Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

Regular Council Meeting

December 4, 2017

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council met for its regular council meeting with Reeve, Ken Noland and Councillors, Lyle Honess, Art F. Hayden, P.A. Palonen and Wayne L. Bailey in attendance. Shane Chatwell, Road Superintendent also attended. B. Bailey, Clerk recorded the minutes.

Reeve, K. Noland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

No conflict of interest declared.

No. 108

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

That the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on November 4, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Carried KN

No. 109

Moved by: Lyle Honess

Seconded by: P.A. Palonen

That we send the letter drafted addressing our concerns on the reassessment of farmlands to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Agriculture, the Ontario Ombudsman and Michael Mantha MPP.

Carried KN

Roads Report – Road Superintendent S. Chatwell noted that the new boiler was installed and he should have the garage hooked into the system and running by the end of the week. A couple of area resident had disposed of their garbage along the roadside and he proceeded to have them charged with littering. The head gasket is gone on the municipal half ton. It will cost a minimum of $2,000.00 to repair. Council determined it was not worth the cost of repair and approved Shane attends the online auction to try and purchase a half ton with a cap with approval to bid up to a cap amount of $10,000.00. Council will meet with staff to hold performance review interviews before the end of the year. Council would like to see employee safety training done in the New Year. The clerk is to contact Meredith Chandler as to her services for workplace safety training and to see if the training could be coordinated with Gordon Township for a reduced cost.

Gore Bay Airport – Councillor Honess reported that the income from landing fees was up this year as usage was up and they had increased their fees. The flight school is doing well with 55 members. The hangers are all leased. The new signs are up but not wired yet. This was done at a considerable reduction in price as the Board had directed the airport manager to use local people with lower rates to do the construction. The new short runway is not quite wide enough for operations. There was a discussion on a members agreement. There is to be an operating and capital budget completed. Councillor Honess inquired as to a maximum donation limit for the municipality to donate to the airport. Council agreed that they need to know the bottom line to decide if they can afford to continue to be a contributing member.

Manitoulin Planning Board – Reeve, Noland reported that the Province has still not made a decision on the official plan for Manitoulin.

Policing – Councillor Bailey noted the CPAC meeting had been in Little Current. They had a demonstration of the capabilities of the cruiser computer systems as it had been noted that a lot of the police officers perform their former office work in the cruisers. The township incidents are down this quarter and we are down on totals of about 30% from last year. As there are still some questions as to the location of some incidents and it was considered that they had not taken place in our municipality, it was therefore suggested to look at the court decisions to determine their location.

Recreation – Councillor Bailey reported that the Christmas pot luck had went well and they had honoured the gym volunteers for their work as well as announced the naming of the gym in Colleen Blackburn Colden memory for starting the gym and acquiring most of the equipment. Councillor Bailey had made an inquiry about holding the Christmas appreciation dinner at GG’s and it was determined to hold the dinner on December 15, 2017. Councillor Hayden reported that the last pancake breakfast had been very well attended.

Waste Management – Councillor Palonen reported that the Gordon Landfill has a response from the government and they are willing to talk to the committee now about decreasing the required testing thereby reducing our costs of maintenance. There still seems to be a shortage of markets for plastics and it is starting to accumulate at the transfer station.

No. 110

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: P.A. Palonen

That we approve the 2018 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

2018 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

January 8

February 5

March 5

April 9

May 7

June 4

July 4

August 1

September 5

October 1

November 5

December 3

Carried KN

No. 111

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

That we implement the paying to Township of Burpee and Mills tax payers $50.00 for a coyote carcass taken legally and within the Township of Burpee and Mills that is brought to the Municipal designate. That the payment fund will be capped at $2,000.00. And further that the municipal designate will keep records.

Carried KN

No. 112

Moved by: Lyle Honess

Seconded by: P.A. Palonen

That we approve of the general accounts list of $34,347.35.

Carried KN

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| **Accounts List** | | **Dec 4, 2017** |
| Name |  | Credit |
| Hydro One |  | 778.37 |
| Bell |  | 98.21 |
| Cash |  | 27.37 |
| Melissa Witty v | | 31.58 |
| Fred Arniel v |  | 50.00 |
| New North Fuels Inc. | | 707.66 |
| Laidley Stationery & Office Furniture | | 464.87 |
| Vic Noble's Meats | | 48.30 |
| Chairtex Church Chairs | | 1,174.07 |
| Ralph James, EST Consulting | | 948.75 |
| Virgin Mobile Canada | | 73.45 |
| BMO Bank of Montreal. | | 23.19 |
| AMCTO |  | 879.14 |
| K. Smart Associates Limited | | 912.48 |
| C. Pearson & Son Excavation & Haulage Ltd | | 395.95 |
| Minister of Finance | | 6,849.00 |
| Sudbury and District Health Unit | | 959.00 |
| Manitoulin Centenial Manor | | 4,414.72 |
| MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION | | 5,024.55 |
| Wages |  | 6,942.98 |
| Recever General | | 3,543.71 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **34,347.35** |

No. 113

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: P.A. Palonen

That we approve payment of the Fire Department accounts list of $215.30.

Carried KN

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| **Fire Department Accounts** |  | **Dec 4, 2017** |
| Name |  | Credit |
| Bell |  | 88.07 |
| Manitoulin Fire Fighters Association | | 100.00 |
| Northern 911 |  | 27.23 |
| Total |  | 215.30 |

No. 114

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

That road voucher No. 11 for the amount of $12,267.57 be passed for payment.

Carried KN

No. 115

Moved by: Lyle Honess

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, the Municipality of Morris – Turnberry has passed motion 553-2017 concerning the Tenanted Farm Tax Class properties being changed to the Residential Tax Class.

Whereas, the Township of Burpee and Mills supports the Municipality of Morris – Turnberry motion 553-2017.

Now Therefore, The Council of the Township of Burpee and Mills hereby requests that MPAC conduct a review on the effects of the tax class shift from farm land to residential:

And that MPAC act immediately on applications for reconsiderations for the 2018 tax year and where possible for the 2017 year;

And that MPAC advise the municipalities prior to any future tax class shifts or mass property assessment corrections;

And that the Province of Ontario review Regulation 282/98 under the Assessment Act, in respect to the property tax classification of non-tillage acres;

And that this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Finance, MPAC and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried KN

No. 116

Moved by: Wayne L, Bailey

Seconded by: Lyle Honess

That we approve payment of the Rainbow District School Board of $50,897.22 as final payment for 2017 taxation levy.

Carried KN

No. 117

Moved by: P.A. Palonen

Seconded by:

That we adjourn to meet at our next regular council meeting on Monday January 8, 2018 at 7:30 o’clock p.m.

Carried Ken