

MINUTES
Special Meeting
March 7, 2016
2:00 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

Reeve: Rodney Wood
Councillors: Pat Garside
Dianne Holt
Dave Leask
Robert Jerrard
Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

This special meeting was called to authorize an offer for the acquisition of land for a combination of municipal purposes and to support the continued 24 hour emergency service at Matthews Memorial Hospital.

Moved by Dave Leask 2016-36
Seconded by Pat Garside
Resolved that we do accept the Agenda as presented. * Carried *

Moved by Dianne Holt 2016-37
Seconded by Robert Jerrard
Resolved that we do enter Closed Meeting at 2:12 p.m. in accordance with the Municipal Act 2001, Section 239 (2) (c) that a meeting may be closed to the public for the purpose of discussing a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality. *Carried*

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2016-38
Seconded by Dave Leask
Resolved that we do return to Open Meeting at 3:01 p.m. *Carried*

Moved by Pat Garside 2016-39
Seconded by Dave Leask
Resolved that we do approve the recommendations in the Closed Session reports regarding an offer being made on land for the municipality. *Carried*

Council reviewed correspondence from the municipality's auditor confirming the Parks Reserve Fund could be used to purchase land for recreational purposes and if part of the property was to be used for other municipal purposes, a value could be given to that area and paid back to the Parks Reserve Fund.

The Clerk advised Council that the current Zoning By-law only includes 'municipal firehalls' as a permitted use when they are part of a municipal complex. In order to establish a stand alone firehall in an area separate to the Municipal Office, an amendment must be passed to include firehalls as a permitted use in the Institutional Zone.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2016-40
Seconded by Dianne Holt
Resolved that we do direct the Clerk to begin the rezoning process to add "Municipal Firehalls" to the permitted uses of the Institutional Zone within the Township of Hilton. *Carried*

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2016-41
Seconded by Dianne Holt
Resolved that WHEREAS the Matthews Memorial Hospital provides 24-Hour Emergency services to a catchment area from Echo Bay through to Bruce Mines and St. Joseph Island and receives emergency patients from the travelling public and residents across central Algoma, including Sault Ste. Marie, and WHEREAS over 6,000 year round residents live in the Matthews Memorial Hospital catchment area and this number increases significantly during the summer months, and WHEREAS the Northeast Local Health Integration Network (Northeast LHIN) placed the Matthews Memorial Hospital and Thessalon Hospital under the umbrella of the Blind River District Health Centre (BRDHC) with the promise that Blind River would better understand and provide for the needs of the rural communities serviced by them, and WHEREAS it has been rumoured that BRDHC is considering reducing the hours at the Matthews Memorial Hospital site to a 12-hour (daytime) service, and WHEREAS having 24-hour emergency care at Matthews Memorial Hospital has saved lives, and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Hilton demands that the Blind River District Health Centre re-affirm its commitment to maintaining 24-Hour Emergency Care at Matthews Memorial Hospital, and FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Blind River District Health Centre begin a process to improve their understanding of the health care needs of central Algoma residents and work with the area communities to develop a comprehensive plan to better meet those needs. *Carried*

Moved by Pat Garside 2016-42
Seconded by Dave Leask
Resolved that we do pass By-Law No 1156-16 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting.*Carried

Moved by Dianne Holt 2016-43
Seconded by Robert Jerrard
Resolved that we do adjourn at 3:38 p.m Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 or at the call of the Reeve. *Carried*

Reeve, Rodney Wood

Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer
