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Minutes February 17, 2021

Regular Council & Planning Meeting

Electronic Meeting

Electronic Zoom Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Present: Mayor~Beth West, Councillors: Keith Hoback, Mike Jones, Boris Koehler, Kelly Warwick

Staff: Clerk~Vicky Goertzen-Cooke, RWF~Kelly Belisle-Greer

Observers: Jon Stewart and Nathan Brown

Committee of Adjustment-Planning Meeting:

1. Flo Labelle (via Agent J. Stewart) – request to transfer a portion of Rock Lake Road to Twps motion deferred for legal advice:

2021-19a Boris Koehler Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council closes the Committee of Adjustment meeting. CARRIED

Jon Stewart signed out of the meeting.

1. **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA** n/a
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** none noted
3. **Municipal Staff Report – Roads**
 - a) Roads Working Foreperson Report
 - i. January 12, 2021 – Feb 10, 2021 - reviewed

- b) Werner, J. – slow moving farm vehicles – sign request

DEFEATED *Keith Hoback* *Kelly Warwick*

WHEREAS James Werner has requested “Caution Slow Moving Vehicles-Farming Area” near the junction of Hwy 17 and Centre Line Road, and;

WHEREAS the signs are approximately \$45+ shipping;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council orders _____ signs to be placed at the Road’s Working Foreperson’s discretion. **DEFEATED**

- c) Brown, N. – Alternate Power (solar/generator) signage on 911 signs

2021-20 Mike Jones Boris Koehler

WHEREAS some other Townships in Ontario require that all properties with solar panels or standby generators to have the signage visible from the road that indicates their presence for the safety of Firefighters, and;

WHEREAS Nathan Brown has requested that Plummer Township adopts similar policy for “Alternate Power Signage” noting “solar PV on roof” or “standby generator automatically starts during power outage” on 911 signs be made available and;

WHEREAS other Townships charge back the cost of the signs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council investigates drafting a policy for Alternate Power Signage. CARRIED

Nathan Brown signed out of the meeting.

d) Seasonal Road Maintenance

2021-21 Keith Hoback Boris Koehler

WHEREAS seasonal roads require some maintenance;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Road Working Foreperson to contract out grading for up to one week on the seasonal roads in 2021 as deemed necessary. CARRIED

e) Brushing – to Tender out

2021-22 Kelly Warwick Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Road Working Foreperson to tender out brushing on;

- Cloudslee Road Section #490 (Jeffery to Chapman)
- Cloudslee Road Section #495 & 500 (Chapman to Duff)
- Cloudslee Road Section #510 (Duff to Ansonia). CARRIED

f) Gravel – to Tender out

2021-23 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Road Working Foreperson to tender out for Gravel in the following quantities: 600m³ of 2" stockpiled at Twp. Yard and 1200 m³ of 5/8 "m" stockpiled at Twp. Yard. CARRIED

- RWF noted that Ontario Trap Rock is requested for Boundary Road over and above the Gravel tender.

g) RAP-Millings (from Hwy 17) & storage at the Hall

Motion deferred: RWF to confirm if project is going ahead, cost estimates; findings to be presented at the March 1st meeting.

h) Grader (2001 Volvo G740)

- Per Asset Management Plan due to be replaced in 2021

i) ½ ton (2010)

- Do not have a Cemetery Truck
- present ½ ton was due to be replaced per AMP in 2020

j) Tractor – Tender or rent?

- To rent approximately \$6,000-\$7,000 per year.

RWF to contact area Municipalities for estimates prior to March 1st meeting.

Other:

5th Concession construction may not move forward this summer; waiting on Legal/property acquisition.

Not doing surface treatment in 2021

Kelly Belisle-Greer signed out of the meeting at 7:15 pm.

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS n/a5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

2021-24 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Minutes of January 20, 2021. CARRIED

REPORTS:

MUNICIPAL STAFF REPORT'S continued:

6. Planning & By-law Enforcement (K. Morris)
 - a. Building Permit Summary – no changes to report in Feb
7. Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector ~ (V. Goertzen-Cooke)
 - a. Starlink – (highspeed internet) available in this area – motion deferred; verify with HNCEA regarding status of other application i.e. Leapfrog, Bell.
 - b. FONOM – Insurance Rate Survey results – FYI
 - c. CRA-Business Account

2021-25 Mike Jones Kelly Warwick

WHEREAS Township staff are required to work with CRA online via the “My Business Account” regarding matters of Township business involving Source Deductions and GST/HST claims,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk-Treasurer: Vicky Goertzen-Cooke and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Gina Marie Wilson, be authorized to access all Township accounts associated with the business number. CARRIED

- d. Municipal Modernization Program – 2nd intake (March 15 deadline) – motion deferred to March 1st.

EncompassIT to submit a proposal re digital modernization, including computer upgrades

K. Hoback to provide information on digital modernization; digital mapping of municipality; i.e. geographical systems, track rivers, culverts, roads, location of buildings etc. in searchable format, ongoing costs, staffing etc.

- e. Great Lakes Waterfront Trail – letter of support

2021-26 Kelly Warwick Mike Jones

WHEREAS the Township of Plummer Additional has committed to upgrading 5th Concession which encompasses part of the Waterfront Bike Trail;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council supports in principle the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail and Trans-Canada Trail on the Lake Huron North Channel as led by the Waterfront Regeneration Trust in their efforts to secure funding for capital improvements to unpaved roads and trails. CARRIED

- f. NOHFC Funding: open ended funding announced;
 - i. Community Enhancement Program
 1. Enhance Your Community Program
 2. Rural Enhancement Funding Stream – motion deferred – waiting to hear back from another funding model on Hall renovations.
 3. Broadband and Cellular Expansion Projects-K. Warwick would like to investigate Broadband and Cellular Expansion Projects.
 - ii. Cultural Supports Program
 1. Community Events Stream
 2. Film & Television Stream
 - iii. Invest North Program
 1. Innovation Stream
 2. Innovation – Industrial research Chair
 3. Investment – Launch Stream
 4. Investment – Growth Stream

- 5. Investment – Locate Stream
- 6. Regional Tile Drainage
- iv. People and Talent Program
 - 1. Indigenous Workforce Development Stream
 - 2. [Workforce Development Stream](#)

2021-27 Mike Jones Kelly Warwick

WHEREAS NOHFC has announced funding under the People and Talent Program – Workforce Development Stream;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this council approves staff to apply for an Office Intern. CARRIED 90% funded for up to 52 weeks; application for a start time in the fall of 2021.

- g. Seniors Community Grant Program – virtual programs to stay connected – deferred for further verification; Ontario Government notice was dated Feb. 9, 2021, but the FAQ mention this model is closed.
Noted that the Township did submit an application in 2020 jointly with the Dr. Trefry Centre for a Seniors Grant Program.
- h. Set up Planning/Budget Meeting – all departments – March 1st at 4:30 pm – ZOOM

8. Community Fire Safety:

- a) M. Mantha & Jim Kent - Save Ontario Fire College

2021-29 Boris Koehler Mike Jones

WHEREAS it has been announced that the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst is being closed on March 31, 2021, and;

WHEREAS the Township of Plummer Additional depends on the Bruce Mines Fire Department and its Volunteers and with this closure it will put smaller municipalities at a real disadvantage regarding the proposed mobile training opportunities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council requests reconsideration of the anticipated closure date of March 31, 2021 and that the Solicitor General consult with smaller municipalities and the front-line workers/volunteers to consider the impact in Northern Ontario prior to a final decision on closure/restructuring. CARRIED

- b) Town of Bruce Mines – 75% of 2021 Levy \$35,919.88

2021-28 Keith Hoback Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the invoice from the Town of Bruce Mines for 75% of the 2021 Levy for Fire Services in the amount of \$35,919.88 (\$30,919.88 Operations and \$5,000 Capital). CARRIED

9. Community Emergency Management Program ~ (M. Jones)

- a) M. Jones – notification will not be running in the 2022 election – need to appoint another Councillor and start CEMC/training.

2021-30 Boris Koehler Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves Kelly Warwick as an Alternate CEMC effective immediately. CARRIED

10. Animal Control:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11. Health & Health Centre ~ (B. Koehler)
a) Huron North Minutes Jan 18, 2021
12. Recreation ~ (B. Koehler)
13. Tri-Neighbours & Waste Management ~ (B. Koehler)
a) Minutes
b) Insurance

2021-31 Boris Koehler Mike Jones

WHEREAS the Town of Thessalon has provided invoicing for insurance for Tri-Neighbours from 2006-2020;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves payment of \$2,910.60 to the Town of Thessalon. CARRIED

14. Cemetery ~ (Keith Hoback)
a) Minutes Feb 9, 2021

Council expressed that they do not want minutes for review prior to the relative Committee/Board's official approval of the minutes. Note-the Cemetery Committee meets bi-monthly.

15. Library, Parks & Hall ~ (B. West)
16. Health and Safety ~ (M. Jones)
17. Personnel:

- a) Resignation of Cleve McCaig – Cemetery Caretaker

2021-32 Kelly Warwick Mike Jones

WHEREAS Cleve McCaig has tendered his resignation as the Cemetery Caretaker;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council accepts with regret Cleve McCaig's resignation. CARRIED

Council expressed their appreciation for the many years of service.

- c) Human Resources Mtg Feb 16th – update
b) Grave locator (interview Feb 16th)

2021-33 Mike Jones Keith Hoback

WHEREAS the Human Resources Committee has recommended that James MacFarlane be contracted for the Cemetery Locator/Urn Digger Services;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the recommendation. CARRIED

- d) Cleaner – no applications received – Mike Jones mentioned his wife Karen may be interested.
e) Vacation

2021-34 Mike Jones Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the Vacation schedule as presented; noting that some alterations may be required throughout the year. CARRIED

18. Other:
a) St Catharines – Universal paid sick days in Ontario

2021-**DEFEATED** Kelly Warwick Boris Koehler

“WHEREAS workers in Ontario without paid sick leave often feel forced to work when unwell so they can feed and support their families and are at risk of losing a paycheque or even their jobs if they stay home; and

WHEREAS the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit is temporary, not accessible to all and not usable for the crucial first few days of an illness; and

WHEREAS had legislated paid sick leave been in place before the global pandemic, lives would have been saved because infection rates would have been reduced; and

WHEREAS the lack of paid sick days has especially hurt Black, Indigenous, workers of colour, women and migrant workers who are over-represented in low-paying frontline jobs with few benefits and a reduced ability to work from home; and

WHEREAS per the City of St. Catherines has noted that the Ontario Medical Association, 11 GTHA Mayors and Chairs representing Ontario's largest municipalities, the editorial board of the Toronto Star, the Toronto Board of Health, the Decent Work and Health Network, the Ontario Nurses Association, and several other professional associations representing thousands of healthcare workers have all called on the provincial government to legislate paid sick days;

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Plummer Additional endorses legislated sick leave and calls on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Labour, and the MPP. **DEFEATED***

b) Asphodel-Norwood – extension to Community Safety & well Being Plan.

2021-35 Mike Jones Keith Hoback

WHEREAS the Solicitor General has announced that the Community Safety & Well Being Plan deadline has been extended to July 1, 2021, and;

WHEREAS this project encompasses the collaboration of numerous stakeholders, and;

WHEREAS a number of municipalities are requesting that due to the delays and restrictions due to Covid-19 that a new deadline be established;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council requests that the Solicitor General consult with small municipalities prior prescribing a new deadline. **CARRIED**

c) Conmee Twsp – prohibition of people with a Criminal Record running for Election

2021-36 Boris Koehler Kelly Warwick

WHEREAS duly elected Officials of a Municipality, or a Township are expected to be above reproach and to conduct themselves with integrity, truth, justice, honesty, transparency and courtesy.

AND WHEREAS per the Township of Conmee, there are people of dubious character who have a Criminal Record, having been convicted of a Federal Offence of any of the Federal Statutes of Canada, but not limited to the Criminal Code or Narcotic Control Act, who are currently on Council of a Municipality or have let their name stand for election for Mayor, Reeve or Councillor as a municipal candidate.

NOT WITHSTANDING the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Plummer Additional supports the Township of Conmee to lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record cleared from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections.

AND THAT an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a serious criminal offense and must resign.

ADDITIONALLY THAT an elected local government official whose property taxes are not current are disqualified from running for and holding office and if in office, must resign.

AND THAT Council of the Township of Plummer Additional direct the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Solicitor-General Sylvia Jones, Minister of Municipal Affairs Steve Clark, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Northern Ontario Municipal Association, MPP Mike Mantha. CARRIED

d) HNCEA – Jan 22, 2021 – state of broadband

e) HNCEA – Points of Interest of Tourism – Council to submit points of interest on map by March 1st.

19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

20. **NEW BUSINESS:**

21. **DISBURSEMENTS & Financials:**

a) Expenditures Jan 1 - 31, 2021

b) Monthly Financial Statements

2021-37 Keith Hoback Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorizes payment of the following expenditures for January 1-31, 2021 General \$129,516.58. CARRIED

22. **BY-LAWS:**

a) Main Street Revitalization Initiative – amendment to end date – Aug 31, 2021

2021-38 Kelly Warwick Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council gives three readings and approves by-law 2021-07 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor & Clerk to sign an extension agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Ontario Main Street Revitalization Initiative. CARRIED

b) Janitorial Contract (closed Feb 12) – no applications - defer

23. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

24. **MEMBERS REPORT (on items other than listed above): (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

2 Hall use requests received: In light of various venues being allowed to open per the Provincial Government on Feb 16th, 2021:

- Dr. Trefry Centre – Day Out Program
- Meeting Rental request

Council concerns raised:

- Deep cleaning/sanitization protocols
- Added costs of deep cleaning; an amendment to the Fees & Charges by-law to cover extra cleaning that is required as current rental fees don't take that into consideration.
- Renters possibly not following COVID protocols
- Council suggested possibly locking the kitchen and not allowing that in the rental
- Staff to contact renters and advise.

25. **CLOSED SESSION:** no closed session

26. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

2021-39

Boris Koehler

Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council gives three readings and approves By-Law No. 2021-08, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting(s) held prior to and on February 17, 2021. CARRIED

27. **ADJOURNMENT:**

2021-40

Mike Jones

Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the Meeting at 8:38 pm to meet again on March 1, 2021 at 4:30 pm for a special department planning meeting and March 17, 2021 for the next regular council meeting, or at the call of the Mayor. CARRIED

Acronyms:

@ = at

ADSSAB – Algoma District Social Services

Administration Board

AGM – Annual General Meeting

AHPS – Arthur Henderson Public School

AODA – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

CBO – Chief Building Official

CEMC – Community Emergency Measures Committee

CERB – Central Emergency reporting Bureau

CF- Carry Forward

CFSO- Community Fire Safety Officer

CUPE - Canadian Union of Public Employees

EARS – East Algoma Roads Superintendents

FYI – for your information

Fed Nor – Federal Economic Development for Northern Ontario

FONOM – Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Frd – forwarded from prior meeting

HNWDRRC - Huron Northwest Doctor Recruitment & Retention Committee

ICIP Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program

OCIF – Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

OGRA – Ontario Good Roads Association

OMB – Ontario Municipal Board

OMAFRA – Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs

OPP – Ontario Provincial Police

Orig. - Original

OTF – Ontario Trillium Foundation

POA – Provincial Offences Act

Min. - Ministry

MNR – Ministry of Natural Resources

MAH – Ministry of Municipal Affairs

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

MPAC – Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Mtg - Meeting

MTO – Ministry of Transportation

MWRC – Municipal Waste & Recycling Consultants

N/A – not applicable

POA – Provincial Offences Act

RBC – Royal Bank of Canada

Reg. - registration

Rep – Representative

Resln – Resolution

RFQ – Request for Quote

ROMA – Rural Ontario Municipal Association

RWF – Road Working Foreperson

SSM – Sault Ste. Marie

TMM – The Managed Municipality

TSSA – Technical Standards and Safety Authority

TWSP - Township