

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
March 27, 2012

**PRESENT:** Reeve Kevin Holland  
Councillor Robert MacMaster  
Councillor Robert Rydholm

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent, Dwayne and Brianne Maxwell, Residents

**ABSENT:** Councillor Grant Arnold  
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- 46**

**Moved by** Councillor Rydholm  
**Seconded by** Councillor MacMaster

**THAT** the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.  
**CARRIED.**

The Agenda was amended by moving 9.10 to Deputations and adding 9.12 Livestock Valuer Workshop.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Reeve Holland noted a pecuniary interest on the Disbursement List presented at the March 13, 2012 meeting of Council which he did not attend.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Dwayne and Brianne Maxwell

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell attended the Council meeting to discuss using their current home as a garden suite when they build their new home. They are planning on building this year, but have not applied for a building permit yet. They wish to leave the building in case one of their parents requires it at a future date.

Council did not have a problem with them keeping the house, however, since this Council cannot obligate any future Council's to allow a development, it was suggested that the Maxwells request permission to make the house a storage building in the interim, and then apply to the relevant Council when and if it needs to be used as a garden suite.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 2012-47**

**Moved by** Councillor Rydholm  
**Seconded by** Councillor MacMaster

**THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 13, 2012 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report

Council discussed some problem roads and areas and suggested that we should start experimenting with different solutions to find what works best. It was also noted that we should be looking for ways to reduce our use of salt. Mr. Malinoski advised that salt is only used in small amounts to keep the sand from freezing. A heated sand dome would be necessary before we could removed the salt.

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – not at this meeting

6.3 Clerk's Report

- Clerk's Report on Attendance at OGRA/ROMA – filed
- Clerk and Councillor Rydholm's Report on Attendance at Thunder Bay District Municipal League - filed
- Clerk's Report on Attendance at PPS Review - filed
- Clerk's Report on NOMA Board Meeting March 9, 2012 - filed
- Clerk's Report on Tienharra Road - filed

6.4 Councillor Reports

Reeve Holland provided a report on his activities since the last meeting he attended, including the OGRA/ROMA delegations, a highway committee meeting, a planning board meeting and two DSSAB meetings. The complete report is on file in the office.

Councillor MacMaster commented that he felt the delegations at OGRA/ROMA were well received and had value. Councillor MacMaster reported on his attendance at an IT seminar and felt that most of the presentations were geared to larger municipalities. Councillor MacMaster also noted that the opportunity to network with peers from other areas was also valuable.

Councillor MacMaster spoke about his Kitchen Safety Best Practices Report and noted that while there is no legislation to require any changes in the kitchen, we should always look to improve our practices.

**7. DISBURSEMENT LIST**

Disbursement List No 3B 2012

**Resolution No. 2012- 48**

**Moved by                      Councillor MacMaster**  
**Seconded by                Councillor Rydholm**

**THAT** the Accounts in the amount of \$35,977.82 as per Disbursement List No. 3B 2012 be approved for payment.

**CARRIED.**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 Closed Meeting Investigator

The Clerk presented the names of two persons who have applied for the position of Closed Meeting Investigator. Council request that an appointing By-law be prepared for the next meeting.

8.2 By-law No 999

**Resolution No. 2012-49**

**Moved by                   Councillor Rydholm**  
**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. 999 being a By-law to provide for tax relief for seniors and disabled persons.

**CARRIED.**

8.3 By-law No. 1000 – MNR Fire Agreement

**Resolution No. 2012-50**

**Moved by                   Councillor MacMaster**  
**Seconded by            Councillor Rydholm**

**THAT** the Reeve and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1000 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources for Forest Fire Suppression Services.

**CARRIED.**

8.4 Audit Management Letter/Use of Surplus Funds

**Resolution No. 2012-51**

**Moved by                   Councillor Rydholm**  
**Seconded by            Councillor MacMaster**

**THAT** the Reeve and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to the Audit Management Letter from Grant Thornton.

**CARRIED.**

**Resolution No. 2012-52**

**Moved by                   Councillor MacMaster**  
**Seconded by            Councillor Rydholm**

**THAT** the Auditors be directed to attribute any 2011 surplus to the Allowance for Doubtful Accounts.

**CARRIED.**

8.5 Letter from Oliver Paipoonge - filed

**9.    NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 NOMA Annual Meeting and Conference

**Resolution No. 2012-53**

**Moved by                   Councillor MacMaster**  
**Seconded by            Councillor Rydholm**

**THAT** the following persons be approved to attend the NOMA General Conference to be held on April 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Kenora:

Reeve Holland  
Councillor Rydholm  
Clerk Maxwell

**CARRIED.**

9.2 Clerk's Attendance at Review of Blue Box Services

**Resolution No. 2012-54**

**Moved by** Councillor MacMaster  
**Seconded by** Councillor Rydholm

**THAT** the Clerk be approved to attend the AMO Blue Box Waste Management Staff Consultation Session to be held in Kenora on April 25, 2012.

**CARRIED.**

9.3 Memorandum from DSSAB re Member Expenses – filed

9.4 Summer Student

Council agreed that a summer student would be hired this year.

9.5 Budget Date

Council set the first budget date for April 11, 2012 and directed the Clerk to advertise this date.

9.6 Road Inspection Date

Council set the road inspection date for May 4, 2012 and directed the Clerk to book the van.

9.7 Corporate Review Date – deferred

9.8 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Since there has been no interest from the public in sitting on this committee, Council has appointed Reeve Holland, Councillor Hunt and Clerk Maxwell to begin the planning for this event.

9.9 Resolution Support Request – Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen

**Resolution No. 2012-55**

**Moved by** Councillor Rydholm  
**Seconded by** Councillor MacMaster

**THAT** the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen regarding the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (copy attached).

**DEFEATED.**

9.10 D&B Maxwell – Request to Use House for In-law Suite – Moved to Deputations.

9.11 Request Permission to Haul Shed on Township Roads

Council declined to issue a hauling permit to move a 16' X 12' shed on Township roads, due to the size of the building. Council may not issue a permit to haul an oversized load unless they apply the same restrictions that a Provincial permit would require.

9.12 Livestock Valuer Workshop

**Resolution No. 2012-56**

**Moved by                   Councillor Rydholm**  
**Seconded by               Councillor MacMaster**

**THAT** the following person(s) be authorized to attend the Livestock Valuer Training Workshop on April 19, 2012 at Oliver Paipoonge.

Clerk Pat Maxwell

**CARRIED.**

**10.   CORRESPONDENCE**

- 10.1 OPP Letter
- 10.2 Ont. Building Officials Strategic Plan
- 10.3 Letter from Minister Chiarelli (MTO) Thank you for Meeting
- 10.4 AMO Alert – Orng Issues
- 10.5 AMO Learning Series – Meetings and Effective Municipal Councillor
- 10.6 DSSAB Recommendations Improve Social Assistance
- 10.7 Letter to Minister Gravelle from Ont. Forest Industries
- 10.8 Minutes – LRCA – February 22, 2012
- 10.9 New Feed In Tarrif Rules

**11.   ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 2012-57**

**Moved by                   Councillor Rydholm**  
**Seconded by               Councillor MacMaster**

**THAT** we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:44 pm.

**CARRIED.**

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Reeve

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Clerk