

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 6, 2020

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council met for the Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Complex with Reeve, Ken Noland and Councillors, Martin Ainslie, Penny Palonen, Arthur F. Hayden and Wayne L. Bailey in attendance. Lynn Jackes, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, Jeff Middleton, Acting Fire Chief and Shane Chatwell, Road Superintendent were also in attendance. Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer recorded the minutes.

GUEST: Joe Moor

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Noland at 7:30 p.m.

There was no Conflict of Interest declared.

MOTION: 2020-90

Moved by: Martin Ainslie

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the July 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
.....carried KN.

MOTION: 2020-91

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Penny Palonen

THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2020.....carried KN.

Request for Road Allowance Opening

Joe Moor attended the Council Meeting with a request for a permit to open a road allowance. Mr. Moor explained he would like to open the road allowance south of Lot 17, Concession 8, in Mills Township to Lake Huron. He explained that he would pay for the road opening himself and was not requesting any funding from the Township. His reasons for wanting to open the road allowance were:

- ease of access for his family to the beach
- He was considering a later development of his property and it would provide lake access for those lots.
- Ease of access to the lake for firetrucks to get water.

Mr. Moor questioned the possibility of using the shale rock from Watt's Lake Road as part of the road construction but it was explained that this is not allowed under the Aggregate Act. The possibility of the existence of Pitcher Thistle was discussed wherein signage and MNR involvement would be required.

Reeve Noland thanked Mr. Moor for his attendance at the Council Meeting and advised that we would be in touch.

Acting Fire Chief's Report

Jeff Middleton, Acting Fire Chief, reported that a practice is scheduled for July 14, 2020, at the causeway, for the purpose of providing training on pump operation. Concentration will be given to certification of firefighters beginning in September. He recommended to Council that a Fire Ban be put in place at 12 midnight tonight. Council supported that recommendation. The Fire Ban will be posted on the website and included in the newsletter. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of purchasing the Silverwater Fire Truck. This item has been put on hold due to COVID-19. Wayne L. Bailey and Jeff Middleton will meet to discuss the priorities for the Fire Department.

Jeff Middleton excused himself from the meeting.

Road Superintendent's Report

Council was provided with a Draft Roads Budget 2019 & 2020 Summary that sets out the Expected Road Work in 2020. Shane believes the price of oil (fogging) of \$10,500 per km. from MSO is high and will contact Beamish and Duncor for a price as well for comparison.

An invoice has been received from Robert Cranston Construction for work completed in 2019. Invoices are to be provided on a monthly basis to the Municipal Office. If Mr. Cranston is to provide any services to the Municipality in the future then this requirement is to be met.

Ditching was discussed for Britainville Road and Campbell Road. Reeve Noland believes that day labour costs are lower than if the whole job is tendered. Shane will review the prices provided by contractors and discuss this with the Roads Committee. Art Hayden stated that he would like to see some projects tendered in the future.

A request for quotation for 1200 cubic metres of gravel will be forwarded to contractors for their response.

The Road Superintendent advised the injector pump on the Brusher was gone but would be operational again on Friday.

Shane advised there is no room to bale or store plastics at the Transfer Station. Council suggested that prices would be requested from Rodney Corbiere and GFL to have the entire load removed.

Penny Palonen requested the placement of a portable washroom at the Transfer Station. A used unit could be purchased for approximately \$500 with cleanout as required. Shane is to followup to ensure this is in place.

Shane Chatwell excused himself from the meeting following his report.

MOTION: 2020-92

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden
Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of \$23,684.68 be approved for payment.....carried KN.

MOTION: 2020-93

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden
Seconded by: Martin Ainslie

THAT the General Vouchers in the amount of \$127,032.67 be approved for payment.....carried KN.

MOTION: 2020-94

Moved by: Penny Palonen
Seconded by: Martin Ainslie

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of \$307.73 be approved for payment.....carried KN.

MOTION: 2020-95

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey
Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approve the 2020 Proposed Budget with a 0.95% tax increase for 2020, as presented, and attached to these minutes.....carried KN.

MOTION: 2020-96

Moved by: Penny Palonen
Seconded by: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council give By-Law No. 7-2020, Being a bylaw to provide for the adoption of tax rates to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2020, necessary readings and be passed.....carried KN.

MOTION: 2020-97

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approve the submission of an application for funding in the amount of \$ (to be determined) to the Enabling Accessibility Fund for 2 handicap doors (main entrance & storage room entrance), any cement work required for ramping, 2 interior power doors for bathrooms and relocation of paper towel holders, etc. for easier accessibility.....carried KN.

Burpee Drain and Honess Drain

Council discussed the lack of response from K. Smart & Associates in providing the final paperwork for the Burpee Drain and the correspondence regarding Lorne Lake. Reeve Noland also noted the Honess Drain may have Joel Miller as the new engineer in charge to move this project forward.

Building Permit Review

Wayne L. Bailey and Penny Palonen have reviewed the Building Permit System and find that presently 65% of the cost is being subsidized by the Municipality. Within the contract of Shared Services, Burpee and Mills pays 17% of administrative costs over 3 years. It appears that bigger homes and garages are being built and therefore assessment values will increase to balance any costs being subsidized. The building permit fees are less in Burpee and Mills than in any other municipality on Manitoulin Island and may encourage people to build in our municipality. Wayne and Penny would like the building permit system reviewed annually.

Campbell's Bay Boat Launch

The Campbell's Bay Boat Launch is owned by the Federal Government. A group of concerned people from the community have taken it upon themselves to fix the boat launch and have brought it to a safer, useable condition.

Reports

Airport - Wayne Bailey advised a meeting had been held on June 23, 2020. The new airport funding had been verified and RFP's have been sent out. The cost of preliminary drawings in the amount of \$17,500 has been donated by Manitoulin Transport. The lines at the airport have been painted with a cost of \$10,500. The courtesy car was worn out and has been replaced by a donated vehicle through Manitoulin Transport. There has been a loss in profit margin from fuel due to less air travel. Robbie Colwell is researching available COVID funding.

There was nothing to report from MMA, Manitoulin Planning Board or the POA.

CPAC - Wayne advised a meeting is scheduled for September.

Recreation - Wayne Bailey advised the entrance rocks at the Municipal Building required cleanup with a pressure washer as well as painting of the bench. Art Hayden will speak with Shane and request these become part of the summer student's responsibilities. He will also request that Shane Chatwell fix the outside tap as well as provide a complete inventory of the Municipal Garage.

Library - Martin Ainslie reported there have been no meetings. The summer student at the library is 100% funded and the curbside pickup system is working well.

Waste Management - Penny Palonen reported following a Zoom Meeting with the committee that the property owners would be advised of a cap inspection for the wells as well as the need for an attenuation zone. Investigation is being done in regards to the possibility of reducing the monitoring of wells.

DSB - Art Hayden reported on the extra costs for paramedics due to COVID requirements. Paramedics had been doing in-home COVID testing but this has lessened recently. There are concerns that Daycare space is becoming less available.

Centennial Manor - Art Hayden reported they are within budget at the Manor but some projects have not yet been done. COVID funding has been provided to the Manor. Submissions to the Manor are being allowed with less restrictions. There have been no positive COVID tests.

Civic Addressing System -

Reeve Noland advised the Civic Addressing System for Ocean Point Road and Watt's Lake Road has been redone. A request had come forward from a fulltime resident in that area to keep the existing 911 number. This request cannot be granted due to distancing and the odd and even numbering system. Correspondence will be forwarded to property owners advising of their new 911 numbers with information on the expected date of installation of new signage.

MOTION: 2020-98

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden
Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council move to an In Camera Meeting to discuss Legal Issues at 10:20 p.m.....carried KN.

MOTION: 2020-99

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden
Seconded by: Penny Palonen

THAT Council return to the Regular Council Meeting at 10:51 p.m.....carried KN.

MOTION: 2020-100

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey
Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

It is the decision of Council that permission to open the road allowance south of Lot 17, Concession 8 is denied.....carried KN.

MOTION: 2020-101

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey
Seconded by: Penny Palonen

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 11:05 p.m.....carried KN.

Ken Noland, Reeve

Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer