

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSON
Regular Council Meeting
1 Johnson Avenue, Desbarats
Johnson Township Council Chambers (Portable)
December 6, 2017

Presided by: Mayor Ted Hicks

PRESENT:

Council: Councillors – Marlee Hopkins, Jason Kern,
Lorne Robinson, Cameron Ross

Staff: Clerk – Ruth Kelso, Treasurer – Paula Spurway, Public Works
Superintendent – Randy Spurway

Visitors: Attached list.

CALL TO ORDER:

Res: 198 Moved by: J. Kern Seconded by: M. Hopkins

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson open the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Carried

A.) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None Declared

B.) ACCOUNTS:

Res: 199 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approve the Accounts as presented.

Carried

C.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Res: 200 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approves the Minutes of November 15, 2017 meeting as presented. Carried

D.) DELEGATIONS: See below

E.) STAFF REPORTS:

1. Fire Chief's Report

Res: 201 Moved by: L. Robinson Seconded by: M. Hopkins

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the recommendations from the Volunteer Fire Chief to:

1. Remove the "recruit" status from the following individuals. They have proven themselves capable of performing the duties and have met all the requirements of the department to be recognized as firefighters with the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department. In addition each of these individuals have demonstrated a commitment to serve the community as reliable responders and each are considered an asset to our department.

Daniel Rankin (Junior Firefighter)
Jack Jones (Junior Firefighter)
Laura Maki (Firefighter)
Corey Jones – Firefighter

2. Approve the allocation of any unused 2017 budget funds from the fire department to the fire department reserve fund. Carried

Note – estimated estimate of unused funds is approximately \$4,000.00.

F.) COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES & REPORTS: None

G.) CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION: None

H) OLD BUSINESS:

1. Algoma District School Board – Offer to purchase 5 Margaret Street property update. The Board has the townships counter offer, the offer has been extended to December 15, 2017.
2. JTCC- update on the information requested.

Res: 202 Moved by: L. Robinson Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the JTCC information update from the Treasurer as presented. Carried

Action: The Public Works Superintendent will meet with the Arena Manager to ascertain the cost on needed capital improvements for the Johnson Township Community Centre.

Delegation: Zahida Croskery - Secretary-Treasurer of the Gordon Lake Hall Social Club

- Thanked Council for their support
- The Gordon Lake Hall is being well used – increase in rentals
- The Social Club is willing to continue to pay half of the net expenses each year.
- The two year agreement with Council is up January 20, 2018. The Treasurer will have a reconciliation for Council and the Social Club, after that date.
- The Social Club has committed to pay the amount due from the agreement, once reconciliation is finalized.
- The Social Club has paid the \$4,000.00 towards the capital improvements that were needed.
- The Social Club is looking at ways to reduce the costs.
- The Social Club with the approval of Algoma Public Health will start testing the water system, which eliminate the costs of the PUC Inc., water testing.
- The Social Club will be painting the hall this coming spring at their own expense.
- At present they do many minor maintenance updates at their expense.

I) NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gordon Lake Hall Rentals – update.

Res: 203 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts Gordon Lake Hall Rental update as presented. Carried

2. Algoma Financial Group – 2018 Renewal Comparison

Res: 204 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approves the 2018 Municipal Insurance proposal from Algoma Insurance Brokers Limited in the amount of \$58,940.00 plus applicable provincial sales tax. Carried

Note: Councillor C. Ross stated that he is not an employee of the Algoma Insurance Brokers Limited, he is employed by Algoma Mutual Insurance Company.

3. Township Roads – conditions.

- The Public Works Superintendent summed up the road conditions as “weather” related.
- He is well aware of the bad conditions and is in the process of spreading extra gravel and this seems to be working well.
- Further ditching is needed to improve the roads. Need to rent an excavator to do ditching, the backhoe would be too small.

J) BY-LAWS:

1. By-Law # 2017-869, being a “Temporary Use By-Law” to authorize the temporary use of land, buildings or structures for any purpose set out therein that is otherwise prohibited. Planners Report.

Res: 205 Moved by: J. Kern Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approves By-Law # 2017-869, being a bylaw to authorize the temporary use of land, building or structures on the following described land: Lot 5, Concession 3, Plan 58 and Part of Broken Lot 4, Part of Concession 4 and Lot 5 RP and Part 1 of Plan IR 2351. Deferred

Res: 206 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson directs the Clerk to prepare a Garden Suite Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Johnson and property owner/occupant of land described in By-Law # 2017-869. Such bylaw will deal with such matters related to the temporary use of a Garden Suite. Deferred

Action: The Clerk is directed to confirm that the correct notification and public meeting process was followed for the Garden Suite By-Law process.

Note – Councillor L. Robinson left the Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2. By-Law # 2017- 874, being a by-law to confirm meeting proceedings.

Res: 207

Moved by: L. Robinson

Seconded by: J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council of the Township of Johnson read and pass By-Law # 2017-874, being a bylaw to confirm meeting proceedings. Carried

K) HEALTH & SAFETY:

1. Health & Safety issue from the September 20, 2017 meeting – horse droppings on the Township roads.

- No update.

L) CLOSED MEETING:

Res: 208

Moved by: C. Ross

Seconded by: J. Kern

Be it resolved that the Township of Johnson Council proceed in Closed session at 6:35 p.m., in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. Carried

Res: 209

Moved by: C. Ross

Seconded by: J. Kern

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson open the Closed Meeting Session at 6:38 p.m. Carried

M) ADJOURNMENT:

Res: 210

Moved by: M. Hopkins

Seconded by: C. Ross

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Carried

Date Adopted

Ted Hicks, Mayor

Ruth Kelso, CAO/Clerk