

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 9, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

Reeve: Rodney Wood

Councillors: Pat Garside

Dianne Holt

Robert Jerrard

Dave Leask

Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside

Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Moved by Dave Leask

2014-86

Seconded by Pat Garside

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

Councillor Jerrard noted that the previous month's Minutes should be amended as he had been shown as 'present' when he was actually 'absent'.

Moved by Dianne Holt

2014-87

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 4, 2014, as amended. * Carried *

Lyn Garside, Road Superintendent, confirmed calcium had been applied to township roads using one truckload. Prior to the surface treatment of several roads (Big Point/Hamilton Drive/X Line) the Township used to require almost two truckloads which, of course, resulted in an increased cost. As more roads are surface treated, the one truckload will be more than adequate and allow for heavier concentrations of dust suppressant to be applied. The Road Super noted that beavers have been causing considerable problems, both on privately owned properties and along township roads. The Township will only address beaver issues on its township roads and will not manage problems on private lands. The Road Super confirmed the boat launch at Milford Haven has been reconstructed and was available for use during the recent Hunters and Anglers' fishing derby. The ramp is now equipped with a bumper which will keep trailers from backing into the river bed. The launch is designed for the use of small watercraft only in keeping with the level of water at the location. The outhouse facilities located in the block building have been closed up permanently and a new outhouse will be located in a different area on the site. This will not take place until later in the summer.

Councillor Jerrard noted that in connection with Councillor Holt's recent suggestion, the buildings at Big Point Park should be addressed by Council with plans for improvements to be made in the 2015 year. The increased water levels have led to increased usage and some revamping of the changeroom and picnic areas would seem to be in order. Improved signage of the park was also suggested. Council noted the Township does not own this property and while it does have long term usage rights through a lease with the Ministry of Natural Resources, any improvements should not entail significant amounts of money.

The Clerk advised that no submissions had been received in response to the recent tendercall for lifting the firehall building and additional electrical work; however, one contractor did ask that a quote he had submitted prior to the tendercall continue to be considered as his submission. Council determined that it had not been made clear to the individual that the tender included additional work and a decision was made to not open the sealed quote. The contractor will be contacted and the full scope of the tender explained. Depending on the response, there may be a need to issue a future separate tender for the electrical work only.

Additional information was received from the Deputy Fire Chief regarding the DZ licensing of fire volunteers. The road tests can be carried out in Thessalon once all medicals and written tests have been completed. Council asked for confirmation as to which members of the fire department would be pursuing the licensing and what the status was regarding medicals.

The Clerk advised that a zoning amendment application had been received for a property located on Hamilton Drive. The amendment was requesting a reduction to the required setback so that an addition to an existing deck could be constructed. Council accepted the Clerk's recommendation that the Building Inspector visit the site prior to the zoning notices being mailed to ensure the new setback was accurate.

The Clerk advised she had received a query from a property owner regarding rules related to the placement of boat lifts on docks. Council advised that any associated rules were outside the jurisdiction of the Township and that the owner should contact either the Ministry of Natural Resources or the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Council reviewed the five year energy plan prepared by the Clerk which represented one of the many requirements of the Green Energy Act legislation.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2014-88
Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that Council for the Township of Hilton does approve the “Conservation and Demand Management Plan (2014 – 2019)” as prepared by the Clerk and submitted to the Ministry of Energy in June 2014 and affirms its commitment to implement the Plan over the next five years. * Carried *

Information was received from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) regarding the Canada Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) and how it could affect municipalities. A workshop will be sponsored by the City of Sault Ste. Marie in an effort to ensure municipalities are aware of steps they must take to ensure they are compliant with the new law. The workshop will take place on July 10, 2014 in Sault Ste. Marie and the Clerk confirmed she would attend.

The Clerk provided the tax rate by-law for 2014 based on the budget approved by Council in June 2014 which included a municipal levy of \$452,250. Given the increase in assessments, there will be a decrease to the tax rate despite the approximate 2.00% increase to the levy over 2013. According to Ontario Property Tax Analysis (OPTA), on average, approximately 56% of residential properties will experience a tax increase of \$38 while 44% will see a tax decrease of \$12. The following resolutions were passed to formally adopt the 2014 tax rates.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2014-89
Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1105-14 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of the current estimates and tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2014. *Carried*

Moved by Dave Leask 2014-90
Seconded by Pat Garside

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1106-14 being a by-law to adopt optional tools for the purpose of administering limits for Commercial and Industrial property classes for the Year 2014. *Carried*

The Clerk advised Council that no response had been received to the Township’s letter to the Library Board and Village of Hilton Beach regarding questions about the 2014 library budget. Council members noted that each had received a copy of a letter sent from the Library Board to the Village of Hilton Beach Council asking that it respond to the Township’s queries given the capital aspect of some of the questions. Councillor Holt, a member of the Hilton Union Public Library Board, confirmed she had just been made aware of the Village’s anticipated plan to make some improvements to the library building that would hopefully reduce the annual utility costs. Other issues concerning the cost of the audit, receipt of annual audited statements and ownership of the books have yet to be addressed.

Moved by Dianne Holt 2014-91
Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that, in the interest of providing operating capital for the current year, we do approve the Hilton Union Public Library Board Budget for 2014 as presented in the amount of \$28,000, noting that Hilton Township still awaits a response to its May 23, 2014 letter regarding certain 2014 expenses. *Carried*

Council reviewed correspondence from St. Joseph Island Horticultural Society offering to plant a tree within the Township at a location of our choosing. Council noted the Society had planted two Norway Maple trees at Twin Lakes Park several years ago and both were thriving. While Council appreciated the offer it did not feel it had a suitable location at this time for any new trees.

Correspondence was received from the North Channel Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic asking to attend a council meeting to discuss the potential of setting up a satellite office in our area. Dependent on the need, such a service could be available up to a few days a week. The Clerk was asked to respond and extend an invitation for representatives to attend an upcoming council meeting.

Moved by Dianne Holt 2014-92
Seconded by Robert Jerrard

Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of June 2014 in the amount of \$81,961.85 as per Voucher 06-2014: Administration - \$6,077.62; Algoma District School Board - \$32,031.13; Algoma Dist Services Administration (June) - \$21,346.17; Building - \$1,044.69; Fire - \$355.85; Miscellaneous - \$6,479.60; Policing - \$2,645.00; Recreation – \$1,193.32; Roads - \$10,788.47. * Carried *

Moved by Pat Garside 2014-93
Seconded by Dave Leask
Resolved that we do pass By-Law 1107-14 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting. *Carried*

Moved by Robert Jerraard 2014-94
Seconded by Dave Leask
Resolved that we do adjourn at 10:40 p.m., Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 or at the call of the Reeve. *Carried*

Rodney Wood, Reeve

Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer



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

Dump/Recycling (M & N Road):

SUMMER Hours in Effect from May 15/14 – September 15/14

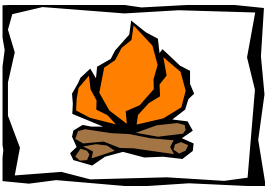
Wednesday: 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Sunday: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Holiday Mondays: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm



Items considered Hazardous: Paint (both oil and latex); oil; acids; anti- freeze; aerosols; caustics; flammables; pesticides; batteries of all types; propane cylinders; oil filters; pharmaceuticals; fire extinguishers; etc. Please note the above items are not accepted in the local landfill anymore.

Hilton Township residents are authorized to deposit these items at the Household Special Waste Facility located at:
115 Industrial Park in Sault Ste. Marie
(turn off Great Northern Road across from Esquire Honda).
Hours of Operation: Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 am till 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am till 4:00 pm during the months of May through to October.

F I R E - 911 for EMERGENCIES
**** New Cell Phone # for Fire Chief: 705-971-2806 ****



It is necessary to obtain a Fire Permit at the Municipal Office for Small Brush Burning and Incinerator Burning during the months from April to October. There is no fee for this permit.

A reminder that burning is only permitted two hours before sunset and two hours after sunrise.
(Exception: campfires for cooking/warmth allowed anytime.)

While most residents are very familiar with the recycling efforts at the M and N Landfill, what many may not know is that some of those donations are helping to cover the cost of a defibrillator for use by the Hilton Union Fire Department. On behalf of everyone in the communities of Hilton Township and Hilton Beach, thank you for depositing your cans and bottles into the Firefighters' Collection Box!

