

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSON
Regular Council Meeting
1 Johnson Avenue, Desbarats
Johnson Township Council Chambers (Portable)
January 17, 2018

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, Fire Chief – Ron Smith, Assistant Chief
– Andy Besserer

Visitors: Attached list.

CALL TO ORDER:

Res: 01 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: 02 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: 03 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approves the Minutes of December 6, 2017 as presented. Carried

D.) DELEGATIONS:

1. Carlo Dicandia Accountant Executive – Algoma Financial Group.

- Attended the Council meeting to discuss and review the optional coverages that are available with the Municipal Insurance Program.

Res: 04 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: M. Hopkins

Be it resolved that Johnson Township purchase additional insurance coverage for Accident Income Replacement of \$1,000 at \$1,260 premium, Death & Funeral Benefits at \$90. Premium, Dependant care at \$150 premium. Indexation Benefits at \$360 premium, Coverage to offset tort Deductible at \$112, and an Events Policy at \$1181 premium; all subject to applicable taxes.

Carried

Further Action: Staff to make recommendation to Council on how the events coverage costs can be passed onto the users.

E.) STAFF REPORTS:

1. Fire Chiefs Report – Vacuum pump on Truck 2 seized.

Res: 05 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: C. Ross

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

1. Approve the purchase of an additional high output portable pump (500+gpm) for secondary method of refilling current water tanker/tender up to \$4,000.00.
2. Authorize the retrofit of the current truck to make the transition away from vacuum filling.
3. Authorize the search for a replacement for the 1992 tanker/tender for the fire department. Carried

2. Fire Chief's Report – One of the furnaces at the Fire Hall has stopped working.

Res: 06 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: J. Kern

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

1. Approve the purchase and installation of a new furnace unit to replace an existing unit that has failed, from King's Plumbing & Heating, as per attached quote. Carried

3. Recreation Coordinators Report – Recommendation from the Recreation Committee, pertaining to the offer to purchase of the Algoma District School Board property on Margaret Street.

Res: 07 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: J. Kern

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson takes into consideration the Recreation Committees information pertaining to the importance of the former Johnson Tarbutt Public School grounds to Recreation programs, as per the information supplied below, as the Council considers the purchase of these grounds. Carried

4. Treasurers Report – Outstanding balances of the water and sewer accounts.

Res: 08 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the Treasurer's Report on outstanding Water & Sewer Accounts as of January 10, 2018. Carried

5. Clerks Report – Outstanding balances of the property taxes.

Res: 09 Moved by: L. Robinson Seconded by: C. Ross

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the Clerk's Report on the outstanding Property Taxes as of January 8, 2018. Carried

F.) COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES & REPORTS: None

G.) CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION: None

H.) OLD BUSINESS: None

I.) NEW BUSINESS:

1. Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition – requesting financial support.

Action: Will review during budget deliberations.

J) BY-LAWS:

1. By-Law # 2018-875, being a bylaw respecting Committee, Boards and Appointments for the Township of Johnson.

Res: 10 Moved by: L. Robinson Seconded by: M. Hopkins

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson reads and passes By-Law # 2018-875, being a bylaw respecting Committees, Boards and Appointments for the Township of Johnson. Carried

2. By-Law # 2018-878, being a bylaw to authorize the borrowing to meet expenditures in 2018.

Res: 11 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: J. Kern

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson reads and passes By-Law # 2018-878, being a bylaw to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. Carried

3. By-Law # 2018-876, being a bylaw to set Tax Classes and Tax Ratios for 2018.

Res: 12 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: L. Robinson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson reads and passes By-Law # 2018-876, being a bylaw to set Tax Classes and Tax Ratios for the Municipal purposes for the year 2018. Carried

4. By-Law # 2018-877, being a bylaw to provide for an interim tax levy for 2018.

Res: 13 Moved by: L. Robinson Seconded by: M. Hopkins

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson reads and passes By-Law # 2018-877, being a bylaw to provide for an interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty for unpaid taxes. Carried

5. By-Law # 2018-869, being a bylaw to authorize the temporary use of land, buildings or structures for any purpose set out therein that is otherwise prohibited.

Res: 14 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern
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. Carried

Res: 15 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. Carried

6. By-Law # 2017- 879, being a by-law to confirm meeting proceedings.

Res: 16 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that Council of the Township of Johnson read and pass By-Law # 2018-879, 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.

Action: The Public Works Superintendent is arranging a meeting with the local Mennonite Community leaders to discuss this issue and other concerns with traveling on the township roads.

L) CLOSED MEETING:

1. Pertaining to the offer to purchase the property on Margaret Street, Desbarats from the Algoma District School Board.

Res: 17 Moved by: L. Robinson Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Township of Johnson Council proceed in Closed session at 7:14 p.m., in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Carried

Res: 18 Moved by: L. Robinson Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson open the Closed Meeting Session at 7:30 p.m. Carried

Res: 19 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approves the signing off of the conditions on the Offer to Purchase 5 Margaret Street, Desbarats and finalize the transfer of the property to the township.

Recorded vote: Yes – Marlee Hopkins, Jason Kern, Cameron Ross, Ted. No – Lorne Robinson
Carried

M) ADJOURNMENT:

Res: 20 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: L. Robinson
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.
Carried

Date Adopted

Ted Hicks, Mayor

Ruth Kelso, CAO/Clerk