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Minutes– May 14, 2024
Regular Council Meeting
Municipal Council Chambers - 6:00 pm

Present: Mayor – Beth West, Councillors-Keith Hoback, Boris Koehler, Mike Jones (Arrived at 6:05 p.m.), Kelly Warwick (Arrived at 6:18 p.m.)
Staff: Clerk- Lars Moffatt, RWF- Chad Mullen
Attendees: W. Colucci – EDF Renewables (Virtual Delegate) & D. Evoy (Delegate)

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA
2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

- Kelly Warwick declared a conflict with items: 4b), being a resident on Lane 12, which is a private lane in the Township, and item 21a) Disbursements & financials, as she the owner of ANP Office Supply and Hughes Supply Co.

- Council consensus to move item 4a) up before proceeding with agenda items 3a-c.

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS (Moved up):
   a) EDF Renewables – Solar Powered Generation

- Delegation commenced at 6:05 p.m., W. Colucci discussed EDF Renewables interest in bringing a solar farm to the Township of Plummer Additional
- 300-400 acres of land is required for this farm, which is likely to generate a minimum of 50MW of electricity.
- 200 construction jobs would be brought to the area, with 5 permanent jobs likely to remain once construction is completed.
- Delegate advised Council that if they supported this endeavor, that they would require a letter of support from the Township. EDF Renewables Inc. is aware that planning approvals would likely be required for these projects to move forward.

2024-114 Keith Hoback Kelly Warwick
WHEREAS EDF Renewables Canada is interested in establishing a solar farm within the Township of Plummer Additional's boundaries;
AND WHEREAS said potential development has been discussed by Council, staff and EDF Renewables;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council supports EDF Renewables with pursing a solar farm within the Township of Plummer Additional, pending their ability to meet local and provincial planning regulations.
AND THAT Staff are authorized to write a letter of support to EDF Renewables. CARRIED

W. Colucci left the meeting after completing his presentation at 6:22 p.m.

3. MUNICIPAL STAFF REPORTS– ROADS
   a) Roads Working Foreperson Staff Report (C. Mullen)
      i. April 12 – May 7, 2024

   b) Staff Report on Fifth Concession Road Project (Staff Report 2024-05-14-1)

2024-115 Mike Jones Kelly Warwick
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council receives the staff report (2024-05-14-1) on the Fifth Concession Road Realignment Project for information. CARRIED

c) Staff Report on Large Volume Trucking (Staff Report 2024-05-14-2)
2024-116 Mike Jones Kelly Warwick
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council receives the staff report (2024-05-14-2) on "Contracting Trucking Vs. Completed Internally" for information. CARRIED

- Council requested for the RWF to compile a list of priority road projects and submit the report to the next council meeting.

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS:
b) D. Evoy – Request for Funds to Maintain Lane 12

- Delegation commenced at 6:53 p.m. D. Evoy requested for the Township to provide gravel and culverts to residents of Lane 12 as they are completing maintenance on their private lane. Alternatively, the Township could provide financial assistance on this project.
- Council advised Mr. Evoy that the Township does not complete maintenance on private lanes. Mr. Evoy was advised that similar requests have come to the Township in the past and have been denied as private lanes are maintained by the residents on said lanes.
- D. Evoy requested for the Clerk to send any policies/by-laws that relate to roads that the Township will maintain and to what standard.
- Council advised Mr. Evoy that the Township would consider maintaining Lane 12 if the road was brought up to the necessary standards and was transferred to the Township and deemed a municipal highway via by-law.
- D. Evoy to talk with residents on Lane 12 to determine if there is interest in bring this road up to standard.

D. Evoy and RWF left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS
a) April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
b) April 30, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
2024-117 Mike Jones Keith Hoback
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council accepts the regular meeting minutes of the April 17, 2024, and the special meeting minutes of April 30, 2024, as presented. CARRIED

REPORTS:
MUNICIPAL STAFF REPORTS:
6. PLANNNING & BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT (K. Morris)
a) Zoning By-law & Official Plan Amendments (Staff Report 2024 05-14-3)
2024-118 Keith Warwick Keith Hoback
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council receives the staff report (2024-05-14-3) on the "Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendments" for information;
AND THAT Council directs the Township's Planner (Chris Jones) and the Clerk to draft a list of recommended planning amendments for Council to consider. CARRIED

7. CLERK/TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR ~ (L. MOFFATT):

a) Letter from ADSAB RE: Alternative Apportionment Model

b) Surplus Garden Bay Lots – Wetland Study (Staff Report 2024 05-14-4)

2024-119 Mike Jones Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report 2024-05-14-04 for information and discussion;
AND THAT Council authorizes for the surplus lots on Garden Bay Road to continue to be surplus until May 31, 2024, and if no bids are received, authorize staff to move ahead with a wetland mapping study and environmental assessment to ensure the property is buildable in the future. **CARRIED**

c) Township of Calvin Resolution – National Fire Fighting Strategy

2024-120 Keith Hoback Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council supports the resolution from the Municipality of Calvin, requesting the establishment of a national fire fighting strategy and consider the measures for acquiring a national fleet of Canadian-made waterbombers;
AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, The Honourable Vic Fideli, Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and the Municipality of Calvin. **CARRIED**

d) City of Peterborough Resolution – Ombudsman Reports to Municipalities

2024-121 Boris Koehler Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council supports the resolution from the City of Peterborough, requesting that the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be requested to introduce a Bill to amend the Ombudsman Act to require the Ontario Ombudsman to provide to each municipality, if requested by the municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation, matter or case respecting the municipality that is referred to in each of the Ombudsman's Annual Reports to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each such investigation, matter or case including:

- a copy of each complaint, as applicable, redacted only to the extent of individuals' personal information contained therein;
- the identities of the municipality's employees, officers and members of Council with whom the Ombudsman was consulting in respect of the investigation, matter or case; and
- particulars of the outcome of the investigation, matter or case including the Ombudsman's findings, conclusions and recommendations, if any.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra, MPP Michael Mantha, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the City of Peterborough. **CARRIED**

e) Township of Clearview Resolution – Bill-63 Endorsement

2024-122 Keith Hoback Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Plummer Additional supports the Township of Clearview's resolution regarding the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons, and;
THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Township of Clearview, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Terry Dowdall, Carol-Hughes MP; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice & the Attorney General of Canada. **CARRIED**

f) Town of Bruce Mines – Outstanding Water Accounts Processing (Correspondence)

- Council directed Clerk to request clarification on the processes of collecting overdue accounts in Plummer Additional, and if required, request for an amendment to the by-laws 2006-18 and 2006-19.

8. COMMUNTY FIRE SAFETY: N/A
9. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM ~ (K. HOBACK): N/A
10. ANIMAL CONTROL: N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11. HEALTH & HEALTH CENTRE~ (B. Koehler)

a) 2024 Health Centre Budget (DRAFT)

2024-123 Keith Hoback Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Plummer Additional accepts the 2024 Budget for the Central Algoma Health Centre as presented, including the Township's municipal levy in the amount of $26,099.50. **DEFEATED**

A recorded vote was requested.

Voted 'YES': Boris Koehler

Voted 'NO': Beth West, Mike Jones, Keith Hoback, Kelly Warwick

- Council requested a copy of the lease contracts for Dr. Sicoli and Dr. Sagart before any budgets are further considered.

b) Health Centre Expenditures as of April 19, 2024

2024-124 Keith Hoback Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT This Council accepts the Central Algoma Health Centre's Financial and Expense Reports as presented, dated April 19, 2024. **CARRIED**

c) Unaudited Income statement as of April 19, 2024

d) Meals on Wheels Program Information

e) Township of Archipelago Resolution – Phasing out free water testing for private wells

2024-125 Kelly Warwick Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Plummer Additional supports the resolution from the Township of the Archipelago which requested that the Province of Ontario reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Algoma Public Health, Michael Mantha, MPP Algoma-Manitoulin.

WITHDRAWN

12. RECREATION ~ (K. WARWICK)

a) Artificial Turf Quotes – Bocce/Lawn Bowling Area

2024-126 Keith Hoback Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council accepts the quote for artificial turf from Surface Design & Décor in the amount of $7,469.30 (HST Included), which was 100% funded by Ontario Trillium Foundation to renovate the grounds of the Bruce Station Hall. **CARRIED**

b) Youth Recreation Camp (Bruce Mines & Plummer) – Summer 2024 (Draft Flyer)

c) Senior of the Year Nominations

- Council nominated Jean Hershey as the Township's 'Senior of the Year' for 2024. Staff to contact Jean and one member of Council will present the award to her.

13. TRI-NEIGHBOURS, WASTE MANAGEMENT ~ (B. KOEHLER)
    a) April 19, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
    b) May 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

14. CEMETERY ~ (K. Hoback):
    a) Rock Lake Cemetery Maintenance Agreement with the MNRF

2024-127 Keith Hoback Boris Koehler
WHEREAS the MNRF has requested assistance with cutting/maintaining the unincorporated part of the Rock Lake Cemetery;
BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approves staff to maintain the MNRF portion of the Rock Lake Cemetery, billing back up to $1,200 in related services for the 2024 calendar year. CARRIED
*Staff to only complete grass cutting and basic grounds maintenance on the MNRF portion of Rock Lake Cemetery.

15. LIBRARY, PARKS & HALL ~ (B. WEST):
    a) April 1-30, 2024 Library Expense Report
    b) Library Financial Statements as of April 30, 2024
    c) April 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes

16. HEALTH & SAFETY ~ (M. Jones): N/A

17. PERSONNEL:
- Council deferred 17a) to after the Closed Session.

18. OTHER: N/A
19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: N/A
20. NEW BUSINESS: N/A
21. DISBURSEMENTS & Financials:
    a) General Expenditures – April 1-30, 2024
    b) Income Statements as of April 30, 2024 (General & Cemetery)

2024-128 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorizes the payment of General expenditures totaling the amount of $180,235.23 for the period of April 1-30, 2024. CARRIED

22. NOTICE OF MOTIONS: N/A
23. MAYOR & COUNCILLOR COMMENTS/MEMBERS REPORT (on items other than listed above): N/A
24. CLOSED SESSION:

2024-129 Kelly Warwick Mike Jones
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceeds into Closed Session at 8:32 pm to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act. S.239 (2):
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- Labour relations or employee negotiations. CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT

2024-130 Boris Koehler Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the closed session and returns to open meeting at 8:37 p.m. CARRIED

b) April 30, 2024 Closed Minutes

2024-131 Mike Jones Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the closed meeting minutes of April 30, 2024 as presented. CARRIED

17. PERSONNEL (CARRY FORWARD):

a) Municipal Operations Analyst Intern

2024-132 Beth West Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council hires Liisa Cotnam as the Municipal Operations Analyst Intern with a start date of May 27, 2024. CARRIED

25. BY-LAWS/CONFIRMATION BY-LAW:

2024-133 Keith Hoback Kelly Warwick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council gives three readings and approves the following by-laws:

- Agreement with NOHFC People and Talent Program (By-law 2024-19)
- Municipal Operations Analyst Intern Employment Agreement – L.Cotnam (By-law 2024-20)
- Rock Lake Cemetery Maintenance Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources (By-law 2024-21)
- Confirmatory By-law (2024-22). CARRIED

26. ADJOURNMENT:

2024-134 Kelly Warwick Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the Meeting at 8:41 p.m. to meet again on June 19th, 2024 for the next regular meeting, or at the call of the Mayor. CARRIED

Mayor: Beth West

Clerk: Lars Moffatt

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
FCM – Federation of Canadian Municipalities
FYI – for your information
Fed Nor – Federal Economic Development for Northern Ontario
FONOM – Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Frd – forwarded from prior meeting
GFL – Green For Life Environmental Inc.
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
MMP – Municipal Modernization Program
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
MV – Minor Variance
N/A – not applicable
NOSM – Northern Ontario School of Medicine
NOHFC – Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation
POA – Provincial Offences Act
RBC – Royal Bank of Canada
RED – Rural Economic Development
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
ZBA- Zoning By-law Amendment