

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - December 6th, 2016

KERNS MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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

Other: Rachel & Clarence Neill, Don Fraser, Rachelle & Jason Baker

Regrets: Guy Godmaire

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

1- Call meeting to order & Adoption of Agenda

2016-181 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of December 6th, 2016.
“CARRIED”

2016-182 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as presented.
“CARRIED”

2- Adoption of Minutes:

2016-183 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 1st, 2016, as circulated.
“CARRIED”

3- Declaration of pecuniary interest

None

4- Delegations/Presentations

Mr. Don Fraser relayed to Council that he received a letter from our Auditor, showing the amount of taxes he owed to the Township. He said that he paid his taxes for the year 2016, the amount owing is supplementary taxes from 2014 to 2016 for omitted assessment on the tax roll. He is requesting Council to waive off the interest until it is all paid. Council will get more information on this issue before making a decision.

Mrs. Rachelle Baker address council in regards to the Runnalls Drain. She relayed to Council that water is still pooling in her back yard; she wants it fixed. Also, the drainage pipe from her house is under water, this could cause a problem. The slopes of the ditch is not graded 2 to 1. The bank is already eroding. The Engineer has agreed to attend a meeting on December 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Baker residence to discuss these issues and how to fix them.

5- Payments of Accounts - Vouchers No. 2016-11

2016-184 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Roads Voucher 2016-11 in the amount of \$76,674.02.
“CARRIED”

2016-185 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the General Administration Voucher 2016-11 in the amount of \$33,401.61.
“CARRIED”

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2016-186 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Fire Department Voucher 2016-11 in the amount of \$1,239.75.

“CARRIED”

6- Reports from Staff and Others

a- Roads

Roads Superintendent was away on vacation; therefore no road report.

b- Fire

No report.

c- Other

2016-187 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **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 October 5th, 2016

ii) Treasurer’s Report of November 30th, 2016

“CARRIED”

7- Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

a- Township of Armstrong- Temiskaming Drag and Fly Events

b- Township of Madawaska - Schedule 5 of Bill 7 - Download the enforcement of Residential Tenancy Standards to Municipalities

c- Municipality of Neebing - Schedule 5 of Bill 7 - Download the Enforcement of Residential Tenancy Standards to Municipalities

d- Paul Crombeen - Wilson Severance Proposal

2016-188 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Township of Armstrong Resolution No. 2016-236(A), authorizing the Temiskaming Drag and Fly to hold both the 1/4 mile drag race and the summer grass races in 2017.

“CARRIED”

2016-189 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the resolution 20-0711-16 from the Township of Madawaska Valley urging the Government of Ontario and 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”

2016-190 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the resolution C-291-2016 from the Township of Georgian Bay requesting the Province to re-evaluate the structure of hydro in terms of access and delivery and implement structural changes to address the unfair practice of charging more for delivery for rural residents.

“CARRIED”

2016-191 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby acknowledge receipt of Paul Crombeen letter dated November 30, 2016, in regards to Mr. Wilson proposed severance and that a copy be forwarded to the Township Planner for his comments and recommendation.

“CARRIED”

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8- Correspondence for Council's Information:

- a- Ontario Provincial Police - Reconciliation of Municipal Policing Costs
- b- Ministry of Finance - 2017 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocation
- c- Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing - Bill 68 - Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act
- d- Town of Blue Mountain - Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference
- e- TransCanada Pipelines - Emergency Response Agency Awareness
- f- Association of Municipalities of Ontario - 2015 Federal Gas Tax Annual Report
- g- Ombudsman Ontario - Annual Report
- h- Environmental & Land Tribunals Ontario - Assessment Review Board Fees

9- Other business:

- a- Payment Certificate No. 3 - Runnalls Drain

2016-192 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve the Progress Payment Certificate No. 3 dated December 9, 2016, as recommended by K. Smart Associates Limited for the Runnalls Drain.

“DEFEATED”

- b- Office Hours for Christmas

2016-193 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to close the Municipal Office over the Christmas Holidays, from Noon December 23, 2016 to re-open January 3rd, 2017. This resolution is conditional to the approval of the Townships of Casey, Hudson and Harley.

“CARRIED”

- c- Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority
The draft Airport Authority By-law and the participating Agreement was emailed to each municipality, to be reviewed. Any municipality can join the Airport Authority by signing the agreement. This agreement is for a one year period. In this period, The Earleton Temiskaming Regional Airport Authority (ETRAA) will develop a five year operational plan. And then ETRAA will draft another participating Agreement for a period of 5 years, with no possibility of opting out.
- d- Insurance Proposal
The Council directed the treasurer to prepare a schedule showing the difference in the two quotes received for next meeting.
- e- Regional Gathering in Temiskaming
The City of Temiskaming Shores, the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board and HCLink, are inviting municipalities to participate in a gathering called: Regional Gathering in Timiskaming - Changing our Destiny: Building a vision for all of our communities. The location of the gathering will be known shortly.

10- By-laws:

- a) None

11- Resolution to move to a closed session

- a) None

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12- Adjournment

2016-194 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adjourn the Regular
Council Meeting at 9:43 p.m. and will meet again on January 3rd, 2017 or at the call of
the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Reeve

Clerk-Treasurer