

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

February 12, 2013

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Marty Corcoran, Rod Blakelock, Pat Hayes (arrived at 7:55 p.m.), Councillor Jerry Brandt was absent; Delegates, Bruce Campbell, Councillor from the Village of Burk's Falls, Keith McCoy, Road Supervisor; Staff, Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator and Melinda Torrance, Deputy Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 22, 2013 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the closed meeting held on January 8, 2013 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Bruce Campbell, Councillor from the Village of Burk's Falls attended as a delegate to provide council with an annual report on the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit. Council reviewed the written report submitted, questions were asked and answered.

Keith McCoy, Road Supervisor attended to discuss electrical issues on one of the plow harnesses and that he is continuing to resolve this problem. Keith also reported the deteriorating condition of the box on one of the trucks and that he is looking into costs on replacing it. Keith is also in the process of obtaining quotes for culverts and that the ones he has received so far are very reasonable.

ACCOUNTS:

- road accounts voucher #2-2013, was approved by resolution
- general accounts voucher #2-2013, was approved by resolution
- Tri R waste management accounts voucher #2-2013, was approved by resolution

BUSINESS ARISING FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:

A response from a letter that was sent from the Township of Armour regarding the Magnetawan River was received from Northland Power indicating that they would like to facilitate a meeting with the community regarding the construction of the solar farm projects. Council directed staff to make these arrangements with delegates from Northland Power.

APPLICATIONS: None

BY-LAWS:

- By-Law #8-2013 to authorize the Township to enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources for the Province of Ontario respecting Forest Fire Management within the Township and to Adopt a Municipal Fire Management Plan, was read a first, second and third time.
- By-Law #9-2013 to set the rate of speed on all municipal highways, was read a first, second and third time.

REPORTS:

- AHHC, notes were provided and reviewed. Bruce Campbell had also addressed council with an update during his earlier delegation.
- Economic Development, Rod Blakelock reported.
- Fire – minutes were provided and reviewed. The 2013 amended budget was accepted by resolution.
- Tri R – meeting was cancelled and re-scheduled for February 13, 2013.
- 2012 Year End Building report was provided and reviewed.

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- Treasurer's report on council remuneration and expense for 2012 was reviewed and acknowledged by resolution.
- The Reeve regrets that he will be unable to participate in the Katrine Winter Karnival this year and that the township will not be providing a float.
- Council has agreed to tender for the groundskeeper again this year and staff have been directed to start this process.
- A new lock mailbox will be purchased for the front entrance at the municipal office.
- Staff was instructed to proceed with making arrangements for an annual inspection of the Doe Lake Park playground equipment.
- Armour lapel pins will be researched for costs and provided for consideration.
- A staff report was provided advising Council of the availability of an HRDC Federal Grant for programs for seniors and that applications are anticipated to be available Spring 2013.
- The Clerk-Administrator provided a staff report on the workshops that will be covered at the 75th AMCTO annual general meeting taking place in June 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from CNIB requesting a donation was supported by resolution.
- Letter from the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society requesting a donation was supported by resolution.
- Letter requesting council resolution for the Katrine Community Centre was supported.
- 2013 FONOM/MMAH Northeastern Municipal Conference invitation was reviewed.
- 2013 Town Hall Sessions provided by LAS/AMO invitation was reviewed.
- Personal Responsibilities as a Councillor workshop was presented to council for consideration.
- Forest Management Plan Open House invitation was provided.
- Invitation to participate in a meeting for the RCMP Musical Ride in Burk's Falls was provided, Councillor Blakelock will be attending.
- Information on Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGDs) was provided to council for review.
- OMERS governance review report release on Bicameral Board Structure was provided to council for review.
- Letter from Union Gas update on how they are helping to keep low-income families in Ontario warm was reviewed.
- Ontario Progressive Conservative Caucus released a paper on "Paths to Prosperity: Welfare to Work" on Social Assistance Transformation.
- News Release on Kathleen Wynne's Priority Summary was provided to council.
- Social Assistance Transformation in Ontario and the Next Steps was provided for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Council supported a resolution for the Burk's Falls and District Fire Committee to pursue options regarding a new fire hall.
- A letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing was provided to council updating the status on the recent submission of an Official Plan Amendment regarding secondary dwelling units.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Grant Thornton's Report to Council - Initial communication on audit planning was reviewed and supported by resolution.
- The Council Newsletter for the Spring of 2013 was supported by resolution.

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- Council reviewed the staff report regarding staff probationary end dates and supported resolutions relating to same.
- A Letter from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board was provided to council serving as notification of the honorariums and expenses for 2012.
- An update on Premier Wynne and the new Ontario Cabinet sworn in was reviewed
- List of correspondence received, not on agenda was reviewed.

CLOSED SESSION:

- resolution to move into closed session at 9:11 p.m.
- resolution to move out of closed session at 9:48 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 22, 2013, as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the closed meeting held on January 8, 2013, as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve Road Accounts Voucher #2-2013, in the amount of \$44,705.40 for payment, and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve General Accounts Voucher #2-2013, in the amount of \$ 156,409.41 for payment, and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve Tri R Waste Management Accounts Voucher #2-2013, in the amount of \$ 23,336.34 for payment, and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That leave be given to introduce a bill # 8-2013 to authorize the Township to enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources for the Province of Ontario Respecting Forest Fire Management Within the Township and to Adopt a Municipal Fire Management Plan. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That By-law # 8-2013 be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That By-law # 8-2013 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 12th day of February, 2013. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That leave be given to introduce a bill # 9-2013 to set the rate of speed on all municipal highways. Carried
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- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the 2013 Fire budget totalling \$387,330.00, Armour's share (46%) being \$178,171.80. A total of \$8,216.60 to be transferred into a fire reserve, Armour's portion being (46%) at \$3,779.64. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Remuneration paid to Council and Expensed for 2012. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby authorize a donation to CNIB in the amount of \$150.00, for 2013. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby authorize a donation to the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society in the amount of \$1,200.00, for 2013. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour recognize that a volunteer dinner is being held on March 4, 2013 and is considered to be a community event. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Pat Hayes, Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour hereby authorize the Burk's Falls and District Fire Committee to pursue options available regarding the purchase of land and construction of a new Fire Hall. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby acknowledge receipt of the Grant Thornton Report to council for the year ended December 31, 2012 and being received at the Township of Armour municipal office on January 30, 2013. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the 2013 Draft Spring Council Newsletter. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, Whereas Darrin Watt has successfully completed a one year probationary period.

Now therefore the Council of the Township of Armour confirm Darrin Watt to be a permanent employee and eligible for the employee benefit program.
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, Whereas Charlene Watt has successfully completed a three month probationary period.

Now therefore the Council of the Township of Armour confirm Charlene Watt to be a permanent employee and eligible for the employee benefit program. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 9:11 p.m. as per Section 239 (2)(c)(e) of *the Municipal Act*, acquisition or disposition of land, litigation or potential litigation. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move out of closed session at 9:48 p.m. Carried

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- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:50 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for March 12, 2013, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

REEVE

CLERK