

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
November 27, 2012

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Graham, Staff Sergeant, OPP, John Reppard, OPP, Alan Scarrow, Wood Harvester, 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. 2012- 230

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the Meeting Agenda be adopted as prepared.
CARRIED.

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 Alan Scarrow

Mr. Scarrow attended the meeting to ask Council to waive the hauling fee for a wood harvesting job he wants to complete on Pokki Road. Mr. Scarrow noted that he has hauled in Conmee Township before and has not caused any damage to the roads. He would be hauling only during freeze up as the property to be cut is very wet. Mr. Scarrow was only able to provide an estimate obtained from another property owner as to the amount to be hauled. Mr. Scarrow advised he felt there was 5 to 6 hundred cords or approximately 45- 50 loads. He also noted that it would be an American company doing the hauling. Since Mr. Scarrow is doing the cutting by himself he feels there would only be 2 or 3 loads per week.

Council noted that the permanent half loads and hauling permit system were put in place because people who do not live in the Township come in and cut the wood, causing damage to roads, culverts and signs, which the property owners in Conmee must pay to repair. The Township does not receive any financial benefit from the haul. The bond is designed to offset these costs if damage is done. Council also noted it would be the responsibility of the hauling company to get the permit.

Reeve Holland thank Mr. Scarrow for attending Council and advised that a decision would be forwarded by the Clerk.

4.2 Staff Sergeant Jim Graham, OPP and Sergeant John Reppard, OPP

The two officers attended the meeting to introduce Staff Sergeant Jim Graham who has taken over the position at the Thunder Bay Detachment on Arthur Street. Sergeant Reppard provided Council with a statistical update on the OPP activities in Conmee Township. He noted that there has been an increase in 911 hang-up calls, which require a two officer response to determine if the call was valid. These calls are usually caused by people programming 911 into cell phones which accidentally pocket dial the number.

Council discussed the issues they felt were of priority in the Township, including pit parties and regular patrols. Sergeant Reppard advised that they must have a property owner willing to lay a trespass charge before they can take action on the pit parties. Council noted that we will contact the property owners of the likely party properties and request permission to act as an agent on their behalf to post the property and to direct the OPP to lay charges if pit parties occur on those properties.

Staff Sergeant Graham noted that they have started a new unit to deal with snow machine and ATV complaints, cottage checks, and water patrols. They also have Zone officers who will have specific areas to patrol. Staff Sergeant Graham requested that Council provide the OPP with information on areas they feel have specific complaints, for example an intersection where traffic does not obey the stop signs. The patrolling officers will then watch these specific areas.

Reeve Holland noted that at the last community policing committee meeting (CPAC) he had asked the OPP if there was any assistance that the Townships could provide to the OPP. It was suggested that a regular submission from the OPP to our newsletter and website would assist in making sure our residents are aware of the OPP presence in the Township. Staff Sergeant Graham advised that Diana Cole is the communication and community service officer but she has been tasked with many different jobs and needs to get back to the communication end of it. It was suggested she could provide monthly information to the Townships who could then use it on websites and newsletters.

Council discussed the issues identified during the May flood event, including communications. It was noted that Sergeant John Reppard was present and very helpful during the flood. Councillor MacMaster noted that a flood debrief was undertaken but the OPP were unable to attend on that date. Councillor MacMaster felt that a debrief with the OPP would still be beneficial. The officers agreed and a future meeting date will be determined.

Reeve Holland thanked both officers for attending the meeting and noted that we look forward to working with them in the future.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Resolution No. 2012-231

Moved by Councillor Arnold
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

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

CARRIED.

5.2 Resolution No. 2012 – 232

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Rydholm

THAT the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of Council held on November 13, 2012 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

6. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- 6.1 Road Superintendent's Report - filed
- 6.2 Fire Chief's Report – not at this meeting
- CACC Statistics – 2012 Year to Date - filed
- 6.3 Clerk's Report – filed
- Clerk and Councillor's Report re Attendance at Thunder Bay District Municipal League Annual Fall Meeting - filed
- 6.4 Councillor Reports

Reeve Holland reported on his activities since the last Council meeting, including a DSSAB meeting, 2 Heads of Council meetings, a 100th Anniversary meeting, a Rural Food Cupboard meeting, and a conference call with MTO. Reeve Holland has also been continuing to liaise with Korkala Design on the corporate image, including the new website and newsletter design. Reeve Holland also noted that the Township sign has been erected. Reeve Holland's full report is on file in the office.

Council also discussed a volunteer appreciation event to be held in the new year.

Councillor Arnold provided information on his activities. He attended a Source Protection Committee meeting and noted that funding has not been confirmed for the future. They will know in February of 2013 if the Source Protection will continue. Councillor Arnold also noted that the LRCA has been discussing their budget with the City of Thunder Bay as they are the largest contributors. The LRCA has decided to take an insurance pay-out rather than re-build the fire damaged Hazelwood centre. The LRCA is continuing to develop flood forecasting communications and noted that we are currently in a level 1 water shortage.

Councillor Arnold advised that he had met with the Fire Chief and advised that the fire department radios will be over budget since we are unable to access JEPP funding. The Fire Chief advised that training attendance for the Conmee Emergency Services has been good.

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

Disbursement List No 11B 2012

Resolution No. 2012- 233

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT the Accounts in the amount of \$25,543.58 as per Disbursement List No. 11B 2012 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 Letter from AMO re Gas Tax Funds – filed

8.2 Snow-plow Trucks – Updated Quotation

Council reviewed the updated quote from one of the companies providing a response to our request for proposal. The Road Superintendent was instructed to review the proposal and return a final report to Council at the next meeting. The report is to include the final price, including any changes necessary to ensure that the truck is to our specifications.

At this point in the meeting Council paused to make a presentation to the Clerk for 10 years of service to the community. Council presented the Clerk with a plaque and a gift certificate.

8.3 By-law No. 1010 – Agreement with Ministry of Health - Admin. Report #2012 – 22

Resolution No. 2012 – 234

Moved by Councillor Hunt
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. 1010 being a by-law to enter into an Agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care to provide dispatch services to the Conmee Emergency Services.

CARRIED.

8.4 True Grit – Cost Estimate re Maxwell Road Bridge

Council directed the Clerk to include the cost estimate in our letter to MMAH.

8.5 Cemetery Map

The Clerk presented the landscaping map of the cemetery. Council discussed our on-going review and changes to the operations of the cemetery. Council also discussed placing markers on graves until a monument is erected.

Resolution No. 2012 – 235

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

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

CARRIED.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Council's Attendance at OGRA/ROMA

The Clerk advised Council that as housing for the 2013 OGRA/ROMA conference opened on the morning of the Council meeting, 3 rooms had been booked. Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2012 – 236

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor MacMaster

THAT the following persons be approved to attend the ROMA/OGRA conference to be held in Toronto on February 24th to 27th, 2013:

Councillor MacMaster
Reeve Holland
Clerk Maxwell

CARRIED.

Council will discuss Minister's meetings at OGRA/ROMA at the next meeting of Council.

9.2 Clerk's Attendance at AMCTO

Resolution No. 2012 – 237

Moved by **Councillor Hunt**
Seconded by **Councillor Arnold**

THAT the Clerk be authorized to attend the AMCTO annual meeting to be held in the Town of Blue Mountains on June 9th to 12th, 2013.

CARRIED.

9.3 Letter from Minister Chiarelli re Infrastructure Strategy – filed

9.4 Letter from Ministry of Finance re OMPF – filed

9.5 Infrastructure Funding – Admin. Report #2012 – 23

The Clerk advised that although we have not yet received confirmation of funding to develop an asset management plan, we will be required to submit a pre-screening application by January 9, 2013 to receive funding for the first round of money being released for critical infrastructure repairs. Apparently the Ministry will still release money for eligible projects but the Township will eventually need to prove how the request for funding fits with the Asset Management Plan. The Province's intention is to ensure all future funding is directed at municipal needs rather than wants. The Clerk advised that the issue will be returned on the next meeting Agenda and Council must make a decision on what infrastructure they want to apply for.

9.6 Email from MMAH re MIII funding Process – filed

9.7 Office Closure re Christmas Week

Resolution No. 2012 – 238

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

THAT the Municipal Office be closed from noon on December 24th, 2012 to January 2nd, 2013.

CARRIED.

9.8 Cancellation of December 25, 2012 Council Meeting

Resolution No. 2012 – 239

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

THAT the December 25th, 2012 Council meeting be cancelled.

CARRIED.

9.9 Extension of By-law for Garden Suite

The Clerk advised that a garden suite was established in 2002. Since the by-law only permitted the garden suite for 10 years, as required by the Planning Act, the owners have now requested an extension. Council did not have any objections to the extension. A by-law will be tabled at the next regular Council meeting.

Resolution No. 2012 – 240

Moved by Councillor MacMaster
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT we do now adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss matters regarding an identifiable individual at 10:03 pm.

CARRIED.

Council discussed a complaint from a resident regarding a gravel truck using engine compression style brakes on Township Roads.

Resolution No. 2012 – 241

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

THAT we do now adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 10:21 pm.

Council directed the Clerk to send a letter to the truck owner advising he was in contravention of the Township By-law prohibiting the use of engine compression brakes. (Jake brakes)

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Ontario Ombudsman Annual Report on Investigations of Closed Municipal Meetings – filed

10.2 LRCA – Minutes – October 17, 2012

10.3 AMO Watch File – November 15, 2012

10.4 AMO Watch File – November 22, 2012

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2012-242

Moved by Councillor Rydholm
Seconded by Councillor Arnold

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 10:27 pm.

CARRIED.

Reeve

Clerk