

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 11, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

Reeve: Rodney Wood

Councillors: Pat Garside

Dianne Holt

Dave Leask

Robert Jerrard

Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside

Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Moved by Dianne Holt 2017-01

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do accept the Agenda as presented. * Carried *

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-02

Seconded by Pat Garside

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2016, as presented. *Carried*

Lyn Garside, Road Superintendent, provided an update on road issues in the Township. The steady snowfall combined with squalls has resulted in frequent plowing events. The grader has been used to remove ruts resulting from the heavy log traffic packing down the snow on Base Line. The Road Superintendent recommended a section of Base Line near its intersection with Hilton Road be added to the 2017 project list which will mainly focus on completing Hilton Road. Plans to rent a larger excavator for the remaining work on Hilton Road could also provide assistance for removing rocks under and alongside this section of Base Line.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-03

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do agree to plow the end of Jocques Bay Road for the 2016-2017 winter season to allow for the parking of vehicles off the highway. *Carried*

The subject of municipal plowing of turnarounds was discussed. Council reviewed an assessment map detailing one area in particular where questions from a resident had been raised. Council confirmed that such turnarounds are intended for the use of the municipal plow truck only and cleared accordingly. Problems have arisen in the past for both the plow operator and fire departments when residents have parked their car/trailers/etc in these areas. Only some turnarounds have been posted with 'No Parking' signs but this applies to all turnaround areas on a year-round basis.

Correspondence was received from a supplier of the Township advising that with the introduction of the Provincial cap and trade program, diesel fuel will now increase approximately 5.42 cents per litre.

Council reviewed correspondence from the St. Joseph Island Planning Board approving the severance of Lot 17 and Part of Lot 18, Concession O, Township of Hilton.

Council reviewed the year-end summary prepared by the Building Inspector detailing the number of permits issued in 2016. A total of nine permits were issued for a combined construction value of \$333,500. Total permit fees collected were \$1,570 resulting in a net cost to date of \$4,165 for this service to residents. The Clerk advised the final cost will be adjusted once building inspection costs for December 2016 have been provided.

Council was advised that the building inspector will be retiring from Tulloch Engineering effective April 30, 2016 but would be willing to stay on in a part-time role providing a relief inspector could be called upon when he was not available. The Clerk was asked to look into such an arrangement with an area municipality.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-04

Seconded by Pat Garside

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1174-17 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 1025-11 by permitting a guest cabin to be constructed at a location less than 30 m (100') from the established high water mark on Lot 28, Plan 1M458, 1R 9644 – Part 10, 3827 Quarry Point Road, Township of Hilton. *Carried*

Moved by Pat Garside 2017-05

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1146-16 being a by-law to appoint officers, servants, boards and commissions for the year 2016. *Carried*

In preparation for issuing the 2017 interim taxes, the Clerk asked that the following by-laws be passed. The interim taxes will be mailed the beginning of February with a due date of February 28, 2017. Calculation of the interim taxes is based on 50% of the previous year's tax rates applied to the current year's assessment.

Moved by Dianne Holt 2017-06

Seconded by Robert Jerrard

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1176-17 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy for 2017 and for the payment of taxes and for penalty and interest of 1.25% per month after the due date. *Carried*

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-07

Seconded by Pat Garside

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1177-17 being a by-law to establish tax ratios for the Township of Hilton for the year 2017. *Carried*

Correspondence was received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) addressing our municipality's 2015 Financial Indicator Review. No indicators fell within the 'high' level of challenge category although two (Taxes Receivable and Asset Consumption Ratio) were considered a 'moderate' level of challenge. The Clerk confirmed there continues to be some taxes outstanding that are of a significant amount but have not reached the point of tax registration. The 'moderate' level of concern for the Asset Consumption Ratio category is misleading as the Township is aware certain assets are approaching end of life status (plowtruck/grader/fire truck) but adequate reserve funds have been set aside for replacement purposes. Once these assets have been replaced, the continued practice of contributing on an annual basis to reserve funds will address future replacement needs.

Moved by Dianne Holt 2017-08

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1178-17 being a by-law to establish and require payment of various fees and charges. *Carried*

MPAC provided details regarding the new assessment values for the Township. Residential property assessments will increase 3.2% on average in 2017 and by a total average of 16.9% by 2020 under the new 2016 full current value assessment cycle.

Correspondence was received from the Sault Area Hospital Foundation thanking the Township for its continued support of our 2004 pledge to contribute \$37,500 over fifteen years. The SAH is proposing that Cardiac Stenting be performed locally which would avoid the need for transferring patients to other cardiac centres.

Correspondence was received from the Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma Seniors Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) noting the need for more permanent long term care beds in Algoma. Council noted its awareness of the need but that senior government funding is necessary to achieve this goal.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-09

Seconded by Pat Garside

Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of December 2016 in the amount of \$91,207.05 as per Voucher 12-2016: Administration - \$7,186.38; Algoma District School Board - \$34,655.24; Algoma District Services Admin - \$21,770.75; Building - \$763.88; Fire - \$821.91; Miscellaneous (Employee/Employer Payroll Deductions/Benefits) - \$4,696.47; Policing - \$11,116.00; Roads - \$7,904.58; WSIB (Qrtly) - \$2,291.84. *Carried*

Moved by Dave Leask 2017-10

Seconded by Robert Jerrard

Resolved that we do pass By-Law No 1179-17 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting.*Carried

The Clerk requested the next regular meeting of Council be moved back one week from February 1st to February 8th, 2017 to allow for the time involved in issuing the interim taxes.

Moved by Pat Garside 2017-11

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do adjourn at 9:35 p.m Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 or at the call of the Reeve. *Carried*



*** Building Inspection ***
 Ron LeBlanc – Building Inspector - Call 1-800-797-2997
 Email: ron.leblanc@tulloch.ca

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT
 IT IS ILLEGAL TO START WORK WITHOUT A PERMIT**



WINTER Hours in Effect from Sept 15/16 – May 15/17:
 Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Sunday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

F I R E - 911 for Emergencies Wood Pellet Stove Safety



- Have a QUALIFIED professional install stoves, chimney connectors, and chimneys.
- Stoves should have the LABEL of an independent testing laboratory.
- In wood stoves, burn only DRY, seasoned wood. In pellet stoves, burn only dry, seasoned wood pellets.
- Have your chimney and stove INSPECTED and cleaned by a certified chimney sweep every fall just before heating season.
- CLEAN the inside of your stove periodically using a wire brush.
- Allow ashes to COOL before disposing of them. Place ashes in a covered metal container. Keep the container at least 10 feet away from the home and other buildings.
- Keep a CLOSE EYE on children whenever a wood or pellet stove is being used. Remind them to stay at least 3 feet away from the stove. Stoves need SPACE. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- INSTALL and maintain carbon monoxide alarms (CO) outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect the CO alarms. When one sounds, they all sound.

Information provided courtesy of NFPA Public Education Division

Matthews Memorial Hospital Association Annual Meeting to elect Board of Directors, 2017 will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Desbarats Arena, 1 Johnson Drive, Johnson Township. Membership is \$1.00, available at the door. Pancake breakfast (all you can eat) begins at 9:00 a.m. Cost by 'donation'. Election to follow at 11:00 a.m.



The INTERIM instalment of this year's property tax bill will be mailed February 1, 2017 with a due date of February 28, 2017.
 A reminder for those residents that wish to pay their taxes electronically - we have agreements with the following banking institutions: ASCU, Bank of Montreal, CIBC, MCAP, Northern Credit Union, Royal Bank, Scotiabank and TD Canada Trust. Your customer identification number will be your "Roll Number" that appears on your tax bill.

Please ensure when choosing the "Payee Name" that you select:
HILTON (TOWNSHIP) - TAXES
and not
 HILTON BEACH (VILLAGE) - TAXES
 Thank you!