**The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills**

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday February 1, 2021**

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

The Meeting was called to Order at 7:30 p.m.

No conflict of interest has been declared.

**MOTION: 2021-15**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the February 1, 2021 Council Meeting as presented……………………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2021-16**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2021..……………carried KN.

**Acting Fire Chief’s Report**

Jeff Middleton, Acting Fire Chief, reported that there wasn’t a January 2021 practice due to Covid lock down restrictions.

Jeff brought up the opportunity to enter into an auction for a 1999 Freightliner Tandem Pumper Tanker fire truck. It needs a new pump which Shane has researched. It would cost approximately $35,000 to $40,000 to replace the pump and to do necessary retrofits. The hours and mileage are low and the general consensus was that it would be an excellent purchase. The bidding closes on February 4, 2021 at 1:45pm. Shane was asked to take care of bidding in the auction with a budget of $60,000. The cost would be covered by the $75,000 donation from the Douglas A Smith Family Foundation, as well as, the reserves of the Fire Department and Township.

**MOTION: 2021-17**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT the Council authorizes Shane Chatwell to bid up to $60,000 on a 1999 Freightliner Pumper Tanker fire truck……………..carried KN.

Wayne informed the Council that although our fire team would not be receiving the Covid 19 vaccine in March, it should be soon after. The first doses of vaccine will be given to fire teams responding to medical emergencies.

The fire college in Gravenhurst is slated for closure. The training for fire fighters will be done on line instead. There was a request for support to keep the college open and Wayne will prepare a letter of support for the next meeting.

The Acting Fire Chief excused himself from the meeting.

**Road Superintendent’s Report**

Shane Chatwell, Road Superintendent advised that, because it’s been as easy winter, salt usage is down. It is also saving wear and tear on the vehicles and equipment.

Shane reported that the app that Central Manitoulin was looking into, for employees working alone, would be very complicated and expensive. Shane believes that it would not benefit our Township.

The Road Superintendent excused himself from the meeting.

**MOTION: 2021-18**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of $11,014.19 be approved for payment……………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2021-19**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Wayne Bailey

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of $64,895.89 be approved for payment……………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2021-20**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of $2,150.72 be approved for payment………………….carried KN

**MOTION: 2021-21**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

WHEREAS Bylaw 01-2018 Being a Bylaw to Govern the Proceedings of Council requires an amendment as follows:

1. Regular meetings of council shall be held in the Burpee/Mills Municipal Complex located at 8 Bailey Line Road, Evansville, Ontario on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
2. The inaugural meeting of council after a regular election shall be held on the first Wednesday in December before the regular council meeting commences at 7:30 p.m.
3. If the first Wednesday is a statutory holiday, Council will meet on the first Thursday of the month.

Council of the Township of Burpee and Mills approves this amendment to Bylaw 01-2018 and provides necessary readings and is passed……………………….carried KN.

**OFFICE RENOVATION – FUNDING UPDATE**

The hope is that results for funding will be communicated in April or May at which time a decision will be made on how to proceed with the renovation.

**MUNICIPAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM – SECOND INTAKE**

Ken will contact Dan Osborne and Lee Hayden for their thoughts on project ideas. Ken suggested that because of the increase in Zoom meetings, we may be able to apply for funding to get laptops for the Councilors and staff.

**REQUEST BY Mike Addison and Blue Sky Net**

Ken will talk to a township resident to see if he would be interested.

**REPORTS:**

**AIRPORT:** There was not a regular Airport Committee meeting. Ken attended, by Zoom, the first meeting of the Airport Project Commission. They are looking to find a project manager/engineering firm for the Airport Transfer Payment Agreement.

**MMA**: There was no MMA meeting.

**MPB:** The Manitoulin Planning Board met and discussed the 49 lot subdivision proposed in Assiginack Township. The proposal, however, has not been before the Council yet. There are concerns about Species at Risk.

Art asked about the Assiginack Trailer By-law. Ken said it was passed. Council agreed with Ken’s opinion that Burpee and Mills would continue working with a lawyer to support the existing trailer ban and fines if necessary.

**POA:** Marty reported that Pam Fogal would take over chairing the POA.

Because it would be too costly and difficult to retrofit the existing courthouse, the Gore Bay Community Centre is being prepared to house court proceedings.

Because of the loss of revenue, due to Covid 19, there was a 22,000 deficit. They plan on covering the deficit with their reserves. They are working on obtaining financial assistance to help cover the loss. A letter would be sent out to the Municipalities to explain the details.

**CPAC:** Report is attached. It was asked how much the recent emergencies would affect the Township. Wayne said it is difficult to calculate because the hours used for emergencies are no longer communicated in the reports. Wayne has voiced his concerns to the CPAC that it makes it difficult for the Municipalities to budget without this figure.

**RECREATION:** There is nothing to report.

**LIBRARY:** Martin Ainslie reported that the library is currently working on its budget. They currently have a surplus because the wages are less and the funding is the same. There has been an increase in e-books since Covid.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT:**  Nothing to report.

**NEWSLETTER:** Council agreed that the Newsletter is ready to be sent out.

**CENTENNIAL MANOR:** Arthur Hayden reported the there a few highlights to report.

* There is an issue filling vacant beds because of the Covid regulations. However, this doesn’t seem to be causing the Manor financial hardships.
* The Manor is ready to administer the Covid 19 vaccines when they become available. Hopefully, this will be in early February. There was a survey done and results showed that 100% of the residents would like the vaccine but only 90% of the staff would like to receive it. Some facilities require that staff get vaccines but the issue is not yet resolved at the Manor.
* Finances are in a surplus for 2020.
* Fundraising continues to be going well.

**DSB:** There was some Covid funding which will allow for the use of additional paramedic staff during the summer. It would start in May and continue until the end of summer to assist with the extra summer population. The staff was arranged to fit the funding received.

**OTHER MEETINGS:** No other meetings to report.

**RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT:** Council decided not to support Municipality of Larder Lake until further clarification is communicated.

**MOTION: 2021-22**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m……………….carried KN.

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Ken Noland, Reeve

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Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer