Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

Regular Council Meeting

March 6, 2017

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council met for the regular council meeting with Reeve, Ken Noland and Councillors, P.A. Palonen, Lyle Honess, Art F. Hayden and Wayne L. Bailey in attendance. Colleen Bruder, Fire Chief and Cynda Noble, Gym Committee Member were also in attendance

No conflict of interest declared.

No. 19

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

That the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on February 6, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Carried KN

Fire Department Report, Fire Chief, C. Bruder noted that they had received a call requesting assistance which did not come through the pager system very well. The volunteer fire fighters attending the scene found the situation distressing. The Chief has given them the number for the Mental Health Services if they require that service. It has become evident that the pager system has failed and the Chief would like to re-examine the cell phone option as a replacement. Reeve Noland noted the whole system needs reviewed. Councilor Bailey inquired if we could have someone attend Council to discuss the cell phone options. Councilor Bailey is to review the cell phone proposal and provide council with the information. Reeve Noland also requested that Steel Communications examine the pager system. Council requested an updated list of the fire fighters which was provided by the Chief. There was also a discussion regarding the dispatch in that they talk very fast and then are gone and no one has an understand of the request.

Gym Committee – Gym Volunteer Committee Member, Cynda Noble approached Council with a request from the committee to display a plaque in the gym for recognition to Colleen Blackburn Colden for her work and inspiration in establishing the gym and gym volunteers. Cynda gave a history of some of the recreational activities that had been inspired by Colleen for this municipality. These included starting the Red Cross swimming program, a yearly successful curling event, a yearly road rally, instruction in clogging, aerobics and step classes. She also worked with a lot of residents after injuries to assist in their recover and was very knowledgeable in this area. Colleen also established the gym and found very good equipment at the unbelievable price of $1,200 and secured a reduced rate through Manitoulin Transport to have the equipment shipped to the Complex. Colleen was very community minded and was the first lady Councillor for Burpee Township and for the amalgamated Township of Burpee and Mills. She also sat on the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Board for seven year. Council agreed to have the plaque placed in the gym. The gym committee will be paying for all the costs of obtaining the plaque.

No. 20

Moved by: P.A. Palonen

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

That we approve the gym committee having a plaque installed in the gym to recognize Colleen Blackburn Colden’s work in establishing and equipping the gym.

Carried KN

Roads Report – Council discussed that the Road Superintendent should have one or two Councillors as his advisors. It was suggested that Councillor Art Hayden and Reeve, Ken Noland would stand as the Council advisor. Public Works Forman Shane Chatwell inquired as to the future use of the Mills hall as it is starting to deteriorate. The Roads Committee will review the Roads Superintendent and Public Works Foreman’s Job description to see if updates are needed. Treasurer Bonnie Bailey inquired as to planning for a project for $50,000.00 funding received from the Province. This would be for road resurfacing. The Treasurer also informed Council that some of these funds are available to update the Municipal Asset Management Plan and an updated plan is now necessary to secure future funding. Council discussed that a possible $10,000.00 could be used in the updating of the Asset Management Plan.

No. 21

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

That we approve the Cheque Signing Policy:

Cheque Signing Policy

All Cheques are to be signed by two (2) of the four (4) signatories on the Municipal bank accounts as authorized by Municipal Council.

Although not required, one of the two (2) elected officials who are authorized signatories shall provide one of the signatures on the cheques.

Date of Passing of Current Policy: March 6, 2017

KN Carried

Municipal Custodian Position – the Public Works Committee reviewed the applications received for this position. The applications were rated by a scoring system and two applicants were selected for interviews. After conducting the interviews the Public Works Committee supplied their recommendation to Council.

No. 22

Moved by: Lyle Honess

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

That we hire Melissa Witty for the position of Municipal Complex Custodian.

Carried KN

No. 23

Moved by: Lyle Honess

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

That road voucher No. 02 for the amount of $18,207.87 be passed for payment.

Carried KN

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| Roads Department |  | 03/06/2017 |
| **Name** |  | **Credit** |
| Bell Mobility Inc. |  | 269.64 |
| DBI SERVICES |  | 2,411.42 |
| Pat Noble Lumber |  | 4,907.71 |
| Steel Communications |  | 476.86 |
| Robinson Supply |  | 1,269.72 |
| Len's Clean Air |  | 226.00 |
| H & M Mini Mart |  | 200.00 |
| BJ'S & ADDISON'S |  | 2,716.29 |
| Steele's Home Hardware |  | 35.01 |
| Wurth Canada Limited |  | 28.19 |
| New North Fuels Inc. |  | 1,321.47 |
| BMO Bank of Montreal. |  | 66.96 |
| HST Rebate |  | (1,408.41) |
| Minister of Finance, v |  | 1,547.00 |
| Wages |  | 4,140.01 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **18,207.87** |

No. 24

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: P.A. Palonen

That we approve payment of the general accounts list of $35,670.05.

Carried KN

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| General Accounts |  | 03/06/2017 |
| **Name** |  | **Credit** |
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| Bell |  | 100.07 |
| Cash |  | 27.37 |
| Hydro One |  | 100.39 |
| New North Fuels Inc. |  | 717.36 |
| Steele's Home Hardware |  | 51.62 |
| BEACON IMAGES |  | 18.65 |
| Laidley Stationery & Office Furniture |  | 121.09 |
| AMCTO |  | 431.66 |
| The Manitoulin West Recorder |  | 125.11 |
| Nicholas Lane |  | 45.00 |
| Virgin Mobile Canada |  | 73.45 |
| K. Smart Associates Limited |  | 1,034.38 |
| BMO Bank of Montreal. |  | 1,501.77 |
| Manitoulin Sudbury District Social Ser |  | 12,015.67 |
| Sudbury and District Health Unit |  | 959.00 |
| MANITOULIN PLANNING BOARD |  | 2,568.82 |
| Minister of Finance |  | 7,133.00 |
| Wages |  | 7,092.01 |
| Receiver General |  | 3,217.51 |
| Minister of Finance, v (Health Tax) |  | 1,553.63 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **38,887.56** |

No. 25

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Lyle Honess

That we approve payment of the Fire Department accounts list of $811.89.

Carried KN

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| Fire Department |  | 03/06/2017 |
| **Name** |  | **Credit** |
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| Bell |  | 90.89 |
| RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA. |  | 721.00 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **811.89** |

Gore Bay Airport – Councillor, Honess reported that it appears a new lighting system is going to have to be installed this year. The Airport budget was discussed as well as the Managers Contract.

Manitoulin Planning Board – Reeve, Noland reported that the mapping imagery is almost done and should be supplied to them shortly. The budget has been completed and the lowering of wages will offset most of the cost of lost revenues from NEMI”s withdrawal.

CPAC Meeting (Policing) – Councillor Bailey reported that there had been discussions regarding the taking over of the Espanola area and how that was going to be integrated with our area of Policing.

Recreation Committee – Councillor Hayden and Bailey reported that the financial statement and budget had been submitted to Council.

Gore Bay Union Library – Councillor Bailey presented the new budget for approval and also noted that a new program was available online to search for books you may be looking for to see if available at the Library.

No. 26

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Lyle Honess

That we approve the Gore Bay Public Library Board 2017 Budget with Burpee and Mills contribution of $6,010.00.

Carried KN

Waste Management – Councillor Palonen commented on an article distributed by AMO regarding the collection of recyclables and wondered if this would be a good avenue to inquire as to the sale of recycled materials collected.

MPAC Farm Assessment Review – Reeve Noland reported that he had asked MPAC if the Municipality could have an assessor review some of the properties they had used to establish their current farm assessments before the scheduled meeting with MPAC and Council. Reeve Noland received a phone call from MPAC and they were very upset that Council would attempt such a request.

Manitoulin Centennial Manor – Councilor Palonen noted the article regarding the costs of updating the Manitoulin Lodge in the Recorder and felt this was a prelude to Jarlette withdrawing their beds from Gore Bay to some other location. The article had resulted in various opinions of Councillors as to its intent.

No. 27

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: P.A. Palonen

That we hire Hal Love, assessor for professional consulting services.

Carried KN

No. 28

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

That we approve the contribution of $1,000.00 to the Manitoulin Physical Recruitment Sub-Committee to provide for a professional Physician Recruiter to work on our behalf.

Carried KN

No. 29

Moved by: Lyle Honess

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

RESOLUTION

That the Township of Burpee and Mills Council resolves to support the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria’s Resolution No: 17/12/17/008 to request the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to rescind proposed Building Code change B-08-09-03;

And Further that this resolution is sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and Mr. Mike Mantha, MPP for Algoma Manitoulin.

Carried KN

No. 30

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

That we support LAMBAC’s initiative to hire an Economic Development officer for Western Manitoulin.

Carried KN

No. 31

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Lyle Honess

That we adjourn to meet at our next regular council meeting on Monday, April 3 2017 at 7:30 o’clock p.m.

Carried KN

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Reeve, Ken Noland

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Clerk, Bonnie Bailey