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

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday April 6, 2021**

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council met for the Regular Council Meeting on Zoom. 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: 2021-40**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the April 6, 2021 Regular Council Meeting with the addition of correspondence from the Manitoulin Expositor and the Gore Bay Ad Hoc Medical Centre Committee Report……………………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2021-41**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT Council approve the amended Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2021.………carried KN.

**Acting Fire Chief’s Report**

Jeff Middleton, Acting Fire Chief, reported that there will not be a practice in April because of the Covid-19 Lockdown.

The Fire Department received two applications to join the fire department. The decision was made to hold off on adding any new members at this time. There are already 6 new members and because of safety concerns, it seemed safer to turn down the applications at this time.

Most of the firefighters have received their Covid vaccines.

The new fire truck has been received and the fire department is in the process of switching over all the equipment from the old vehicle. It is being filled with water now in preparation of training the department on the new vehicle. The truck is insured as of March 3, 2021. Replacement Value is not available because of the age of the vehicle. Jeff will notify the other members of the trucks arrival. The decision on what to do with the old truck will be decided once the other truck is fully operational and everyone is trained on its use.

The Fire Safety Grant for $4600.00 has been approved. The money will go towards equipment for training.

**MOTION: 2021-42**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council agrees to accept the letter of intent dated March 29, 2021 and the Fire Safety Grant Transfer Payment Agreement dated April 6, 2021 regarding the Fire Safety Grant Program.

Council agrees to the grant allocation of $4,600.00 to support increased training opportunities for the Burpee and Mills Fire Department.……………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2021-39**

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 a Road Tour is needed before Thursday. Thursday is a Zoom meeting to discuss the tendering for hardtop. The tentative date for the Road Tour is Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 1pm. Shane, Art and Lyle Honess will inspect the roads.

The plow is being prepared for the summer.

Shane will examine the Draft Unopened Road Allowance Policy.

The Road Superintendent excused himself from the meeting.

**MOTION: 2021-43**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of $15,049.63 be approved for payment……………..carried KN.

**Unopened Road Allowance Policy**

A draft policy was presented. There are a few changes to be made and the revised draft will be presented at the next meeting for further review. Shane will also review the policy and provide feedback.

**Adanac Road and Subdivision Winter Maintenance**

It appears that it is not necessary to provide winter maintenance on a municipally maintained road.

With regards to a subdivision, winter maintenance is covered in the Planning Act. It should not present a burden to the Municipality.

**MOTION: 2021-44**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of $51,871.20 be approved for payment……………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2021-45**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of $20,432.69 be approved for payment………………….carried KN

**Community Safety & Well Being Plan deadline extension and facilitator hiring.**

Council was in agreement with hiring a facilitator to draft the plan for the whole Island. Although Marty had agreed to be the Burpee & Mills representative on the planning committee there have been no meetings. The deadline of July 1, 2021, which has already been extended due to Covid, is fast approaching.

**MOTION: 2021-46**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council agrees to share in the cost (by weighted Assessment) to hire a facilitator for the advisory committee to draft a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for the Municipalities of Manitoulin Island…………………carried KN.

**Medical Recruitment North Shore and Manitoulin Island**

Alyssa Spooney offered Burpee and Mills an opportunity to participate in the recruitment meetings. Council decided to not participate at this time.

**OFFICE RENOVATION – FUNDING UPDATE**

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

The office requested a security door camera purchased from Direct Satellite and Security for an approximate cost of $2,500.00. It comes with a 7” monitor with an intercom. It’s also hooked into our existing door lock system so it can be unlocked through the door camera.

Council approved the camera.

**MOTION: 2021-47**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council agrees to the purchase of a door camera for the Municipal Building to be installed by Direct Satellite…………………carried KN.

**ORV By-law**

The existing by-law is does not need updating at this time.

**Response to resident threatening letters**

There were several letters of support for the Amish Community delivered to the Burpee and Mills office. Ken will deliver them.

**REPORTS:**

**AIRPORT:** Wayne presented the 2021 Budget and the 2020 Statement of Operations for Council approval. There is a 2% increase for the contributions of the Municipalities. There was a loss on the investments.

**MOTION: 2021-48**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

WHEREAS the Gore Bay Manitoulin Airport Commission INC. has provided a Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Council approves the 2021 Budget as presented……………………..carried.

Ken reported that the Airport Project Commission has sent out a RFP to hire consultants for the Airport project.

**MMA**: Penny contacted Kim Neale-Climate Change Coordinator for additional information on the Community Energy and Emissions Plan. Her response is attached.

Kim could not give information about the costs for the involved Municipalities.

The Council agreed that the plan might be better suited to a larger community. There seems like the process may be labour intensive and at this time we don’t have the staff to do the work.

Kim will send out the survey results when they are available.

The decision was made to table the decision to see what other Municipalities are doing even if it means missing the May deadline.

**MPB:** The Steering Committee met and discussed sending out a RFP to design the new zoning requirements for all the MPB member Municipalities. The thinking is it would cost approximately $70,000. However, Assiginack, Central Manitoulin and Tehkummah have hired Gerry Strong to do their zoning.

It was pointed out that this is a very complicated process and it will need to be taken to the provincial level.

The issue will be discussed further.

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

**CPAC:**  Wayne presented the Police Services Board report for Burpee and Mills for January and February 2021.

There is a June 7, 2021 deadline for the Municipalities to give their feedback for the new police Services Board framework. If nothing is submitted the province will decide the composition and service area for the new board. The new board will be put in place by the Fall of 2021 and the CPAC will be dissolved in early 2022.

Wayne thought that it appears that the board members will have a heavy work load and it may be a salaried position. There may be a need for extensive training and the board may make more decisions instead of the Councils.

If there is a board member from each Municipality, the board may be too large and unwieldy.

Al MacNevin is bringing the issue to the next MMA meeting for discussion. Ken will find out more information at the MMA.

Wayne was asked to sit in on the MMA Zoom meeting on April 21, 2021.

**CENTENNIAL MANOR:**

The meeting was rescheduled which created a conflict with the DSB meeting.

**DSB:** The DSB received funds from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs& Housing to help with the vulnerable population Covid expenses. There is enormous drain on the food banks and the DSB subsidizing the shortfall.

There was only 12 days to send out the plan but the timeframe was met and the DSB received 1 million dollars and this should cover most of the Covid related expenses.

The In-Home Paramedic service is now live. There are 12 Paramedics involved with 100% funding including additional vehicles. Vaccine delivery to remote areas and people that are unable to travel is part of the service offered.

**RECREATION:** It was decided to not purchase an ad for the 2021 Volunteer week.

**LIBRARY:** Nothing to report.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT:**  Nothing to report.

**NEWSLETTER:**

**OTHER MEETINGS:** Medical Centre Ad Hoc Committee

Wayne attended a meeting on April 1, 2021 and the report is attached. Wayne will prepare a response to Gore Bay Town Clerk requests.

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

**MOTION: 2021-49**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:34 p.m……………….carried KN.

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Ken Noland, Reeve

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Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer