

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
May 22, 2012

PRESENT: Reeve Kevin Holland
Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt
Councillor Robert MacMaster
Councillor Robert Rydholm

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Aime Spencer, Road Superintendent Ken Malinoski

ABSENT: Councillor Grant Arnold

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2012- 89

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED.

The Agenda was amended by the addition of 9.7 – Application for Consent to Sever – Zawacki.

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**

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

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Resolution No. 2012-90

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 8, 2012 be approved as circulated.
CARRIED.

6. **REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report

Council requested that the Road Superintendent calculate his time for dealing with the transport accident at the corner of Holland and Highway 11/17. Council feels that the insurance company should be picking up the costs for cleanup. The Clerk was directed to send a letter to MTO asking if the ditch was going to be repaired and the deep ruts removed. Council also wishes to know if the property owner has been contacted.

The Road Superintendent noted that he intends to have the summer employee start on June 4.

6.2 Fire Chief's Report

The Fire Chief attended Council to discuss his Master Plan. The Plan outlines the estimated equipment, personnel and training requirements for the next ten years. The Fire Chief noted that the Deputy Chief will be retiring as of January 1, 2013, and that he will be retiring January 1, 2014. Council felt the issue was complicated enough to require a special meeting of Council.

The Fire Chief discussed the new By-law required, and the level of service he is recommending based on current training and equipment of Conmee Emergency Services. A policy on level of service will be attached to the new By-law. This By-law will be passed at the next regular meeting of Council.

The Fire Chief also discussed the paging issue and Reeve Holland gave an update on the Zone 1 meeting he attended regarding the contract with CRC. It was noted that Conmee would participate in the bulk purchasing of pagers for the Zone.

Council spent some time discussing the issue of the water leak at the Fire Hall and the installation of a filtration system without our permission. The Clerk read the letter from the City that stated they had "inadvertently disregarded" talking to the Township before they installed the water filtration system. It was noted that as per the City's own report, the water does not contain E.coli or coliform, and therefore it is potable. Council was not happy with the fact that the City just walked into the fire hall and moved our equipment out of the way in order to install what they wanted, nor are they happy that SNEMS was told by the installer that a GFI plug was required, but the City made no attempt to either install it or inform us that it was required until we made our own investigation. The Clerk read a letter received on May 22nd, advising that the City was asking permission to install the GFI and asking the Township of Conmee to share in the cost of the filtration system as the City felt it benefited the Township as well. Council disagreed that the system would provide a benefit to the Township as only hands, turn-out gear and trucks are washed in the water. Council directed the Clerk to send a letter to the City informing them that the filtration system must be removed from our Fire Hall.

Council also discussed the information recently received that there is a water leak in the line from the Fire Hall to the City trailer. The complaint was received late on a Friday afternoon, but it was mentioned that the water had been leaking for two weeks. Council was upset at the delay in notification, as it meant our pump was working constantly for two weeks, as well as wasting an untold amount of water. The City apparently hired Brad's Water Service to investigate, but then decided that based on the lease it was our responsibility to repair. Council found it ironic that during a telephone conversation with the Clerk, the City Realty Department stated that they didn't even know if Brad's Water Service was qualified to repair the leak, given that this is the same company the City hired to put a system into our facility without our knowledge. Council reviewed the lease and determined that the Township is only responsible for supplying a potable source of water, and that as the City had done the work to hook into our system, they were responsible for the repairs.

Council and the Fire Chief noted that we have consistently tried to accommodate the EMS base's needs whatever the cost, while it appears that we have not been accorded even the same response, let alone meeting the basic requirements of the landlord/tenant relationship. Council

also noted that the lease requires the City to pump out the septic system once in every 3 years and the Clerk was directed to obtain confirmation that this has been done.

Council also directed the Clerk to advise the City that complaints will no longer be handled by the Fire Chief or Deputy Chief, unless the situation poses an immediate threat to life or property and/or effective operations (ie ambulance base door will not open). All complaints or concerns that do not pose an immediate threat must be forwarded in writing to the Municipal Office for Council's review.

6.3 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on her attendance at the AMCTO Zone 9 meeting – filed.

The Clerk advised that a landowner was inquiring about purchasing an abutting piece of property. The Clerk was advised to forward a letter with a purchase price.

The Clerk read an email from Gillies Township requesting dates for a Shared Services meeting. Reeve Holland noted that in the time frame offered he would only be available on June 25th.

Council set the next budget meeting for May 28th. Council discussed having a full budget day in 2013 to shorten the timeline.

Council agreed to an EMO tabletop exercise on June 28, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

6.4 Councillor Reports

Reeve Holland provided an update on his activities since the last Council meeting, including a 100th Anniversary Committee meeting, meeting with the Rural Food Cupboard representatives, DSSAB meeting, and a paging system meeting. Reeve Holland noted that the next PIC meeting on the Highway is on June 20th, with Stantec/MTO meeting with Committee and Council on June 18 at 7:00 pm. The Reeve's full report is on file in the office.

Councillor MacMaster commented on his meeting with the Clerk regarding the Health Fair. Plans are well under way.

Resolution No. 2012-91

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

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

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

Disbursement List No. 5B 2012

Resolution No. 2012- 92

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$28,628.09 as per Disbursement List No. 5B 2012 be approved for payment.
CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Letter from KGS – Maxwell Road Bridge

The Clerk provided an overview of the issue with the Maxwell Road Bridge. It appears that no work was done on our file during the last year, as various excuses were forwarded. Council is wondering why a bridge that was repairable last year, and has been closed, is suddenly not repairable. Since some money was paid on this file, Council has directed the Clerk to have a principle of the company attend a Council meeting to explain their actions or lack thereof.

8.2 Letter from MNR – Changes to Bear Wise Program – filed

8.3 Email from Oliver Paipoonge re Pagers

Resolution No. 2012 – 93

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

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee hereby authorizes the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge to enter into a contract with CRC Communications for the provision of paging for emergency calls, on behalf of the Township of Conmee.

CARRIED.

8.4 Insurance Appraisal Costs – Admin. Report #2012 – 05

Council directed the Clerk to engage the companies to provide an insurance appraisal of the buildings and equipment.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Resolution Support from Thunder Bay re Ring of Fire – filed

9.2 Invitation to First Annual President's Breakfast – filed

9.3 2011 Councillor Expenditure Report – filed

9.4 AMO Nominations - filed

9.5 Landfill Monitoring Tender

Resolution No. 2012 – 94

Moved by **Councillor Rydholm**
Seconded by **Councillor Hunt**

THAT the Landfill Monitoring Tender be awarded to True Grit Consulting Ltd., in the amount of \$17,300.00.

CARRIED.

9.6 Roadside Grass Cutting Tenders

Resolution No. 2012 – 95

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

THAT the Roadside Grass Cutting Tender be awarded to Jeff Burke in the amount of \$2,400.00.

CARRIED.

9.7 Application for Consent to Sever – Zawacki

Resolution No. 2012-96

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee has no objection to the Application for Consent to Sever Numbered 1B/14/12 submitted by Stephen and Carol Zawacki.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 AMO Watch File – filed
- 10.2 Minutes – TBDHU – April 18, 2012 - filed
- 10.3 Minutes – LRCA – April 18, 2012 - filed

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2012-97

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 10:07 pm.

CARRIED.

Reeve

Clerk