

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - May 5th, 2015
KERNS MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Present: Reeve: Terry Phillips
Councillors: Stephen Aitchison, Dennis Jibb, Mark Lenover, Carter Seymour

Staff: Clerk-Treasurer: Michel Lachapelle
Roads Superintendent: Guy Godmaire

Others: Barry Phippen, Sylvie Fraser

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

1- Call meeting to order & Adoption of Agenda

2015-088 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of May 5th, 2015.
“CARRIED”

2015-089 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
“CARRIED”

2- Adoption of Minutes:

2015-090 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 7th, to discuss B01-2015-Kerns, Willard Severance.
“CARRIED”

2015-091 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 7th, 2015, as circulated.
“CARRIED”

3- Declaration of pecuniary interest

4- Delegations/Presentations

Barry Phippen made a presentation on a property that he would like to buy from a neighbour. He would like to have the Township to defer the construction of the road. He does not want to develop the land.

The Clerk will check with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to see if we can do a Lot addition when properties are in two different Municipalities.

5- Payments of Accounts - Vouchers No. 2015-04

2015-092 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Roads Voucher 2015-04 in the amount of \$ 13,646.11.
“CARRIED”

2015-093 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the General Administration Voucher 2015-04 in the amount of \$19,575.16.
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2015-094 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Fire Department Voucher 2015-04 in the amount of \$1,814.09.
“CARRIED”

6- Reports from Staff and Others

a- Roads

There were many frozen culverts which are now dropping and the frost is coming out. We are getting prices to finish the redecking of the Neil bridge. Pollard was the successful bidder for providing calcium as dust suppressant. There was a fire in the furnace which needs to be repaired. This will cost up to \$2,500 to fix and \$6,000 for a new one. It was decided to fix the furnace. The summer student was hired.

b- Fire

No fires this month.

c- Recreation

Mrs. Sylvie Fraser reported that FC Canada had funding available which we could apply for playground equipment. It has to be a Community base project. Need to replace the playground equipment such as the soccer nets, swings and slide. There was no funding allocated to Kerns for the last few years. Funding is available from \$5,000 to \$25,000, the maximum funding allocated in a year is \$25,000. She is proposing to fill out the application but it needs to be endorse by the municipality.

2015-095 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, submit an application to Farm Credit Canada under Agri Spirit, for funding to purchase playground equipment.
“CARRIED”

2015-096 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt and accept the following reports/minutes, and that it be filed:

- i) Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health - Minutes of March 4, 2015
 - ii) TeMAG - Minutes of April 11, 2015
 - iii) Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport - Minutes of April 16, 2015
- “CARRIED”

7- Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

- a- Lisa Thompson, MPP - Bill 66: *Great Lakes Protection Act*
- b- Township of Hilliard - Grant Allocation for the Costs of Employing a Drainage Superintendent
- c- Sylvia Jones, MPP - Bill 36, *Respecting Private Property Act*

2015-097 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support Sylvia Jones, MPP, private members Bill 36, *Respecting Private Property Act*.
“CARRIED”

8- Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a- Stewardship Ontario - Blue Box Recycling
- b- Ontario Provincial Police - Introduction of Citizen Self Reporting (CSR) Program

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- c- Ministry of Energy - Initial Offer of Hydro One Public Shares
- d- City of Temiskaming Shores - 4th Quarter POA for 2014 and 2015 Audited Treatments
- e- College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario - Council Award
- f- Ontario Provincial Police - 2014 Reconciled Policing costs & 2015 Billing Statement
- g- Huron Perth Landowners Association - Wind Leaseholders May Be on Hook for Billions

9- Other business:

- a- Surface Treatments vs Gravel
The Clerk and some members of Council attended the Miller Paving seminar on paving and surface treatment. It was a very informative session. A study was done in Minnesota in 2002, showing when it is adventurous to do surface treatment compared to gravel roads. The study indicates that when your Average Daily Traffic is more than 100, we should be planning for surface upgrades, such as surface treatment.
- b- Municipal 2015 Budget
A revised budget was presented to Council. The combine tax rate will be increased by 3% for the year 2015. If your property assessment increased in 2015, your municipal taxes might increase more than the 3%.

2015-098 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the 2015 Municipal Budget as presented by the Treasurer and that a By-law be drafted to set the tax rates.
“CARRIED”

- c- User Dump Fees
The Earth Committee will meet in the next month to discuss the possibility of setting user fees for the dump.

10- By-laws:

- a) **By-law No. 2015-13** By-law to provide for the adoption of Tax Rates
[three readings]

2015-099 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**

That **By-law No. 2015-13**, being a By-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2015, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2015-100 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That **By-law No. 2015-13**, being a by-law to to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2015, be read a third time and that the same be hereby engrossed in the By-law book.
“CARRIED”

- b) **By-law No. 2015-14** Road Users Agreement [three readings]

2015-101 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That **By-law No. 2015-14**, being a By-law to authorize a Road Users Agreement between Rural Energy Construction Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns, be received and read a first and second time.
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2015-102 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That **By-law No. 2015-14**, being a By-law to authorize a Road Users Agreement between Rural Energy Construction Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns, be read a third time and that the same be hereby engrossed in the By-law book.
“CARRIED”

11- Resolution to move to a closed session
a- None

12- Adjournment

2015-103 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 10:10 p.m. and will meet again on June 2nd, 2015 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Reeve

Clerk-Treasurer