

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2013

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt
Councillor Robert MacMaster

ALSO PRESENT:

ABSENT: Councillor Grant Arnold, Councillor Robert Rydholm

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2013- 39

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Agenda date was amended to March 14, 2013.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.2 Disbursement List No. 3AA 2013.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

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

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2013-40**

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Minutes of the Public Meeting of Council held on February 12, 2013 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

5.2 **Resolution No. 2013 – 41**

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on February 12, 2013 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report – filed

- Landfill Report – filed

- Landfill Request for Change in Operating Hours

Council discussed the Landfill Operators request to change the Wednesday hours to summer hours on April 1st instead of April 15. It was noted that the reason winter hours end earlier is for the safety of the landfill operator who must work without lighting. It was also noted that it is still light at 7:00 pm by March 15th, so an April 1st change date would be acceptable.

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – January and February reports - filed

6.3 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that there has been an earlier than usual infestation of ants in the Community Centre. Council directed the Clerk to engage the services of an exterminator for the ants and for the mice. It was also noted that the garbage bin should be replaced and the door sweeps changed.

The Clerk advised that Rick Inman from MTO had provided a verbal update on the status of the Highway project. There has been no request for an environmental review, so the MTO will be moving forward with further letters to the landowners and registration of the corridor on title. The MTO will be holding a further meeting to discuss the next steps and Mr. Inman will provide a written update at that time.

The Clerk advised Council that a re-organization of the office has been completed.

6.4 Councillor Reports

The Mayor provided an update on his activities since the last meeting, including a DSSAB meeting, 100th Anniversary meeting, planning meeting, and EMS meeting.

Mayor Holland also noted that he would like to see a ceiling mounted projector in the hall for use at functions. Councillor MacMaster will research this issue.

Councillor MacMaster reported on the OGRA/ROMA issue of the use of social media in municipalities. Council has decided to move forward with this and Councillor MacMaster and Clerk Maxwell will form a committee. Mayor Holland also suggested the Township should set up its own Facebook page in order to limit Administrators.

Councillor MacMaster also provided email links for suppliers from the trade show at OGRA/ROMA that he felt could be helpful to the Roads Department.

Councillor MacMaster also noted that he has provided the office with some pictures of the Family Day Activities.

Councillor Hunt advised that the Recreation Committee has had a meeting to discuss the Easter Pancake Breakfast.

6.6 Board and Committee Reports

- Library Board Minutes – February 7, 2013 - filed

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

7.1 Disbursement List No 3A, 2013

Resolution No. 2013- 42

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$94,402.17 as per Disbursement List No. 3A, 2013 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

7.2 Disbursement List No. 3AA, 2013

Resolution No. 2013 – 43

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$509.81 as per Disbursement List No. 3AA 2013 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Tenders re Asset Management Plan

Resolution No. 2013 – 44

Moved by Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Tender for the completion of an Asset Management Plan be awarded to Hatch, Mott, MacDonald in the amount of \$21,264.00.

CARRIED.

8.2 Tenders re Emergency Generator – deferred

8.3 Signatures on MIII Agreement

Resolution No. 2013 – 45

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1016 being a by-law to enter into a funding agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food And Rural Affairs.

CARRIED.

8.4 Letter from R. Evans re Legal Services – filed

8.5 Resolution re Municipal Support for R. Whiteside Hydro Project

Resolution No. 2013 – 46

Moved by Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Mayor be authorized to sign the Municipal Council support resolution for the hydro electrical project proposed by Robert Whiteside.

CARRIED.

8.6 Resolution re Municipal Council support for R. Whiteside Ground Based Solar - filed

8.7 Updated Appendices re MNR Forest Fire Management Agreement – filed

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Letter from Min. of Community Safety and Correctional Services re Mandatory Emergency Training – filed

9.2 Summer Student

Council has agreed to hire a summer student this year.

9.3 Signing of Amendment to ODRAP Agreement

The Mayor and Clerk advised that they had signed the amendment to the ODRAP agreement to receive the increase in funding to \$2,000,000.00.

9.4 World Autism Awareness Day – Flag

Council discussed a request to fly an Autism flag on April 2, 2013 to increase awareness of autism. Council noted that there are many worthy causes and we would be unable to recognize all of them on an equal basis. It was also noted that the flag pole was erected to fly the Canadian flag and protocol states that no other flag may be flown on the same pole. Council did not feel the Canadian flag should be taken down to fly flags for specific groups.

9.5 LRCA – Levy Request – filed

9.6 Thunder Bay Vet Services Program Fee

Resolution No. 2013 – 47

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Treasurer for the Township of Conmee be directed to pay the 2013 membership to the Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee.

CARRIED.

9.7 By-law No. 1017 – Appointment of Weed Inspector

Resolution No. 2013 – 48

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1017, being a by-law to appoint a weed inspector.

CARRIED.

9.8 Letter from Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs – filed

9.9 By-law No. 1018 – Appointment to Library Board

Resolution No. 2013 – 49

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1018, being a by-law to appoint a volunteer to the Library Board.

CARRIED.

9.10 OPP 4th Quarter Report – filed

9.11 Plaque from Bill Mauro, MPP – 100 Years

9.12 Invitation from Greenstone re Expo – filed

9.13 AMO Councillor Course – filed

9.14 Request to Proclaim “Day of the Honey Bee” – filed

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUALS

Resolution No. 2013 – 50

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees at 9:14 pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed the possible resignation of one employee, the hiring of a Building Inspector and the recognition of a long term employee. Council also received an update on a possible case of hoarding in the Township, as well as the welfare and security of a Township resident.

Resolution No. 2013 – 51

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT we do now adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 10:35 pm.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 NDP – Rafferty Motion to Assist Small Rural Municipalities - filed
- 10.2 NOMA – Real Tree Hugger Campaign - filed
- 10.3 TBDSSAB – Minutes – Jan. 24, 2013 - filed
- 10.4 TBDSSAB – Minutes – Closed – Jan. 24, 2013 - filed
- 10.5 Northern Passages Magazine – NOSM (Northern Ontario School of Medicine) - filed
- 10.6 LRCA – Minutes – January 30, 2013 - filed

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2013-52

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 10:36 pm.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk