

***Minutes of the Regular Meeting***

***June 16th 2021***

**ELECTRONIC MEETING**

The following minutes are comprised of resolutions and the Clerk’s interpretation of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM.

Present: B. Mersereau, G. Grant, J. Kern, D. MacFarlane, R. McKinnon

Staff: G. Martin, H. Tener, F. Labelle, T. Phillips, S. Chiasson

No Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was filed.

Res: 62-2021D. MacFarlane, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council; receives the final Audit for 2020 prepared by Stefanizzi Professional Corporation. (cd)

Stefanizzi Professional Corporation presented the 2020 audit to Council. Items of note and suggestions were to be careful using Reserves to offset cashflow. Compare interest earned to interest charged on loans when considering large purchases. The townships borrowing power is very strong at this time. Revenue was down about $123,000.00 due to COVID and primarily being lost Recreation Revenue. Although Reserves appear on paper to be healthy at about 2.8 million the question to be considered is what future capital projects are planned or what future capital repairs or maintenance maybe required. Staff to provide the Auditor with a revised Reserve list. The bottom line was positive.

Res: 63-2021 J. Kern, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council moves the balance of 2020 in the amount of $94,0898.00 to General Reserves. (cd)

Res: 64-2021 G. Grant, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council adopts the Minutes of May 19th and May 26th 2021 as presented. (cd)

Res: 65-2021 R. McKinnon, D. MacFarlane

Be it resolved that Council approves the Statements for the Month of May 2021 as presented. (cd)

Res: 66-2021 G. Grant, D. MacFarlane

Be it resolved that Council receives the Clerk’s Reports. (cd)

Roads Report: Roads Super, T. Phillips informed Council that they have completed about 6KM of ditching so far this year with considerable brushing also complete. Government Rd that is to be double coat hard-surfaced has been brushed, ditched and culverts changed out, road surface has been prepped and gravel will be hauled to it this week in preparation for hard-surfacing in the next few weeks. Staff have had a water break recent and were able to do the repairs with own equipment and found the grade-all purchased for the Roads Plan worked very well to do the repairs on the water line. Students are grass cutting and we have included grass cutting around the lagoons as a standard practice. To date all work completed has been done in house and not tendered out. Finally, the docks will be put in now that we are in Stage One.

Res: 67-2021 R. McKinnon, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council accepts the proposal for rehabilitation of the Docks at Hwy 17 in the amount of approximately $96,634.00 plus HST, with additional grade elevation of driveway and funding permitting additional dock (s). This work is funded in full by the Municipal Disaster Relief Funding provided to mitigate and repair damage from previously high-water levels. (cd)

Res: 68-2021 R. Mckinnon, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council accepts the proposal for the upgrades to streetlights conversion to LED in the amount of approximately $34,00.00 with an expected return on investment of 3.9 yrs. And an expected savings of approximately 71%. (cd)

Councillor G. Grant left the meeting to attend a second meeting as representative of the Township.

Res: 69-2021 D. MacFarlane, J. Kern

WHEREAS Council along with most Municipalities in the area suspended the charging of interest on outstanding account balances due to the hardship imposed by COVID.

Be it resolved that with improved conditions socially and the beginning to a return to a more normal business routine; Council in conjunction with the area Municipalities authorises staff to resume the charging of interest on all overdue accounts beginning July 1st. (cd)

Res: 70-2021 R. McKinnon, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council receives the Minutes of the Landfill Committee; and

Further that Council supports the reopening of the Share Shed at the Landfill site as soon as staff are able.

Consultation with Algoma Public Health will dictate the protocol; and

Finally, Council supports the revision and review of job descriptions and duties of the Landfill staff and suggest that a schedule be included to address the eventual change to job descriptions and duties in the event of the renewed shipping of waste off sight. (cd)

Res: 71-2021 J. Kern, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council supports the resolution from West Lincoln requesting the Ontario Government to better support Municipalities with land sue management and enforcement issues as they relate to the Cannabis Production and Processing. With reference to the recent report by Health Canada, Review of Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement. (cd)

Res: 72-2021 D. MacFarlane, J. Kern

WHEREAS Municipalities have been mandated to develop and adopt a Community Safety and Well Being Plan under Bill 175, the Safer Ontario Act and additional legislative requirements under the police Services Act. 1990, by July 2021.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Johnson Township:

1. Declares the Plan to be a high priority ‘
2. Authorizes staff to develop the Plan and return it completed to Council for adoption
3. Authorizes staff to work with a committee of other Municipalities to develop the Plan and collect the information required. (cd)

Res: 73-2021 R. McKinnon, D. MacFarlane

Be it resolved that Council supports the resolution from the Township o Terrace may requesting a review and update of the outdated Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. R. S. O. 1990. (cd)

Res: 74-2021 R. McKinnon, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council with regret accepts the notice of retirement of Recreation Coordinator Pat O’Gorman. Council wishes to acknowledge the energy and dedication that Pat has given to his job and express their appreciation for all Pat’s efforts to support and promote Johnson Township. (cd)

Res: 75-2021 J. Kern, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council receives the following items as information:

Draft Minutes of the Landfill Committee, June 7th 2021

A resolution from West Lincoln regarding implementation of 988 suicide line (council previously supported)

Staff report on Community Safety and Well Being Plan

Johnson Twp. Integrity Commissioner Annual Report

Correspondence from Tarbutt regarding separate construction of Sand Sheds

Monthly OPP report on activities. (cd)

Res: 76-2021 D. MacFarlane, R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 2021-1000 being a confirming by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Council. (cd)

Res: 77-2021 J. Kern, D. MacFarlane

Be it resolved that Council adjourns at 7:35PM until the next scheduled meeting of Council June 23rd, a Budget Meeting, or at the call of the Mayor. (cd)

Deputy Mayor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

R. McKinnon G. Martin

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