MacMaster's full report is available in the office.

Councillor Arnold reported on a meeting with Mike Kachur, a Health and Safety Representative. Councillor Arnold, CAO/Clerk Maxwell and guest Councillor Rydholm spoke to Mr. Kachur regarding the new health and safety program. Councillor MacMaster attended part of the meeting following his luncheon engagement with the Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. Kachur reviewed the NEER report and explained how the WSIB determines costs for injuries. Mr. Kachur noted that a high injury rating will trigger a Work Well Audit. The WSIB divides businesses into sectors, and that the Township of Conmee is compared to other businesses in the same sector. Although our reports have been generally excellent for the past six years, there was one employee injury that increased our rating significantly since it was a long term recovery spanning two years.

Mr. Kachur then presented a check list for health and safety, which was completed by Councillor Arnold and CAO/Clerk Maxwell. The check list questioned whether health and safety policies and procedures were in place. The Township scored 43.5 out of a total of 45, and Mr. Kachur noted that we are far ahead of some other municipalities that are much larger.

6.5 Committee Reports – not at this meeting

6.6 Flood Update

Council discussed the letter submitted by a Township resident requesting compensation for the agricultural business costs incurred as a result of the flood. Council directed the Clerk to provide the application forms for ODRAP funding.

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

Disbursement List No 07A 2012

Resolution No. 2012- 133

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$109,238.31 as per Disbursement List No. 07A 2012 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 Letter from KGS – filed

8.2 By-law No. 1006 – Terms of Employment – Road Superintendent

Resolution No. 2012 – 134

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Reeve and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1006, being a by-law to establish the terms of employment for the Road Superintendent.

CARRIED.

8.3 Termination of State of Emergency

The Clerk advised that the Provincial Operations Centre was asking when the State of Emergency for Conmee Township would be lifted. Council advised that the state of emergency allowed the Township special permission to make repairs that might ordinarily require environmental assessments and approvals and that they did not want to lift that emergency declaration until repairs have been completed.

8.4 By-law No. 1007 – 2012 Budget

Resolution No. 135

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Reeve and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1007, being a by-law to establish the 2012 budget and levy.

CARRIED.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Release of Information re Motor Vehicles

The Clerk advised that this issue may have been resolved. Council directed that the matter be monitored to ensure it is working adequately.

9.2 UV Water System

Council discussed the installation of a UV water treatment system to alleviate the adverse water tests at the Community Centre. Council directed the Clerk to get costs.

9.3 Designation as Collector re Electronic Waste

Council discussed the information received from Gilles Township regarding collection of e-waste in the landfill. The Clerk was advised to continue with the required steps to become a registered collector site of e-waste.

9.4 CIIF Funds

The Clerk presented information on a new funding source from the Provincial Government. Council discussed possible uses of the funds including a playground and rink, parking lot and community centre repairs and an emergency generator. Councillor MacMaster requested to work with the Clerk on submitting applications.

9.5 Health and Safety Policy

The Clerk presented the Health and Safety Policy for review and signature by the Reeve. As per the health and safety legislation, this must be done every year.

Closed Session to Discuss Matters Regarding an Identifiable Individual

Resolution No. 2012-137

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss matters regarding an identifiable individual at 9:08 pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed an illegal campground and the same individual's refusal to follow the regulations in place for use of the community centre's kitchen. Council directed that a "sign-off" sheet be developed to prove that the regulations have been given to renters.

Resolution No. 2012 – 138

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

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

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2012 – 130

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do extend this meeting time past 9:30 pm.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 AMO Watch File
- 10.2 DSSAB Annual Report

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2012-140

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:43 pm.
CARRIED.

Reeve

Clerk