

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 1, 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; Shane Chatwell, Road Superintendent and Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer were also in attendance. Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer, recorded the minutes.

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

No conflict of interest has been declared.

MOTION: 2021-60

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the June 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.....carried KN.

MOTION: 2021-61

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2021.....carried KN.

Acting Fire Chief's Report

Jeff Middleton, Acting Fire Chief, asked about implementing a fire ban. It has been very dry and there is no rain in the forecast. Several other Municipalities have put their fire bans on. The decision was to put the ban on. It will be posted on the website, in the newsletter as well as the posting the roadside signs.

A pumper practice was held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 and went very well. The new truck functioned well.

Jeff is very busy at work and wanted to discuss the Acting Fire Chief position that he holds. He will let Ken and Wayne know when he can meet with them to discuss the issue.

Because no one on the fire department is trained, it is not necessary to do the SCBA flow testing this year.

There was a drive by birthday celebration for Erwin Thompson and the new fire truck led the procession. It was a good opportunity for residents to see the new truck.

The Acting Fire Chief excused himself from the meeting.

Road Superintendent's Report

There will be a tender sent out for HL3 with test results required.

The hourly rates tender went out June 1, 2021.

Mike Varey should be spreading the gravel between now and the end of June.

There are rocks being dumped in the ditch on Campbell Rd. Shane will meet with the person involved to verbally ask that they be removed. If there is no resolution to the problem, a letter will be sent and the Township will remove them and send the bill to the person.

The goat fence has been put back up on Union Rd. Shane will have a chat with the resident and ask that it be removed.

The speeding on Bell Rd. is still an issue and the resident has lodged another complaint. Wayne will call the OPP and request that the speed monitoring sign be installed as soon as possible. There is a sign on the road that says, "Steep, narrow hill. 50km per hr." The office will check the Municipal Act to see about lowering the speed limit. Shane will go to talk to the resident.

Art inquired about the summer student applications. There has been no response to the newspaper ad or the website ad.

The Road Superintendent excused himself.

MOTION: 2021-62

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of \$16,925.84 be approved for payment.....carried KN.

MOTION: 2021-63

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of \$53,189.65 be approved for payment.....carried KN.

MOTION: 2021-64

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of \$719.99 be approved for payment.....carried KN

HONESS DRAIN

K. Smart met with a few property owners in the watershed on Monday May 31, 2021 at 1pm. at the Lyle Honess farm. They made a presentation to bring the involved property owners up to date on the drain. The actual construction was not a huge job and could probably be completed in 2 to 3 weeks. The project will cost approximately \$400,000 with \$120,000 to \$150,000 charged to the taxpayers. There is no construction allowed between September 1 and June 1.

If the beaver dams on one property owner's property were removed then the drain would work.

MOTION: 2021-65

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Wayne F. Bailey

WHEREAS the Township of Burpee and Mills accepted a Petition for Drainage Works by Owners under Section 4 of the Drainage Act at the regular Council Meeting of April 4, 2016.

AND WHEREAS the Township of Burpee and Mills issued a letter dated April 11, 2016, requesting an Expression of Interest from interested firms to prepare a report under the Drainage Act, on a landowner petition, for a drainage works involving the Honess Drain in an area of land south of Poplar.

AND WHEREAS the Township of Burpee and Mills received an Expression of Interest dated April 22, 2016 from K. Smart Associates Limited.

AND WHEREAS the Expression of Interest from K. Smart Associates was discussed at the Regular Council Meeting of May 2, 2016 and the Clerk was directed to contact K. Smart Associates for a cost estimate.

AND WHEREAS additional Petitions for Drainage Works by Owners were filed from 2017 to 2020 by landowners in the vicinity.

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Burpee and Mills deems K. Smart Associates Limited was appointed at the Regular Council Meeting of May 2, 2016 to prepare a report on the Lyle and Shelley Honess petition.

AND FURTHER the Township of Burpee and Mills accepts the following Petitions for a Drainage Works by Owners filed from 2017 to 2020: the Kevin Honess petition, the Brian Ramakko petition, the Doug Fogal

petition and the petition signed by Aaron Kuepfer, Elizabeth Kuepfer, Mahlon Kuepfer and Manuel Kuepfer.

AND FURTHER the Township of Burpee and Mills instructs K. Smart Associates, in accordance with Section 8(4) of the Drainage Act, to report on the multiple petitions received with one report or with two reports, subject to the Engineer's determination of the most expeditious approach to complete said report(s).....carried KN.

INTERNET REIMBURSEMENTS CAP

MOTION: 2021-66

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded by: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council is implementing a cap of \$50.00 on monthly internet reimbursements, for Council and staff, to be reviewed annually.....carried KN

INSURANCE – REPLACEMENT VALUE FOR BUILDINGS

There was a concern expressed that, although we have replacement value on the buildings, with the current increase in building supplies, it may not be enough to cover the cost of rebuilding. Council requested that the office contact the insurance company and arrange for an inspector to come when Covid allows, to reassess the values for the buildings.

OFFICE RENOVATION – HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUE

The funding application is with the Federal government for review so there is currently no resolution to the office renovation and the health and safety issue.

STORAGE CONTAINER BYLAW POLICY

Wayne presented his suggestions for revamping the storage trailer bylaw. One major concern was the wording in the current bylaw requiring the application to the Manitoulin Planning Board for a site specific amendment even in the zones in which a storage container is allowed. Wayne suggested that this be requirement be left in for zones where a storage container is not allowed. A building permit however would still be required.

Ken suggested that we place an advertisement for a part-time Bylaw Officer to work 20 hours per week in the Municipal building. He suggested that we leave the storage container and trailer bylaws until this position is filled. The new Bylaw officer could then revisit the by-law content and deal with infractions by educating and enforcing.

MOTION: 2021-67

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

Council approves advertising for a part-time By-law Officer for approximately 20 hours per week.....carried KN

ZONING BYLAW

Ken report that the Manitoulin Planning Board is in the process of arranging for a company to draft the new zoning bylaws.

TAX RATIO BYLAW

MOTION: 2021-68

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded by: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council gives By-law No. 03-2021 Tax Ratio By-law necessary readings and is passed.....carried KN.

REPORTS:

AIRPORT: Wayne didn't have anything new to report. Ken reported that the RFP for the Airport project will be sent out soon.

MMA: There was a special meeting on May 31, 2021 to discuss the framework for the new Police Services Board. It was decided that every municipality would request a seat on the new board. The proposal will also request that the percentage requirement for the Community and Provincial seats be rounded down instead of up which would result in a 13 member board.

MPB: The new zoning for Municipalities is the current focus. The board is also very busy with the many requests for severances and subdivisions.

POA: There is nothing to report at this time.

CPAC: Wayne will request a speed monitoring device for Bell Rd. Many Municipalities are also requesting the sign because there are many issues with speeding.

CENTENNIAL MANOR:

The Manor is experiencing staffing issues. The Administrator resigned as of the end of May and there have been no suitable applicants. They are now working with a hiring agency to fill the position. They have contracted Extendicare to assist the Manor with staff but this is only a temporary solution.

They also need to fill the position of a dietary manager.

The annual audit was presented and the Manor is in a good financial position. They have a surplus which they should be able to maintain for the balance of the year.

DSB: The financial audit was presented and the DSB is in a good financial position. They have a surplus which they should be able to maintain for the balance of the year.

Requests for single person housing is down by 41 spaces. The reason for this is that they subsidizing people to allow people to stay in their current residence and so they come off the waiting list. There is still a huge demand however.

RECREATION: Nothing to report.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report.

WASTE MANAGEMENT: Penny received a request for a bin at the transfer station to handle large items like mattresses. Wayne suggested a solution. People could hire a bin at their residence for approximately \$500.00.

Penny will contact Central Manitoulin to find out the date for the Hazardous waste day. Ken will check on Electronic Waste for Marty.

NEWSLETTER: Penny will add the fire ban to the newsletter.

OTHER MEETINGS:

Gore Bay Medical Centre Ad Hoc Committee

Wayne reported that there will be a survey sent out to the public for opinions on the expectations of the public for the renovations and how it is currently used.

Community Safety and Wellbeing

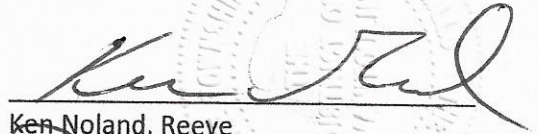
Marty reported that International Solutions have been hired to prepare the report. He has submitted some information to them about the Township. There will be a public virtual meeting on June 9, 2021 from 6pm to 9pm to inform public. Marty asked about the invoicing to the Township and our expectation that the costs be divided by weighted assessment. He was informed that the division was to be calculated with the MPAC agreement.

MOTION: 2021-69

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

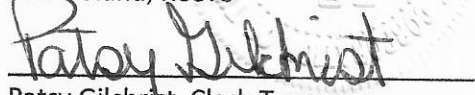
Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:27 p.m.....carried KN.



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Ken Noland, Reeve



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patsy Gilchrist', written over a faint circular official seal.

Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer