

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - JULY 4th, 2017 KERNS MUNICIPAL HALL

Present: Reeve: Terry Phillips
Councillors: Dennis Jibb, Carter Seymour, Stephen Aitchison, Mark Lenover
Staff: Clerk-Treasurer: Michel Lachapelle
Staff: Guy Godmaire

Others: Don Fraser, Rachele and Jason Baker, Rachel and Clarence Neil

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

1- Call meeting to order & Adoption of Agenda

2017-121 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of July 4th, 2017.
“CARRIED”

2017-122 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
“CARRIED”

2- Adoption of Minutes:

2017-123 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of June 6th, 2017, as circulated.
“CARRIED”

3- Declaration of pecuniary interest

None

4- Delegations/Presentations

Mr. Don Fraser relayed to Council that he decided to pay the remaining of his Supplementary Taxes.

Mrs Rachele Baker was provided with the Engineer letter dated June 30, 2017, in regards to the Runnalls Drain and the septic tile bed. The Engineer is recommending that the Township pay 50% of cost to replace the septic tile bed as directed by the Timiskaming Health Unit. Mrs Baker does not agree with the Engineer's recommendation. She relayed that the septic system was working fine prior to the construction of the Runnalls Drain. The excess soil that was supposed to be hauled away was spread over her septic tile bed. The Council informed Mrs Baker that they will discuss this further at the end of the Council meeting and will make a decision.

Mrs Rachel Neill is speaking on behalf of recreation. This summer she is coaching baseball as usual and she is requesting the township with the following items:

- Garbage can to be emptied on a weekly basis
- To prepare the field prior to each game
- To install an extra garbage can on the property
- To supply toilet paper for the outhouse

Council agreed with Mrs Neill's request.

5- Payments of Accounts - Vouchers No. 2017-06

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2017-124 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Roads Voucher 2017-06 in the amount of \$ 8,962.57.
“CARRIED”

2017-125 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the General Administration Voucher 2017-06 in the amount of \$596.70.
“CARRIED”

2017-126 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Fire Department Voucher 2017-06 in the amount of \$74,454.91.
“CARRIED”

6- Reports from Staff and Others

a- Roads

Roads Superintendent reported that the road sides were cut last month. The lowest quote received for the culvert is \$15,048 from Armtec , the thickness is 3.5 mills (get it in 2 lengths)

b- Fire

No report

2017-127 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
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 April 26, 2017
ii) Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority - Minutes of April 20 and June 22, 2017 with Financial Report May 2017
iii) TeMag - Minutes of June 10, 2017
iv) Treasurer’s Report June 2017
“CARRIED”

7- Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

a- New Tecumseth - Ontario Carbon Tax

b- Township of James - User Fee for Hydro Poles

c- Municipality of Killarney - End to Payments Out of Court for Municipalities

d- College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario - Nomination of Outstanding Ontario Physician

e- Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal - Residential Rental Act

2017-128 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Municipality of New Tecumseth Resolution dated May 29, 2017 requesting the government of Ontario insist that all bills from Companies supplying products derived from carbon based fuels, including but not limited to, products such as natural gas, propane, hydro, gasoline and furnace oil, to Ontario residents show the carbon fee/tax on a separate line on invoices.
“CARRIED”

2017-129 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Township of James Resolution Number 08-17, dated June 14, 2017, re: Taxing Hydro Poles at a rate of \$100.00 per pole within each municipality.
“CARRIED”

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2017-130 **Moved:** Stephen Aitchison **Seconded:** Carter Seymour

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Municipality of Killarney Resolution 17-198 in appealing the Minister of Municipal Affairs to reconsider the proposed change to the Municipal Act, 2001 as a result of Bill 68 regarding tax registration procedures which would end payment out of court for municipalities.

“CARRIED”

2017-131 **Moved:** Carter Seymour **Seconded:** Dennis Jibb

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Resolution Number 2017-209, requesting the Ministry of Housing to halt the download of enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards proposed in Schedule 5 of Bill 7, in light of the significant fiscal challenge each municipality will face to provide this service to the public in a cost-effective manner.

“CARRIED”

8- Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a- Ministry of Municipal Affairs - Bill 68 the Modernizing Ontario’s Municipal Legislation Act
- b- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Proposal to Change Annual Fees and Royalties
- c- Community Living - Acknowledge Letter of Donation

9- Other business:

- a- Planner
The Clerk informed Council that our present Planner is retiring soon; we should be looking at a replacement.
- b- Runnalls Drainage Update

2017-132 **Moved:** Carter Seymour **Seconded:** Mark Lenover

WHEREAS in the fall of 2015, the Contractor started to construct the Runnalls Drain;

AND WHEREAS in 2016 more work was performed on the Runnalls Drain, such as fine grading on the north side of the newly constructed ditch, and to push excess soil from the Baker’s property to the West of the Drain;

AND WHEREAS in early May 2017, the Health Unit received a Sewage Smell Complaint from the Owner of Roll #5424 000001 08805;

AND WHEREAS on May 3rd, 2017 an inspection was conducted by the Health Unit, and the Inspector advised the Owner that the previous owner had installed a new tank in 2005 but they have no records of any septic tile bed on their property;

AND WHEREAS the Health Unit Inspector did smell sewage, and noticed a large amount of water lying on their property, he performed a dye test and informed the Owner that he will be back the next day to inspect again;

AND WHEREAS on May 4th, 2017 at 7:00 pm the Inspector noted that the water had receded on the property and he could see trenches on their property going West, and he noticed that fill was placed over the Westerly portion of the trenches;

AND WHEREAS the Health Unit Inspector advised the Owner of the property that they need a new Class 4 sewage system to solve their problem;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Kerns with the authorization of the Owner dug two test holes to locate the septic tile bed and to see the condition of the tiles they are in;

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AND WHEREAS the Township of Kerns did find two trenches and the tiles were filled with water;

AND WHEREAS the Owner of the property is requesting the Township to pay for the new septic tile bed, because the excess fill was layed on the westerly portion of the septic tile bed and by doing so the tiles were crushed;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby agree to contribute 50% towards the cost of installing a new septic tile bed, as recommended by our engineer, conditional to the owner signing a Final Release.

Councillor Aitchison requested a recorded vote.

RECORDED VOTE

	F	A		F	A
Councillor S. Aitchison		x	Councillor C. Seymour	x	
Councillor M. Lenover	x		Councillor D. Jibb	x	
Reeve T. Phillips	x		Total	4	1

“CARRIED”

c- Library

2017-133 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to get library services from the Temiskaming Shores Public Library, and authorize the clerk to sign the contract letter stating, that we agree to provide a matching contribution of the Provincial Library Grant for the year 2017.

“CARRIED”

10- By-laws:

a) None

11- Resolution to move to a closed session

a) None

12- Adjournment

2017-134 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 10:20 p.m. and will meet again on August 1st, 2017 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”

Reeve

Clerk-Treasurer