

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
November 4, 2014

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Holland
Councillor Grant Arnold

Councillor Robert MacMaster
Councillor Cathy Woodbeck

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent, Laura Bruni, Treasurer,
Linda Hoover, Resident, Sheila Maxwell, Councillor-elect

ABSENT: Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

At this time Mayor Holland congratulated the candidates and officially welcomed Sheila Maxwell, Councillor-elect.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2014- 216

Moved by Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as prepared.

CARRIED.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor Holland declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.2.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Linda Hoover

Mrs. Hoover attended Council to request their support for an additional lot.

Council noted that there is a Policy for the creation of lots for logical “infilling”. It was also noted that there was sufficient frontage and area to meet those requirements. Council advised that they would be in favour of supporting this additional lot. Mrs. Hoover was advised to submit an application to the Lakehead Rural Planning Board.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Resolution No. 2014 - 217**

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck

Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 14, 2014 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

5.2 **Resolution No. 2014 – 218**

Moved by Councillor Woodbeck

Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on October 28, 2014 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- 6.1 Road Superintendent's Report - filed
 - Landfill Reports – not at this meeting
- 6.2 Fire Chief's Reports – filed

Council expressed their appreciation for the completeness of the reports being submitted by the Fire Chief.

- 6.3 Clerk's Report – filed

- 6.4 Treasurer's Report

Report on Amortization, Post-Employment, Solid Waste

The Treasurer submitted the mandatory report on amortization, post-employment liability and the solid waste closure liability. Council discussed possible scenario's regarding the landfill closures and asked staff to return with more information.

Infrastructure Loan

The Treasurer asked for Council's approval to give an AMO representative information on the Township's experience with Infrastructure Ontario's Loan process. Council was also asked whether they wished to approve an official withdrawal of the loan request. Council agreed to the sharing of information with AMO but did not want the official loan request withdrawn.

The Treasurer then provided Council an update on the tax arrears. The tax arrears are down significantly from last year. It was noted that the bank accounts have been switched to the Toronto Dominion and that the final ODRAP claim has been submitted. The Treasurer also noted that the Makkinga Contracting invoices for their work on the flood repairs have been paid.

- 6.5 Councillor Reports

Mayor Holland reported on his activities since the last meeting including attending the LRMC meeting, a Planning Board open house on the Gorham and Ware Official Plan, a Little Lion's Daycare meeting on the daycare in Gillies, a meeting with True Grit and Makkinga to finalize the flood repair work and a meeting with Don Caddo regarding steps to take on a proposed social housing complex.

Councillor Woodbeck noted she would be attending the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Meeting in December and that there was a full day of training available for new council members. Councillor-elect Maxwell was advised she could attend if she wished.

Councillor Arnold reported on his attendance at the LRCA meeting and a Health and Safety Committee meeting. Councillor Arnold noted that it was suggested that the Road crew should have cell phones as a safety issue and that they were directed to obtain them. Councillor Arnold also noted that himself, Councillor MacMaster, Clerk Maxwell and Mike Vialoux would be attending the Forum North safety conference.

Councillor MacMaster reported on a meeting with True Grit to have a discussion on where the pad for the skatepark should be located. The intention was to try to prepare the ground this fall for an early construction start next spring. However Councillor MacMaster noted that this will not be accomplished. Councillor MacMaster advised that the Skatepark Committee are planning a special event in December as a fundraiser. Councillor MacMaster noted that there was a Library Board meeting scheduled for this evening but that a quorum may not be obtained.

6.6 Other Board and Agency Reports

- LRMC – September 18, 2014 – filed
- Skatepark Committee – filed
- Health and Safety Committee – filed
- Rural Food Cupboard - filed

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

7.1 Disbursement List No 11A

Resolution No. 2014-219

Moved by **Councillor MacMaster**
Seconded by **Councillor Arnold**

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$28,669.91 as per Disbursement List No. 11A 2014 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

7.2 Disbursement List No. 11AA

Resolution No. 2014 – 220

Moved by **Councillor Woodbeck**
Seconded by **Councillor Arnold**

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$4,641.47 as per Disbursement List No. 11AA 2014 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Mayor Holland declared a conflict with this item.

Resolution No. 2014 – 221

Moved by **Councillor Arnold**
Seconded by **Councillor MacMaster**

THAT Council approves of Councillor-elect Sheila Maxwell to attend the Effective Municipal Councillor Training on December 4, 2014 in Thunder Bay at the cost of \$30.00.

CARRIED.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 Update on Dam Payment in Lieu - filed

8.2 Copy of Letter to Premier re Dam Payment in Lieu

Council reviewed the letter from Wawa regarding the refusal of the Ministry of Finance to consider allowing municipalities to apply property taxes to the hydro facilities. Council requested that a letter of support be forwarded to the Premier.

8.3 Response from MMAH re ODRAP

Council reviewed the response from Ted McMeekin, Minister for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding our meeting at AMO to discuss the ODRAP funding program. Council requested that a letter be sent to the Minister reiterating our position.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Flag Policy Possible Amendment

Council discussed a possible amendment to the flag policy and decided to include a policy to lower the flag to half-mast when a member of the armed forces whose hometown is in the District of Thunder Bay loses their life in the line of duty or a police officer from the detachment that services the Thunder Bay District is killed in the line of duty. The Clerk will return this amended policy to Council at the next meeting.

9.2 OPP Quarterly Report – filed

9.3 Ontario Good Roads Nominations – filed

9.4 Background Checks for Councillors and Volunteers

Council requested that a revised policy be returned to the next Council meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 AMO Communications – Provincial Offences – Road Safety Bill
- 10.2 Gorham and Ware Official Plan
- 10.3 AMO Communications – Presumptive Legislation and Firefighters
- 10.4 LRCA – Minutes – September 24, 2014
- 10.5 AMO Watch File
- 10.6 TBDSSAB – Minutes – September 24, 2014
- 10.7 TBDSSAB – Minutes – Closed Session – September 24, 2014
- 10.8 AMO Gas Tax Report
- 10.9 AMO Watch File
- 10.10TB District Health Unit – Minutes – September 17, 2014

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2014- 222

Moved by Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:17 pm.

CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk