

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of March 2nd, 2021
Held at the Kerns Community Hall

Present: **Reeve:** Terry Phillips
 Councillors: Loren Runnalls
 Dennis Jibb
 Mark Lenover
 Carter Seymour
 Staff: Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer
 Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
 Krystle Seymour, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

Regrets: None

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda

2021-044 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of March 2nd, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.
 “CARRIED”

2021-045 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:

 Add: 9.c. Fuel Tender
 “CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

2021-046 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 2nd, 2021 as presented.
 “CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2021-02

Moved: Carter Seymour **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$46,629.35
Fire	\$926.03
Admin	\$20,199.15
Total Voucher 2021-02	<u>\$67,754.53</u>

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6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road’s Department Report

The Road Superintendent reports that he is looking for a replacement plow truck. Projects for this year currently include putting gravel on Maybrook Road.

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b. Fire's Department Report

The Fire Department is concerned about the potential for a water shortage. The Fire Department is looking into options to bury a container as a reserve. Fire Chief will keep council updated.

c. Others

i. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of January 22nd

ii. Timiskaming Helath Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of February 12th

2021-048 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**

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

a. Road's Department Report

b. Fire's Department Report

c. Others

i. Temiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of January 22nd, 2021

ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meeting – Minutes of February 12th, 2021

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Township Of Apshodel-Norwood – Community Safety & Well-Being Extension Request

2021-049 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Mark Lenover**

WHEREAS the Police Services Act, 1990, was amended on January 1st, 2019 to mandate every municipality in Ontario to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 to assist municipal governments and local boards and during the COVID 19 emergency; and

WHEREAS the protective measures municipalities have put in place to protect their communities, Councillors, and staff members include eliminating face-to-face meetings, closing municipal offices, and directing staff to work from home; and

WHEREAS Bill 189, Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020 was passed to amend various acts to support municipal, policing, and community partners during the pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that while these measures are imperative and necessary, they impose undue hardship on municipalities to meet provincial deadlines such as the completion and adoption of a Community Safety & Well-Being (CSWB) Plan prior to July 1st, 2021. The Council of the Township of Kerns' calls upon the Solicitor General to review the imposed deadline for municipalities to complete and adopt a Community Safety & Well Being (CSWB) Plan in consultation with local governments to address the unique challenges facing individual regions.

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b. Statistic Canada – 2021 Census

2021-050 **Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Kerns supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca as accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.
“CARRIED”

c. Township of Guelph/Eramosa – Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA Legislation

2021-051 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby support the Township of Guelph/Eramosas resolution requestin the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services review the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection aof Privacy Act (MFIPPA), and consider the following recommendations:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold of frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized; and
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

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d. County of Perth – Significant Negative Impacts of Current value Assement

No Action Taken

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8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

- a. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – 2+1 Highways
- b. Temiskaming Health Unit – 5% increase to Municipal Levy
- c. Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry – Draft Spruce Budworm Insect Pest Management
- d. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority – 2020 Donation Letter
- e. District Shool Board Ontario North East – Community Planning and Partnership Policy
- f. District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board – 2021 Budget

9. Other Business:

- a. Little Claybelt Homestead Museum – Donation Request

2021-052 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum's letter dated January 28th; and

Direct municipal staff to donate \$200 to help preserve and collect local stories, photographs and artifacts.

“CARRIED”

- b. Farm 911 The Emily Project

Council of the Township of Kerns supports the Farm 911 The Emily Project and permits all property owners within the Township of Kerns to purchase and install at their own cost, one 911 number at one main entrance on vacant lots such as farmland. The entrance with a 911 number is to be properly maintained by the owner to allow emergency response vehicles access to the property.

- c. Fuel Tender

Council of the Township of Kerns directed municipal staff to issue a joint request for quote conditional on the approval of the Township of Harley, Township of Hudson, and Township of Casey for the continuous supply of gasoline and diesel for a 36-month period.

10. By-Laws

- a. **By-Law 2021-05** Being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2021
[three readings]

2021-053 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That By-Law No. 2021-05, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2021, be received and read a first and second time.

“CARRIED”

2021-054 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That By-Law No. 2021-05, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2021, be read a third time and the same engrossed in the by-law book.

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11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

- a. None

12. Adjournment:

2021-055 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:30 pm and will meet again on April 6th, 2021 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Terry Phillips, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer