

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
September 7, 2016
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 Robert Jerrard 2016-101
Seconded by David Leask
Resolved that we do accept the Agenda as amended. *Carried*

Moved by Pat Garside 2016-102
Seconded by Dianne Holt
Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2016, as presented. *Carried*

Lyn Garside, Road Superintendent, advised Council that work continues to repair sections of Haight Road as well as more roadside brushing on Hilton Road and Whybourne Road. Upgrades have been made to the excavator and the Road Super will return to the future firehall site to continue leveling off the area.

The Clerk recommended the fee for contracted road services be reviewed as it has been at \$125/hour since January 2013. The rate for the 2017 year should reflect the new carbon tax that will be applied to all fuel purchases as well as the changes in the cost of living since 2013. The following resolution was passed.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2016-103
Seconded by Pat Garside
Be it resolved that we do agree to increase the hourly rate charged for the plowing/sanding of roads on a contract basis from \$125 to \$145, effective January 1, 2017. The minimum call out rate will also increase from \$125 to \$145 for the plowing/sanding of roads effective January 1, 2017. *Carried*

The Clerk recommended that time be taken to flag the boundaries of some of the properties the Township owns. The Road Superintendent was asked to mark the boundary of the Township's subdivision lots on Red Maple Drive and Ellwood Boulevard as time permitted in the fall months.

Council reviewed correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) regarding the baffle installation at Twin Lakes. The Ministry was supportive of the plan which will hopefully aid the turtle habitat in the area, as well as, help equalize the water level of the lake on both sides of the causeway.

Council reviewed the response from OMAFRA stating that despite recent changes to the expanded OCIF, the program still would not include any funding assistance toward the construction of a second firehall.

The Clerk advised Council a resident of a Limited Service Residential (LSR) area had inquired as to the process of changing such an area to Shoreline Residential in order to receive year-round winter maintenance. The Clerk advised that properties in an LSR zone receive a 10% to 20% reduction in their assessed value from MPAC to recognize the lack of year-round maintenance which means a reduced tax payment. If the Township changed its maintenance to year-round in such areas, MPAC should be advised so all assessments would then be increased. Council noted some individuals buy such properties with no desire for year-round maintenance so any change would need to be supported by a sound majority of the property owners given the impact on taxes. Another factor to be considered should be the number of lots that have been developed and how many are permanent residents. No change should occur without all property owners being contacted and asked for their input.

The Clerk addressed the issue of Guest Cabins (bunkies) and asked for confirmation from Council that the intent is to allow such structures to include sanitary facilities but not cooking facilities. Council agreed that is the correct interpretation of the definition for such structures in the new Zoning Bylaw.

The Clerk advised a resident of Big Point Road would like to demolish the old cottage built in the 1960's and rebuild in the same footprint which is 91' from the high water mark. Current zoning standards require a 100' setback from the HWM. Council noted the structure could be grandfathered and allowed to be reconstructed at the same setback. Given the possibility of an additional three feet encroachment being necessary due to various factors, the following resolution was passed to enable a Fall 2016 start date.

Moved by Dianne Holt 2016-104
Seconded by Pat Garside
Resolved that we do authorize the owner of Lot 18, Plan H608 to demolish and begin reconstruction of a cottage in the same location with the understanding that if excavation proves that an additional (maximum) 3' encroachment toward the shore is necessary, a zoning amendment will be initiated within a period of one month.
Carried

The Clerk provided Council with photos of a property currently for sale in which some building code issues appeared to be of some concern. Council recommended the Building Inspector contact the current owner and arrange for an inspection of the structure.

Council reviewed correspondence from Algoma Public Health and some Twin Lake residents regarding the August 2016 blue green algae advisory for the lake. Algoma Public Health explained that blue green algae is a natural organism growing in Twin Lakes and given the right conditions (prolonged hot, dry periods with little water movement and lots of sunlight), a bloom will result. While nothing can be done to eradicate the organisms present, maintaining a natural shoreline and a proper septic system can help the situation from becoming worse.

The Village of Hilton Beach advised that while its auditor had submitted an HST claim for the period 2012 to 2015 on behalf of the Hilton Union Public Library, the refund has not been received to date. A total amount of \$4,584 is expected and will be forwarded to the Library once received. Annual rebates will be received in future.

Council entered Closed Meeting to discuss employee recognition matters.

Moved by David Leask 2016-105
Seconded by Robert Jerrard
Resolved that we do enter Closed Meeting at 10:27 p.m. in accordance with the Municipal Act 2001: Section 239 (2) (d) that a meeting may be closed to the public for the purpose of discussing labour relations or employee negotiations. *Carried*

Moved by Pat Garside 2016-106
Seconded by Robert Jerrard
Resolved that we do return to Open Meeting at 10:40 p.m. *Carried*

Moved by Dianne Holt 2016-107
Seconded by David Leask
Resolved that we do authorize Option "A" per the Clerk's Report presented in Closed Meeting regarding labour relations/employee negotiations. *Carried*

Councillor Leask provided an update on a meeting he had attended recently addressing the high costs of residential electrical services, as well as, the efforts of the Algoma Coalition in dealing with the Ontario Energy Board to combat power increases and unfair hydro rates.

Moved by David Leask 2016-108
Seconded by Pat Garside
Resolved that we do support the Algoma Coalition, given its Intervenor Status, with its petition for costs to the Ontario Energy Board as part of its ongoing battle to achieve fairness for Algoma hydro customers.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2016-109
Seconded by David Leask
Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of August 2016 in the amount of \$120,874.36 as per Voucher 08-2016. Administration - \$9,195.41; ADSAB - \$21,770.75; Building - \$282.22; Fire - \$382.68; Miscellaneous (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deductions/ Benefits) - \$4,476.15; Police - \$5,558.00; Roads - \$79,209.15. *Carried*

Moved by David Leask 2016-110
Seconded by Dianne Holt
Resolved that we do pass By-Law No.1166-16, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting.
Carried

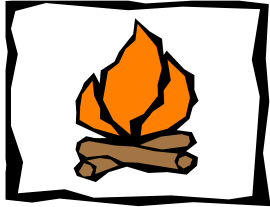
Council agreed to shift the next regular meeting to the second week of October 2016.

Moved by Pat Garside 2016-111
Seconded by David Leask
Resolved that we do adjourn at 10:58 p.m., Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 12, 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**



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.)

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

A reminder that this year's FINAL instalment of property taxes is due September 30, 2016.
 For those residents wishing 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

If you are a low income household and heat with electricity, you may be eligible for a monthly rebate on your electricity bill from the Ontario Energy Board. Visit: ontarioelectricitysupport.ca for application information.

OESP Monthly Credit Amounts by Household Income Level

Household Income (After Tax)	Household Size (Number of people living in household)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
\$28,000 or less	\$30	\$30	\$34	\$38	\$42	\$50	\$50
\$28,001 – \$39,000			\$30	\$34	\$38	\$42	\$50
\$39,001 – \$48,000					\$30	\$34	\$38
\$48,001 – \$52,000							\$30

A higher level of assistance is available for those customers that rely on an approved medical device requiring considerable electricity. Two such devices that qualify are: Oxygen Concentrator and Mechanical Ventilators (invasive and non-invasive).

OESP Monthly Credit Amounts by Household Income Level – Energy Intensive

Household Income (After Tax)	Household Size (Number of people living in household)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
\$28,000 or less	\$45	\$45	\$50	\$55	\$60	\$75	\$75
\$28,001-\$39,000			\$45	\$50	\$55	\$60	\$75
\$39,001-\$48,000					\$45	\$50	\$55
\$48,001-\$52,000							\$45