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

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday March 3, 2021**

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

The Meeting was called to Order at 7:29 p.m.

No conflict of interest has been declared.

**MOTION: 2021-23**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the February 1, 2021 Council Meeting with the addition of a Minutes of Settlement……………………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2021-24**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2021..……………carried KN.

**Acting Fire Chief’s Report**

Jeff Middleton, Acting Fire Chief, reported that there is a practice March 9th and it will be in the newsletter. Jeff requested the WiFi password in the Municipal building for the training.

The firefighters are getting their Covid vaccines within the next week. Jeff has already had his.

The auction for the new fire truck is completed and the council has won the auction with a bid of $80,000.00. Motion 2021-17 is amended to approve the higher bid. The repairs and certifications for the truck are in process. The truck is insured as of March 3, 2021. There will be a $2500.00 deductible and include “All Perils”. The office will contact Cambrian Insurance regarding the difference in premiums between Replacement Value and Actual Cash Value. Replacement value may not be available on a 1999 vehicle.

**MOTION: 2021-38**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Council amends motion 2021-17 to increase the amount of the authorization to bid on the 1999 Freightliner pumper truck from $60,000.00 to $80,000.00……………..carried KN.

The Acting Fire Chief excused himself from the meeting.

**Road Superintendent’s Report**

Shane Chatwell, Road Superintendent advised that the weather is still cooperating so sand usage is down.

Central Manitoulin is repairing the bridge on Union Rd. The work is being done by Belanger to start March 24, 2021. The detour route has not yet been released.

Half load signage has been erected in the township. Even though it is early, Shane has noticed some soft spots on the roads.

Shane has been in contact with Beamish regarding hard surface concerns. They are meeting with Shane and Art Thursday March 4, 2021.

The offer for the Lawnmower insurance has been received and the office is instructed to inform the insurance adjuster that we do not want the remains of the burnt out mower so they can come and pick it up.

Penny mentioned that the cardboard was piling up in the Transfer Station building and Shane is going to take care of the crushing.

The Road Superintendent excused himself from the meeting.

**MOTION: 2021-25**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of $10,085.35 be approved for payment……………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2021-26**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of $70,737.08 be approved for payment……………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2021-27**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of $3,116.22 be approved for payment………………….carried KN

**MOTION: 2021-28**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

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 Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. If a statutory holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, the Council meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of the month.
2. The inaugural meeting of council after a regular election shall be held on the first Tuesday in December before the regular council meeting commences at 7:30 p.m.

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

**GORE BAY AD-HOC COMMITTEE REQUEST**

Wayne Bailey volunteered to sit on the Committee

**MOTION: 2021-29**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

WHEREAS Council approves the appointment of Wayne Bailey to the ad-hoc committee to evaluate the medical centre facility and provide feedback on any necessary renovations to meet the needs of the medical team and Western Manitoulin…………………carried KN.

**OFFICE RENOVATION – FUNDING UPDATE**

There is still no funding approval so there is no office renovation update.

**Response to closure of Gravenhurst Firefighter College.**

Wayne prepared and presented a response which is attached. The Council agreed that the Township would not offer support at this time.

**REQUEST FROM KIM NEALE**

Penny will contact Kim Neale for more information.

**REPORTS:**

**AIRPORT:** There was not a regular Airport Committee meeting. Ken reported that the Airport Project Commission is meeting Wednesday March 10, 2021 and they are getting a RFP ready to hire consultants for the whole project including a project manager, new runway and buildings etc.

**MMA**: Penny presented an MMA report which is attached.

The OPP representative Megan Moriarity asked that the new Off Road Vehicle Provincial Regulations be brought to Council. Ken and Art will look at our ATV by-law to see if it needs revamping to include side by sides.

The North Shore Health Network Foundation made a presentation and Burpee and Mills Council decided to make a $1,500.00 donation to Health Care Worker Recruiting.

**MOTION: 2021-30**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

The Township of Burpee and Mills will donate $1,500.00 to support the Health Care Recruitment for the Northshore and Manitoulin……………………….carried KN.

**MPB:** The Manitoulin Planning Board sent a request for a representative from our Council for a Steering Committee. Ken Noland volunteered to represent Burpee Mills on the committee.

**MOTION: 2021-31**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

WHEREAS Council approves the appointment of Ken Noland to the Manitoulin Planning Board Steering Committee to review submissions received as part of the “Request for Proposal”(RPF). The RPF is to hire a planning consultant firm to assist with the updating of the Municipal By-laws.…………………carried KN.

**POA:** There is nothing to report at this time.

**CPAC:**  The next meeting is Wednesday March 10th and Wayne will again ask for the hours used in emergencies to be communicated in the reports.

**CENTENNIAL MANOR:**

Covid is the main focus at the manor. 100% of the residents have been vaccinated but only one staff member had the needle at the time of the meeting because they ran out of vaccines. When more arrive, they will vaccinate the staff 1/3 at a time. This will avoid a large number of staff members off sick in the event that there are any adverse reactions.

The Manor has purchased a couple of large screen TV’s to help entertain the residents. Many of the pre-Covid recreational events have been cancelled.

**DSB:** There has been a change to the leadership. Fern Dominelli has been asked to head the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association and will split his time 50/50 with the DSB. Donna Steward will take over leadership of DSB on a half time basis.

There has been a Request for Proposal sent out for the new build in Little Current. There will be 10-16 units built for seniors and there will be some funding available.

Coming soon is an In-Home Paramedic service for people on the waiting list for assistive living spaces. The Paramedics will assist with services such as follow up care which would ease the burden on emergency rooms.

Attached is the DSB quarterly report which Art was asked to present to Council. The DSB staff would be available to come to council and answer questions, if requested.

Art also supplied a NOSDA press release after the Council meeting which has been sent to the Council for their information.

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

**LIBRARY:** There was a Library Board of Trustees meeting, which is attached along with the 2021 Library budget. There was no increase to the Municipalities contributions.

**MOTION: 2021-33**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

The Council of Burpee and Mills accepts the 2021 budget of the Gore Bay Library.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT:**  Nothing to report.

**NEWSLETTER:** Council has been made aware that some of our residents have received threatening letters. The OPP have copies of the letters and Council will look at options on how to proceed.

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

**MOTION: 2021-32**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT COUNCIL approves the Minutes of Settlement for Con 1, Pt Lot 25 S in Mills Township, showing a reduction from $34,500 to $33,000 for the year 2021.

**RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT:** Council decided not to support any Resolutions at the present time.

Tom Sasvari excused himself from the meeting.

**IN CAMERA MEETING**

**MOTION: 2021-34**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT Council move to an In Camera Meeting to discuss a personnel matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees of the municipality as required under section 239(1) and (2)(b) of the Municipal Act 2001 at 9:33 P.M…………………………………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2021-35**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council return to the Regular Council Meeting at 9:54 p.m……………………………carried KN.

**MOTION: 2021-36**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council give By-Law No. 2021-01, Being a bylaw to Set a Pay Range for Municipal Officers and Employees, be given necessary readings and be passed…………………………carried KN.

**MOTION: 2021-37**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT Council accepts the In Camera minutes of the In Camera Council meeting of Monday April 6, 2020………………………….carried KN.

**MOTION: 2021-38**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m……………….carried KN.

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Ken Noland, Reeve

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Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer