

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
November 4, 2015
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

Moved by Dave Leask 2015-122

Seconded by Robert Jerrard

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

Prior to beginning the meeting, Council took time to remember Joe Books, our municipality's Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator and past Fire Chief, who passed away suddenly in October. Council noted how Joe had the 'gift' for naturally communicating with his audience, be it training council members and municipal staff in emergency issues or his previous training of fire volunteers. Both Council and Staff respected and appreciated Joe's common sense approach to everything he did, not only for our community but for the entire Island. His expertise, guidance, humour and friendship will be missed by us all.

Moved by Dianne Holt 2015-123

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2015, as presented. *Carried*

Lyn Garside, Road Superintendent, provided an update to Council on road issues. Township equipment has been readied for winter with the windshields of both the grader and excavator replaced; new tires on the grader and new spinner on the plowtruck. As a result of the recent rains, the main concern at this time is with beavers. Several dams have been dismantled as the levels of water have threatened some roads including X Line, Big Point Road and Hilton Road but unfortunately many locations are built back up the following day. The sites will be monitored closely by the Road Superintendent.

The Road Superintendent noted that the turnaround at the end of Hamilton Drive may prove to be inadequate for school bus use during the winter months. This area has not been used by the bus lines in the past but there is now a junior kindergarten student living on the road and the aim of the school board is to pick up such young students at the end of their laneway. The Township cannot make the area larger as the property beyond the current turnaround is privately owned. Council recommended a shorter bus would be able to use the existing space with no problem. The Road Superintendent noted there may be no issue in mild winters and the bus provider and parents acknowledged they will need to make alternative arrangements should snowfall be excessive.

Council received notice from the Village of Hilton Beach Fire Board members that they would not be able to attend the regularly scheduled meeting of December 8, 2015. The Clerk was asked to recommend alternate dates of November 24th, 25th or December 1st to Village members to see if any would be acceptable.

As a result of the unfortunate passing of Joe Books, Council acknowledged the need to fill the position of CEMC for the Township. The Province is now requiring significant training be completed for this position and the idea of a regional candidate was discussed. The Clerk was asked to check with the Island municipalities as well as North Shore communities to see if such a position might be considered.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2015-124

Seconded by Pat Garside

Resolved that we do approve in principle the application made by Gary and Joretta Jones to purchase that part of the original shoreroad allowance lying in front of Concession 18, Lot 6 PT, RP 1R1572 Part 1, and further declare that this land be deemed surplus to the needs of the Municipality. This approval is subject to the provisions of the Municipal Act and any other requirements set by various agencies as well as the required Reference Plan of Survey and deposit received by this municipality within one year of this date. * Carried *

Council reviewed two planning issues that have arisen recently in a couple areas of the municipality and were discussed at a recent Planning Board meeting. The issue of 'deeming lots to no longer be part of a subdivision' applies to adjacent lots that are owned by one individual whereby the owner may wish to erect a residence on one lot and a garage (accessory building) on another. Under the Planning Act, the abutting lots remain separate as long as they are considered to be within the Plan of Subdivision and the best solution for such development would be to deem the lots to no longer be part of the subdivision whereby the lots would then merge into one. A by-law passed by the municipality and registered would be required. Similarly owned adjacent lots outside of a plan of subdivision would already be considered to have merged into one lot. The second issue of allowing 'accessory

buildings’ on vacant lots was discussed. The current Zoning By-law does not allow such development but further discussion noted a preference among council members to permit this. The Clerk was directed to contact fellow clerks and the Planning Board to determine the best approach to changing the Zoning By-law to permit this.

Councillor Dianne Holt advised she had recently submitted her resignation to the Hilton Union Public Library Board as a representative of Hilton Township Council. After discussing the matter, the following resolution was passed and the Clerk was asked to contact both Boards and advise of the changes.

Moved by Pat Garside 2015-125
Seconded by Robert Jerrard
Resolved that given the recent resignation of Dianne Holt from the Hilton Union Public Library Board, the following changes to board representation will be considered to be in effect immediately:
Dave Leask will replace Dianne Holt on the Hilton Union Public Library Board;
Dianne Holt will replace Dave Leask on the Hilton Union Fire Board. *Carried*

Moved by Dave Leask 2015-126
Seconded by Pat Garside
Resolved that we do contribute \$100.00 to Branch 374, Royal Canadian Legion, in recognition of the 2015 Remembrance Day Campaign. *Carried*

Council reviewed correspondence from Algoma Public Health stating the incidence of lung and bronchus cancer is significantly higher in Algoma (23.6%) compared to the provincial average (17.4%). As a result, a district-wide strategy has been developed to reduce smoking rates in the area and the support of district municipalities has been requested.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2015-127
Seconded by Dave Leask
Resolved that we do support Algoma Public Health’s district-wide strategy to reduce smoking rates by 5% over the next five years. *Carried*

Moved by Dave Leask 2015-128
Seconded by Dianne Holt
Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of October, 2015 in the amount of \$156,524.65 as per Voucher 10-2015: Administration - \$7,863.79; Algoma District Services Admin - \$21,449.58; Assessment (4th Qtr) - \$4,443.09; Building - \$466.13; Fire - \$720.00; Misc (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deductions/Benefits) - \$6,040.61; Policing - \$3,742.00; Roads – \$109,759.41; Workplace Safety Insurance (Qtrly) - \$2,040.04. *Carried*

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2015-129
Seconded by Pat Garside
Resolved that we do pass By-Law No 1144-15 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting.*Carried

Moved by Pat Garside 2015-130
Seconded by Dave Leask
Resolved that we do adjourn at 9:56 p.m, Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 or at the call of the Reeve. *Carried*

Reeve, Rodney Wood

Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer

Dump/Recycling (M and N Road):



‘WINTER’ Hours in Effect from Sept 15/2015 – May 15/2016
Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Reminder:
Effective January 1, 2016, the Village of Hilton Beach will be requiring the use of clear garbage bags when disposing of waste at the M and N Landfill. Please ensure you make every effort to separate those items that can be recycled and deposit them in the appropriate bins.



***** 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**

F I R E - 911 for EMERGENCIES

Are Your Loved Ones Safe from Fire?

Seniors and people with disabilities are most vulnerable when it comes to fire.

If you are considering a care, long-term care or retirement home in Ontario for yourself, a relative, or a friend, here are some important questions to ask the operators of these facilities:

1. Has the facility had a fire safety inspection from the local fire department?
2. Is the building well maintained? Are the doors and hallways free of obstructions?
3. Are there fire safety features in place, or scheduled to be in place, such as:
 - alternative exits
 - smoke alarms
 - fire extinguishers
 - emergency lighting
 - self-closing devices on doors
 - a fire alarm system and sprinklers?
4. Is there a fire safety plan (approved by the fire department) in place and is it reviewed regularly?
5. Have staff received fire safety training?
6. Are fire drills held regularly?
7. Is the room/floor of the building suitable given your loved one’s ability to evacuate in the event of a fire?
8. Are there enough staff available to carry out an evacuation/escape plan if there is a fire?
9. Are there guidelines for people who smoke such as a designated outdoor area, separate room, and/or staff supervision?

You have a right to get answers regarding the fire safety conditions that affect your loved ones.

Courtesy of Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management
www.ontario.ca/firemarshal

A sincere thank you to all those who donated Hallowe’ en treats to be handed out at the Hilton Township Municipal Office. As usual, the Hilton Township Recreation Committee worked their magic and transformed the office and grounds into a spooky and freaky setting for everyone to enjoy. (And with a whispered ‘big’ or ‘small’ – only the adults were on the receiving end of a frightening grab from what was *thought to be* just a robed and hooded dummy!) Despite the nasty rain, 41 kids visited and filled their containers with all the treats so generously donated. Thank you to everyone!



Hilton Township Recreation Committee welcomes ALL children to the Hilton Township Office for a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 13th, 2015 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Crafts, food and a free colour photo of each child with Santa!
