

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
November 16, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

Reeve: Rodney Wood
Councillors: Pat Garside (arrived 7:10 pm)
Dianne Holt
Robert Jerrard
David Leask
Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside
Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Moved by David Leask 2016-122
Seconded by Dianne Holt
Resolved that we do accept the Agenda as presented. *Carried*

Moved by Dianne Holt 2016-123
Seconded by Robert Jerrard
Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2016, as presented. *Carried*

Lyn Garside, Road Superintendent, advised the unseasonably warm and dry November weather had permitted additional roadside brushing and ditching to be carried out on various roads. There remains a section on Base Line across from Stills Side Road that will need to be reconstructed next year. The damaged area was the result of heavy truck traffic braking and turning at the location as part of the MTO's Highway 548 improvements (W Line).

Moved by Pat Garside 2016-124
Seconded by Robert Jerrard
Resolved that we do request Broadspectrum Ontario Ltd. to include in its stockpile of winter sand at the local patrol yard 500 M. Tonnes for Hilton Township's 2016/2017 winter requirements. *Carried*

The Road Superintendent advised he had visited three municipally owned lots to flag the boundaries as requested. It was noted the elevation of one neighbouring lot had been altered significantly which could lead to drainage issues on the municipal lot. The Clerk was asked to contact the Building Inspector and discuss the matter.

Council reviewed correspondence from a resident of Red Maple Drive requesting snowplowing service for the 2016/2017 season, as well as, questioning the timing of certain plowing events earlier in the year. The Clerk was asked to respond.

Moved by Pat Garside 2016-125
Seconded by David Leask
Resolved that we do agree to provide winter plowing services for the 2016-2017 season on a requested or 'as-needed' basis to be determined by the Road Superintendent for Red Maple Drive, with such services to be provided at an hourly rate of \$125 until December 31, 2016 and increased to \$145 effective January 1, 2017. A minimum call out rate of \$125 until December 31, 2016 and \$145 as of January 1, 2017 will apply. Sanding to be charged extra. *Carried*

Council was advised a local resident had expressed an interest in purchasing a small lot currently owned by the municipality. Council members acknowledged that while the land had been granted to the Township as part of a subdivision agreement many years ago and yet to be developed, there still existed the possibility of a small park being created on the site and that it was best to maintain ownership.

Council reviewed preliminary drawings for the proposed firehall for the recently purchased W Line property. Minor changes were recommended to separate the washroom facilities from the remainder of the building given its potential for periodic recreational use.

Reeve Wood declared the Public Meeting advertised for 8:00 pm to be open. The meeting was scheduled to hear any objections to the zoning amendment pertaining to part of Lot 17, Concession 14, W Line in Hilton Township to permit a municipal firehall on the property and rezone the required three acres from Rural to Institutional. The Clerk advised no objections had been received to date and no one was present at the meeting.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2016-126
Seconded by Pat Garside
Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1169-16 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-Law 1025-11 by changing the zoning for part of Lot 17, Concession 14, 4377 W Line from RU (Rural) to I (Institutional) and adding a subsection that allows a Municipal Firehall to be a permitted use for this property. *Carried*

Reeve Wood declared the Public Meeting closed and returned to Open Meeting under the Municipal Act.

The Clerk advised the area required for the firehall had increased from two to three acres to incorporate the existing well in the same parcel. As \$5,000 had been determined a fair value for the original two acres, it was decided to authorize a new value of \$7,500 for the three acres. This money will be paid from General Working Capital as opposed to the remaining cost of the land which will be funded from the Parks Reserve Fund.

Moved by Dianne Holt

2016-127

Seconded by David Leask

Resolved that given the necessary area of land required for the W Line Firehall has now been increased from two to three acres, Council for the Township of Hilton hereby authorizes a transfer of \$7,500 from General Working Capital with this amount representing an increase of \$2,500 over the value established for two acres in June 2016.

Carried

Correspondence was received from Algoma Public Health confirming an APH representative had spoken with the owner of a property regarding an unauthorized septic installation. The system has now been disconnected.

Council reviewed a request from a property owner to authorize construction of a guest cabin subject to a zoning amendment being initiated immediately to allow for a reduced building setback. The request was made to allow construction to begin prior to the onset of winter given the approximate two month rezoning process.

Moved by Pat Garside

2016-128

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do authorize the owner of Lot 28, Plan 1M458, 3827 Quarry Point Road, to begin construction of a guest cabin in the location specified in the associated building permit application, acknowledging that the deck portion of the structure will require a zoning amendment to authorize a 3 metre (10') reduction and will therefore be initiated immediately. *Carried*

Moved by David Leask

2016-129

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1168-16 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hilton and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding the enhanced Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) – Formula Based Component. *Carried*

Council reviewed correspondence from the OPP confirming salary negotiations between the OPP and the Province had been decided by arbitration resulting in a 6.46% 2017 compound impact for the period January 2015 to July 2017. An estimate of 6.83% had already been built into the OPP municipal billings. The exorbitant increases most municipalities are facing for overall policing costs were discussed and it was recommended the topic be addressed at an Island-wide Joint Council meeting early in 2017.

Council reviewed a request from Sault Area Hospital Volunteer Association to contribute toward the cost of a new CT scanner as the one purchased in 2005 is at the end of its lifespan. One third of the 20,000 annual scans performed at SAH are on patients from within the Algoma district. The cost of a new CT scanner is 1.9 million dollars. The provincial government provides funding for hospital operational costs but not capital expenditures therefore fundraising is needed to purchase up-to-date medical equipment. Hilton Township, along with many area municipalities, made a long-term pledge to SAH when it was being constructed in 2003 and our fifteen year pledge of \$2,500 annually will conclude in 2018. Council decided that the current pledge would need to be fulfilled before considering any additional commitment.

Moved by Robert Jerrard

2016-130

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of October 2016 in the amount of \$137,556.39 as per Voucher 10-2016: Administration - \$11,564.34; Algoma District Services Admin Bd - \$21,770.75; Assessment Qtrly) - \$4,419.68; Building - \$487.31; Fire - \$4,090.50; Miscellaneous (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deductions/ Benefits) - \$6,254.46; Police - \$5,558.00; Roads – \$83,411.35. *Carried*

Moved by Pat Garside

2016-131

Seconded by David Leask

Resolved that we do pass By-Law No.1170-16 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting. *Carried

Moved by Robert Jerrard

2016-132

Seconded by David Leask

Resolved that we do adjourn at 10:32 p.m., Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 or at the call of the Reeve.



***** 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**

Dump/Recycling (M and N Road):



WINTER Hours in Effect from Sept 15/2016 – May 15/2017:

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

F I R E - 911 for EMERGENCIES



TIPS FOR SAFE HEATING

- Inspect and clean your chimney regularly. The Ontario Fire Code requires homeowners to maintain the safety of their chimneys and clean them at least once a year.
- Check stovepipes and connections. Ensure screws are located at every joint. Also look for leaching (dark staining or white powder) at every joint. This could be a sign of chimney trouble.
- Check for creosote. Creosote can form quickly and is a major cause of chimney fires. Check chimney and flue pipes often and clean when necessary – never let creosote or soot build up.
- Check walls for excessive heat. If the wall is very hot, it could be a sign of improper installation of the chimney or stove pipe.
- Install a rain cap. A rain cap should be installed on top of all metal and masonry chimneys. If you have a spark screen around the chimney cap, inspect it regularly for blockage.
- Watch for smoke coming into the room. This could indicate a blockage in the chimney or a faulty damper control mechanism. Check it out!
- Protect floors and walls from heat and sparks. Keep combustibles safely away from your appliance. Always use a properly fitting screen for your fireplace.
- Regularly check for signs of problems. Your heating appliance, flue pipes and chimney can deteriorate over time. Look for corrosion or rust stains on the outer shell of a metal chimney and check for bulges or corrosion in its liner. Loose bricks, crumbling mortar, broken liners, dark stains or white powder indicate problems with masonry chimneys. These should be fixed immediately by a qualified mason.
- A reminder that rods and brushes to clean your chimneys are available for usage all year round. A \$25 deposit is required but it will be refunded when the equipment is returned.

A sincere thank you to everyone who donated Hallowe'en treats to be handed out at the Hilton Township Municipal Office. Hilton Township Recreation Committee once again transformed the office and outdoors into an appropriately creepy setting for everyone to enjoy. It was a nice night and 50 kids (plus a few dressed up adults!) came by to take advantage of the treats so generously donated. Thank you again to everyone!



Hilton Township Recreation Committee welcomes ALL children to the Hilton Township Office for a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 18th, 2016 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Crafts, food and a free colour photo of each child with Santa!