

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
May 24, 2011

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent

ABSENT: Councillor Grant Arnold

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Holland called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Council then observed 1 minute of silence in honour of Heather Vialoux, former Clerk and Deputy-Treasurer who passed away Saturday, May 21, 2011.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2011- 93

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 item 9.8 Greenmantle Request for Use of Lundstrom Road.

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 Mr. Norm Gale of Superior North EMS was scheduled but did not attend this meeting.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Resolution No. 2011-94

Moved by Councillor Rydholm

Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 26, 2011 be adopted as amended

CARRIED.

The Minutes were amended by the correction of the spelling of Mr. Francis Enders' name, and by the addition of the information that Mr. Hill had been asked if all his questions had been answered by Council and that he had indicated they had.

Resolution No. 2011-95

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 10, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2011-96

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on May 10, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent advised that the Department has been grading, brushing and ditching, as well as breaking beaver dams. The sander has been removed. The Superintendent also advised that a fire had flared up at the landfill site but that it was easily put out by Municipal employees. Council also discussed the roadside brush cutting. Council would like the Road Superintendent to provide costs to do this using a larger machine so that less stubble is left on the side of the road.

- Landfill Report

Although there was no landfill report on this Agenda, Council discussed the landfill layout and the hiring of a machine to dig a new trench. Council requested that the maps of the landfill be brought on Road Inspection. Council and the Road Superintendent discussed the need for a new trench at the landfill. Council requested that this be deferred until after Road Inspection.

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – filed

6.3 Clerk's Report

The Clerk requested direction from Council regarding the organ which was donated to the hall. Council asked that it be advertised in the newsletter.

Council set a date for the next budget meeting on May 30, 2011.

As per previous years, the second meeting in July and the second meeting in August have been cancelled. The Clerk will advertise this in the newsletter.

The Clerk reported on an Environmental Registry posting of a new requirement for municipalities to report yearly on energy use in municipal facilities, develop a plan to conserve energy and report on any energy generation facilities that the municipality develops. Council requested that the Clerk comment on this posting that the Township does not have the staff or resources to constantly be providing reports to Provincial and Federal Ministries and Agencies.

The Clerk reported on a new Private Member Public Bill which will require Council to adopt a policy on how Council vacancies will be filled when they occur within 6 months of an election. Council may choose to either appoint or run a by-election, a the policy must be in place at least 6 months prior to an election. This means that a currently elected Council will have to abide by the previous Council's wishes, although they can adopt a

different policy before the next election. If no policy is adopted Council would be required to run a by-election.

The Clerk reported that the new Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act has been passed and will receive Royal Assent in July. A full report on the impacts of this new Act will be provided at the next regular Council meeting.

6.4 Councillor Reports

Reeve Holland reported on his attendance at DSSAB. Reeve Holland advised that the DSSAB board voted to increase staff, even though the need for a complete review of the operations of DSSAB has been identified and scheduled. Reeve Holland felt that increasing staff before knowing what needs to be done was irresponsible. Reeve Holland advised he feels that there are significant economies that could be realized and that the DSSAB Board is not representing the taxpayers who are funding this organization.

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

Disbursement List No 5B 2011

Resolution No. 2011- 97

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$41,808.64 as per Disbursement List No. 5B 2011 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 Letter from Gillies Township re Shared Services

Council reviewed the letter from Gillies Council regarding the use of shared personnel such as a Fire Chief. Council held a brief discussion regarding this issue and are interested in pursuing it further. Council feels there will be cost benefits to sharing employees with other Townships when a full time employee is not necessary.

8.2 DSSAB Invitation to Area 1 Meeting

8.3 Email from G. Roy re Lot Inventory

Council requested that the Clerk follow up on the issue of lot creation with Mr. Roy.

8.4 Office Security Upgrade

Council directed the Clerk to proceed with the office upgrades.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Regional Economic Development Summit – Admin. Report #2011-09

Resolution No. 2011-98

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the following persons be approved to attend the Regional Economic Summit to be held on June 13 and 14 in Thunder Bay:

Councillor Arnold – to be confirmed
Councillor Hunt
Councillor MacMaster
Councillor Rydholm
Reeve Holland
Clerk Maxwell

CARRIED.

Council also agreed that the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on June 14 will be deferred until June 15th.

9.2 Health and Safety Policy Review – Admin. Report #2011-10

The Clerk advised that Council must review the Health and Safety Policy on a yearly basis, even if no changes are required. Council did not feel that changes were necessary to the Policy at this time. The Clerk will circulate the Policy with the new review date to all work sites in the Township.

9.3 Minutes of the 1st Conmee Health and Safety Committee Meeting – Admin. Report #2011-11 – filed

9.4 NorWest Community Health Centre's – Health Fair

Resolution #2011-99

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the following persons be appointed to attend the Community Working Group for the NorWest Community Health Centre Rural Health Fair:

Councillor MacMaster
Reeve Holland

CARRIED.

9.5 NOMA Report on Northern Ontario Policy Institute – filed

9.6 Resolution Support Request – CAA re HST for Infrastructure

Resolution No. 2011-100

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the CAA to have the HST portion of the gas tax revenue returned to municipalities to support transportation infrastructure. (copy attached)

CARRIED.

9.7 Energy Use in Township Buildings

The Clerk advised that the power bills seem to show a significant increase in the kilowatt hours used over the same period last year. A call to Hydro One advised that it is due to the estimated bills. Council requested the Clerk to add up all the kilowatt hours used in 2010 and compare them to the hours used in 2011 for the months of January to April to see if there is an increase.

Resolution No. 2011-101

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

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

9.8 Greenmantle Request for Use of Lundstrom Road

Council discussed the letter from Greenmantle Forest Inc. advising that they will be cutting and chipping on property off of Lundstrom Road and wish to have a permit to haul full loads. Council requested the Clerk to meet with the Road Superintendent and Councillor MacMaster to develop an agreement to protect the roads from damage.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Minutes – TBDHU – April 19, 2011
- 10.2 Minutes – LRCA – April 20, 2011
- 10.3 Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration – Good Citizenship Medals
- 10.4 Northern Ontario School of Medicine – 2010 Community Report
- 10.5 TBDHU – 2010 Audited Financial Statement
- 10.6 Letter from M. Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development re Forest Tenure

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2011-102

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 10:03 pm.
CARRIED.

Reeve

Clerk