Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

Regular Council Meeting

October 1, 2018

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 Hayden and Wayne L. Bailey in attendance. Jeff Middleton Deputy Fire Chief and Martin Ainslie were also in attendance. Bonnie Bailey, Clerk recorded the minutes.

No. 101

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

That we amend the agenda to include a Notice of Application for Consent under the Planning Board Report, Cemetery By-laws under reports, and change approval of the minutes from August 1 to 30, 2018.

Carried KN

No. 102

Moved by: Lyle Honess

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

That we approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on September 5, 2018 and special council meeting on August 30, 2018, as circulated.

Carried KN

Fire Department – Deputy Fire Chief J. Middleton commented on the poor turnout for the fire training meetings and wonder what could be done to improve this such as holding the training on a different night. It was suggested that they could put something in the newsletter to recruit some new volunteers. Reeve Noland noted that the pages are not being done. The list for the member responsible for paging during certain time periods was distributed however the pages are not being done. Deputy Fire Chief Middleton will recommend that someone provide a reminder about who is in charge of paging. Reeve Noland mentioned that the Township if ready to try the cell phone paging system however it was important to have a completed list of volunteers and their cell phone numbers to provide the company when they set this up or there would be further costs if the company had to come back to update. Councillor Bailey discussed the list of training information supplied by the Fire Chief and expressed concerns if it was enough to be granted their training certification under the new proposed regulations. Deputy Fire Chief Middleton will check with other fire chiefs to find out what they are doing as to training records. It was suggested the office check with the Fire Marshal as to what is required to verify volunteer fire fighters training. Councillors Bailey and Hayden will set up a meeting with Fire Chief Bruder to review these issues. It was determined that a copy of the training records be kept at the office. Deputy Fire Chief Middleton discussed some of the work that needs to be done on the trucks and equipment that Council agreed was needed.

Road Report – Council discussed the new highway contractors and their changes to providing winter sand. It was decided to continue as usual for this winter season and evaluate the situation next year. The new truck will be ready this week for pick up.

Roads Committee Report – Councillor Hayden and Honess completed a roads inspection in September with attention to the Union Road project. The Union Road project road bed has turned out very well. They also looked at the Cemetery road right of way and recommend that they proceed to opening up the area to expand the existing parking lot. It would double the size of the parking area. They had looked at some of the future road work that will need to be done.

Municipal Drains – Council discussion about the Honess drain and if there will be a continuation of funding for the tile drain program in 2019. The culverts that have been replaced in some areas of the Burpee drain #1 could be used in very low traffic areas in the Honess drain. The Clerk reported that she had requested a progress report on the Honess drain from the engineer and have not heard anything back from him yet.

Main Street Funding – Councillor Bailey reported that he had a committee meeting to discuss the signage component of the project. The committee supported the use of the logo on the sign and to include icons for the services available in the Township along the bottom of the sign. Robert Maxwell offered to work with the committee and design the signs. Council had concerns regarding the cost of using the website logo.

Building System Committee – Councillor Palonen noted there is still work to be done with the Chief Building Officials contract however this will wait until new councils are in place as some municipalities are in a lame duck position.

Manitoulin Municipal Association – Councillor Hayden reported that there was a presentation by Stantec on the study they are performing on the swing bridge in Little Current. This is a study to determine what action could be taken. This project is at the highest level of importance to be completed. It was evident that there where various opinions regarding the different options to replace the bridge or not and of the various options that had been offered as alternatives. It appeared that Municipalities located the furthest away from the bridge held a stronger opinion on the need for a structure providing adequate movement of traffic. There was a comment on the impact changing the bridge would have on the businesses in Little Current.

Little Current Swing Bridge – Councillor Palonen presented his draft letter outlining the Municipalities stand on the issues regarding the changing of the Little Current Swing Bridge. Council made some suggestions and comments regarding the draft and Councillor Palonen will prepare a revised draft for approval before posting.

Application for Consent – Council felt the consent should be granted as there were no outstanding problems with the area. Council did however stress that it did not provide consent until the existing trailer was removed because it was in direct conflict with the Burpee Zoning By-Law.

Provincial Offences Act – Councillor Palonen reported that most of the outstanding fines have been collected. Many charges are being thrown out of court resulting from the Manitoulin District’s amalgamation with the Espanola area for Police services with two different forms from each area being used for an incorrect area. They are still looking for a back up person for the court and would provide them with a salary for a part time position.

Policing – Councillor Bailey noted that he was unable to attend the meeting Staff Sergeant Webb called to discuss the amalgamation of the Manitoulin and Espanola areas due to a Council meeting. The incident report was reviewed and compared to the previous year’s statistics. Although our incidents had decreased there was an increase in hours charged that would be in relation to the type of incidents that occurred. Reeve Noland reported on a police meeting he attended to discuss the Town of Espanola’s amalgamation with the newly amalgamated Espanola area and Manitoulin. They were informed that Staff Sergeant Webb would be leaving and the increase in size of the new area it would become an inspector detachment. They will keep the building in Espanola. There were no answers available for questions as to the intended use of the soon to be constructed Little Current building. Also due to the increase in incidents not reported of people entering on private property during the night with spot lights an area resident has drafted a letter outlining residents concerns regarding these activities. Councillor Bailey will work on the draft and propose a meeting with the police and council to discuss these issues.

Recreation – Councillor Hayden reported the committee had a meeting last month to discuss the upcoming events of the hunter’s breakfast and the Christmas pot luck. They also reviewed the right to participate program. The committee had received a request for support through the right to participate program for extra funding towards organized sport participating costs, however as the committee had established in the past they made a donation to the organization itself to help support the activity and thereby youth participation.

Library – Councillor Bailey presented the 2017 audited report noting that there might be a deficit for 2018 as they had not received a grant for the summer student as anticipated or the yearly grant for unconditional funding. The yearly book sale was disappointing with low revenues. There are some issues as to the maintenance of the library itself with cleaning of the carpet and the blockage of the sewer drain that had not been repaired for the summer allowing methane gases into the work area with employees becoming ill. Council considered this to be a very serious concern with the health of employees being affected.

Manitoulin Centennial Manor – Reeve Noland reported on the special meeting that five municipalities had called to discuss the long term viability of the Manor. It was determined that an asset management plan would be put in place and the board members would be provided a copy. They are to have annual general meeting as per the constitution. There had been no action taken toward the previously drafted strategic management plan.

Western Manitoulin Network/LAMBAC – Councillor Hayden attended the meeting and identified the area being represented as including all areas West of/and including Billings Township. The committee is looking at projects and development that will generate some economic development for Western Manitoulin. There will be an economic development officer hired for a three year period through governmental funding. The project will promote the existing business’ and attractions and to develop new initiatives.

Burpee and Mills Cemetery – Councillor Bailey noted that he and Deputy Clerk Gilchrist were to study the new act and prepare a draft of the Cemetery By-laws which they have completed. They reviewed the By-law draft with Councillor and Cemetery Chairman Hayden. There were some outstanding questions regarding service options and delivery and these will be referred to the Bereavement Authority. After this process is completed the draft will be updated with the input from the Bereavement Authority and presented to the Cemetery Board for its review.

No. 103

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Lyle Honess

That we approve a payment of the Fire Department accounts list of $430.18.

Carried KN

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| Fire Dept Accounts |   | Oct 1/18 |
| **Name** |  | **Credit** |
| Bell |  | 90.80  |
| Northern 911 |  | 27.73  |
| Colleen Balckburn |  | 311.65  |
| **Total** |  | **430.18**  |

No. 104

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: P.A. Palonen

That road voucher No 09 for the amount of 98,683.41 be passed for payment.

Carried KN

No. 105

Moved by: P.A. Palonen

Seconded by: Lyle Honess

That we approve payment of the general accounts list of $40,836.51.

Carried KN

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| Accounts |   | Oct 1/18 |
| **Name** |  | **Credit** |
| Hydro One |  | 365.47  |
| Bell |  | 103.48  |
| Cash |  | 27.69  |
| Wahl Water |  | 326.57  |
| Violette Law Offices |  | 25.00  |
| Nicholas Lane |  | 85.00  |
| Virgin Mobile Canada |  | 84.75  |
| Witty's Monuments |  | 1,300.00  |
| Laidley Stationery & Office Furniture |  | 152.66  |
| BMO Bank of Montreal. |  | 790.36  |
| Minister of Finance |  | 7,130.00  |
| Manitoulin Sudbury District Social Ser |  | 11,599.75  |
| Sudbury and District Health Unit |  | 2,961.00  |
| MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION | 5,044.93  |
| Wages |  | 7,983.93  |
| Receiver General |  | 2,100.86  |
| WSIB |  | 755.06  |
| **TOTAL** |  | **40,836.51**  |

No. 106

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Lyle Honess

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac has passed Resolution Number 359 – 18 to “continue to advocate that the New Provincial Government continue to support rural fire services and provide sufficient funding to cover additional costs associated with the certification initiative”

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills supports the Township of North Frontenac’s Resolution Number 359 – 18.

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills requests the New Provincial Government for financial support for rural fire services to cover additional costs of the legislated certification initiative.

**AND FURTHER** the Clerk provides a copy of this Resolution to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and Michael Mantha, MPP.

Carried KN

No. 107

Moved by: P.A. Palonen

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

That we adjourn to meet at our next regular council meeting on Monday November 5, 2018 at 7:30 o’clock p.m.

Carried KN

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Reeve, Ken Noland

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Clerk, Bonnie Bailey