

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
November 22, 2011

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

ALSO PRESENT: Norm Gale, Director, Superior North EMS, Barbara and Ashley Maxwell, Township Residents, Ken Malinoski, Road Superintendent

ABSENT:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2011- 194

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as circulated
CARRIED.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Reeve Holland declared a declaration of pecuniary interest when the Clerk presented her report regarding the progress of the office upgrades.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 Norm Gale, Director, Superior North EMS

Mr. Gale attended the meeting at the request of the Council to discuss concerns Council had with the wording of the resolution passed by the Council for the City of Thunder Bay regarding re-deployment of the Conmee ambulance and Mr. Gale's statement that he had the agreement of all of the member municipalities.

Reeve Holland noted that during discussions with Mr. Gale, he had stated his support in principle with the plan, provided that the ambulance was not moved further east than the Village of Kakabeka Falls. The resolution passed at City Council did not mention this. Mr. Gale advised that he did not prepare the resolution and that it was still his intention to move the ambulance only to Kakabeka Falls.

Reeve Holland noted that there were other conditions or qualifications to Council's agreement, including no loss of Provincial revenue if the base was moved further from the unorganized areas and that the support from the Township of Conmee must come in the form of a Council resolution. Mr. Gale noted the concerns.

Council also discussed the other problems identified by Mr. Gale's review of the EMS, including off-load delays at the hospital, addictive services beds, mental health beds and non-emergent patient transfer. Reeve Holland questioned whether there was a political action group within the SNEMS that was working on these issues. Mr. Gale advised that there was no political action group directly in SNEMS but that he was working

with City Council on the political end. Reeve Holland noted that, in effect, the costs associated with these health issues are being passed on to the municipalities and are not their responsibility.

Mr. Gale noted that he would like to reinstate an Accountability Committee.

Councillor Arnold felt that the Township of Conmee should be invited to the City Council meetings when the discussions of the Conmee base are held. Mr. Gale noted that no municipality was invited to the meeting but that City Council allowed those who did come to speak on the issue.

Reeve Holland also stated that Council would like to be involved and informed when discussions take place and he thanked Mr. Gale for attending the meeting and answering questions.

4.2 Barbara and Ashley Maxwell re Severances

Barbara and Ashley Maxwell, Township residents, attended Council to explain their request for an additional lot on Lot 3, Concession 3. Council agreed that prior activities had deemed the hydro electric transmission corridor as a separate piece, creating a natural severance. Council advised Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell that they would not oppose the creation of the requested lot.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Resolution No. 2011-195

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 8, 2011 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. **REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

6.1 Road Superintendent's Report – filed

The Road Superintendent was requested to provide Council with information on the remaining useful life of the equipment.

- Landfill Report – not at this meeting

6.2 Fire Chief's Report – not at this meeting

6.3 Clerk's Report

Reeve Holland declared a conflict and left the room while the Clerk provided an update on the office upgrades and the issue with the internet connection.

6.4 Councillor Reports

Reeve Holland provided information on the planning for the Health Fair next year. There will be increased advertisement of the 2012 fair.

Reeve Holland noted he had met with the available members of the Highway Committee to update them on activities since the last meeting. He also noted that a new meeting date has been set with Stantec.

Reeve Holland noted that when the Reeve and Clerk met with the Minister of MTO, that meetings should be arranged with the Minister of Community and Social Services and Municipal Affairs to discuss issues that are impacting our Township.

Reeve Holland updated Council on the activities of the DSSAB, including dispelling a recent announcement by the Chair of DSSAB that the Board was considering another new building. This issue has not been brought before the Board for discussion.

Councillor Hunt provided information on the upcoming events planned by the Recreation Committee including a Tea and Bazaar on December 3, 2011 and the Family Christmas Party on December 18th. She also noted that she has not heard back from SNEMS regarding the stair chair.

Councillor Arnold noted that he had provided the office with copies of the letter from Neebing requesting information on the proposed new building, and the LRCA reply if anyone is interested in reading it.

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

Disbursement List No 11B 2011

Resolution No. 2011- 196

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$28,284.36 as per Disbursement List No. 11B 2011 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Liaisons to Departments

Resolution No. 2011-197

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the following Councillors be appointed as liaison to the following municipal departments:

Roads (including Landfill) – Councillor Bob MacMaster and Councillor Bob Rydholm

Administration – Councillor Bob Rydholm and Reeve Holland

Emergency Services – Councillor Mary-Lynne Hunt and Councillor Grant Arnold

CARRIED.

8.2 Health Fair Representative

Resolution No. 2011-198

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the following Member of Council be appointed as the Township Representative to the Northwest Community Health Centre Health Fair:

Reeve Holland

CARRIED.

8.3 Budget to Actual Update

This item was deferred to the December meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 2 Applications for Consent to Sever – A. & B. Maxwell

Resolution No. 2011-199

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee approves of the applications for Consent to Sever numbered 1B/13/11 and 1B/14/11 submitted by Barbara and Ashley Maxwell, on the South Part of Lot 3, Concession 3.

CARRIED.

9.2 Letter from Thunder Bay Ventures

Council requested that the Thunder Bay Ventures be invited to a Council meeting in the new year.

9.3 TBDML – 2012 Budget and Levy – No Change – filed

9.4 LRCA – 2012 Budget and Levy – filed

9.5 Resolution Support Request – County of Huron – Property Use

Resolution No. 2011- 200

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the County of Huron regarding the Fire Marshal's restrictions on barn parties. (copy attached).

CARRIED

9.6 Resolution Support Request – County of Huron – Private Woodlots

Resolution No. 2011-201

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Council for the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the County of Huron regarding funding eligibility under ODRAP for private woodlots. (copy attached)

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2011-202

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

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

CARRIED.

Resolution No.2011 – 203

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

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss information about an identifiable individual at 9:20 pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed communications with the Library Board

Resolution No. 2011-204

Moved by **Councillor Rydholm**
Seconded by **Councillor Arnold**

THAT we do now adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 9:58 pm.

CARRIED.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Minutes – LRCA – October 19, 2011
- 10.2 Minutes – TBD Board of Health – October 18, 2011
- 10.3 AMO Watch File

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2011- 205

Moved by **Councillor Arnold**
Seconded by **Councillor Rydholm**

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 10:01 pm.

CARRIED.

Reeve

Clerk