



MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday July 10th, 2024 – 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor David Maxwell
Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor Chris Kresack (virtual until 6:35 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Shara Lavalley, CAO/Clerk
Leanne Maxwell, Treasurer
Len Arps, Public Works Manager
Tara Wupori, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Olabisi Hutka-Akinsanya, HR Assistant

ABSENT: Councillor David Halvorsen

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Maxwell provided a statement of land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Maxwell, as the Roads Liaison, requested an addition for the closed session:
Municipal Property – Public Works – Security

Councillor Arnold requested an addition for the closed session:
Resident Complaint – Excessive Noise

Councillor Kresack requested an addition for the closed session:
Municipal Property – Fire Hall - Security

RESOLUTION 2024-0127

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular council meeting of July 10th 2024 be approved

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. DEPUTATIONS

None

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

5.1. Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – June 26th 2024

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

RESOLUTION 2024-0128

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 26th 2024 be approved, as amended

CARRIED

6. DISBURSEMENT LIST

6.1. Payroll Report
Filed for information

6.2. Payment Register

RESOLUTION 2024-0129

Moved by Councillor Kresack

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the disbursements represented by Check Numbers 7017 through 7032 totalling \$51,807.74 and electronic bank payments totalling \$1,628.36, for a grand total of \$53,436.10

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

7.1. Clerk's Report

NOHFC has approved funding for the Year Two of the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position. The required documents are being prepared and will be provided for the Clerk's signature in a couple weeks. Recycling services for blue box material has been successfully transitioned over the Circular Materials Ontario via GFL. The Clerk was approved to begin investigating options for dog impounding services.

7.2. Public Works Report

Road activities included grading, belly dumps, and road maintenance. The new Senior Machine Operator has been provided with training and orientation. The Public Works Manager shall discuss with MTO the possibility of lengthening the aprons at the highway intersections.

7.3. Treasurer's Report

Property tax bills are expected to be sent out in August.

7.4. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern's Report

Council was provided a summary of activities. Council provided direction of the enforcement of training assigned by the H&S Representative. Council approved the use of staff or volunteer time for the creation of an inventory list as required by the insurance company to ensure sufficient content insurance coverage.

7.5. Councillor Reports (verbal)

Mayor Maxwell relayed that the Kakabeka Falls school was highly appreciative of being permitted to borrow tables for its graduation.

Councillor Arnold attended a Board of Directors meeting for the LRCA. He also met with Administration staff to discuss any issues that arose.

Councillor Maxwell met with the Public Works staff.

Mayor _____

Clerk _____

- 7.6. Other agencies' report
List: TBDHU minutes, TBDSSAB, LRCA

Filed for information

8 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1. Municipal Alcohol Policy
Tabled – Council requested more guidelines for section 6.5 regarding security
- 8.2. Generator Quotes (CEPG)
Council reviewed quotes for Fire Hall generator; funding to be provided via the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant.

RESOLUTION 2024-0130

Moved by Councillor Kresack

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Conmee accept the quote from White Pine Electric for the purchase of a generator in the amount of \$18,960.00, with additional costs for gas hook-up estimated at \$2000, to be installed in the Conmee Fire Hall

CARRIED

- 8.3. *Exclusion of Amortization, Post-Employment Benefits and Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post-Closure from Budget*
Action requested: adopt report respecting the exclusion of certain amounts from the 2024 budget

RESOLUTION 2024-0131

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Conmee adopt Treasurer's Report dated July 10, 2024 respecting the exclusion of amortization, post-employment benefits and solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses from the 2024 Budget, as required under Ontario Regulation 284/09.

CARRIED

- 8.4. Budget 2024

Council reviewed the budget. No changes were requested. At the next council meeting, bylaws to approve the budget, the tax rates and the tax ratios will be brought forward for approval.

- 9 BY-LAWS
none

10 CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Nuclear Waste Management Organization
The email contained an update from NWMO regarding the proposed nuclear waste deep geological repository project.

Filed for information; a deputation shall be scheduled as requested by NWMO
- 10.2 We the Free Nuclear North – sample resolution regarding transportation of nuclear waste (as provided in Item 4.1 of June 26th 2024)

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Clerk _____

Tabled until after a deputation is received by NWMO

- 10.3 EMO (Albany Sector) – upcoming delegation at AMO with the Treasury Board Secretariat to propose an equitable model for emergency management
Council agreed to provide an endorsement, any support notes that the office may be able to provide regarding emergency management. The AMO attendees shall consider joining the delegation if feasible.
- 10.4 Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC) – Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot program

Council agreed to provide a letter of support for the pilot program (Rural and Northern Immigration) for the Thunder Bay community.
- 10.5 Township of Otonabee -South Monaghan – resolution regarding regulations for the importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries

RESOLUTION 2024-0132

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution by the Township of Otonabee - South Monaghan regarding regulations for the importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development; Fire Chief for the Township of Conmee, MP Kevin Holland (Thunder Bay – Atikokan), Ontario Fire Marshal, and the Township of Otonabee – South Monaghan

CARRIED

- 10.6 St. Catharines City – resolution regarding the exploration and adoption of sustainable road surfacing alternatives

RESOLUTION 2024-0133

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution by St Catharines City regarding the exploration and adoption of sustainable road surfacing alternatives

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to Federation of Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and St Catharines City.

CARRIED

- 10.7 Other correspondence

11 UPCOMING MEETING DATES

July 23 rd , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
August 13 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
August 27 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
September 10 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
September 24 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
October 8 th , 2024	Regular Council Meeting
October 22 nd , 2024	Regular Council Meeting

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

12 CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 2024-0134

Moved by Councillor Kresack

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:33 p.m., Council resolve into closed session, under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(b)(d) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss Item 12.2-12.4 regarding identifiable individuals, labour relations, and negotiations

AND under the authority of those paragraphs of the Municipal Act, 2001 for which they were authorized to be closed, to review the minutes of the closed session of the meetings of June 26th 2024

CARRIED

- 12.1 Closed Minutes – June 26th 2024
- 12.2 MBLEO report – potential zoning violation
- 12.3 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Intern – Contract Renewal
- 12.4 HR Assistant – Contract Renewal
- 12.5 Municipal Property – Public Works - Security
- 12.6 Resident Complaint – Excessive Noise
- 12.7 Municipal Property – Fire Hall – Security

RESOLUTION 2024-0135

Moved by Councillor Arnold

Seconded by Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 9:22 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session

AND THAT the Closed Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 26th 2024 be approved

AND THAT Administration proceed as directed

CARRIED

13 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

- 13.1 By-law 1455 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

RESOLUTION 2024-0136

Moved by Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1455 be passed;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 1455, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

14 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 9:23 p.m..

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Shara Lavallee