

**TOWNSHIP OF KERNS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Held at the Kerns Community Hall**

**Present:**           **Reeve:** Terry Phillips  
                          **Councillors:** Carter Seymour, Loren Runnalls, Mark Lenover, Dennis Jibb  
                          **Clerk-Treasurer:** Jordan Kemp  
                          **Road Superintendent:** Guy Godmaire (Left at 8:30 p.m.)

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

**1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda**

2020-001 **Moved:**     **Carter Seymour**     **Seconded:**   **Dennis Jibb**  
                          That we the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:00p.m.  
                          “CARRIED”

2020-002 **Moved:**     **Carter Seymour**     **Seconded:**   **Loran Runnalls**  
                          That we the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.  
                          “CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

2020-003 **Moved:**     **Mark Lenover**     **Seconded:**   **Dennis Jibb**  
                          That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, as circulated.  
                          “CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations**

None

**5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2019-12**

2020-004 **Moved:**     **Dennis Jibb**           **Seconded:**   **Loren Runnalls**  
                          That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve the Payment of Accounts as presented:

Roads	\$ 29,968.57
Fire	\$ 16,899.72
Admin	\$ <u>92,582.63</u>
Total Voucher 2019-12	\$ 139,450.92

“CARRIED”

**6. Reports from Staff and Others**

a. Roads

The Road Superintendent reported that Truck 4 needed a new valve. Shaba Test Services Ltd. has completed soil testing at Murphy’s Bridge for the Murphy Bridge Replacement Project. The Road Superintendent had to re-open the road to Murphy’s Bridge to grant Shaba Test Services Ltd.’s drill access to the location, however it is again closed for the remainder of the winter. The Road Superintendent informed council that the Tri Town Sno Travellers and Club Echo continue to route their trail across Max’s Bridge. Traffic from the snowmobiles have already begun damaging the new wood decking. Council has directed the Municipal Office to issue the Tri Town Sno Travellers and Club Echo a letter indicating that this will be the last year Max’s Bridge can be used for their trail and that the snow bridge should be constructed as soon as possible to avoid further damage.

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b. Fire Department

The Fire Chief reported that we have 3 new firemen (Brandon Tuinema, Zach Manners and Bob Ball). The Fire Chief has approved travel expenses for several firemen involved in picking up the two new Fire Trucks from St. Clair Township, as well as the costs of repairs and the towing fees due to mechanical problems with delivering one of the trucks. Uniforms have been cleaned. There was a snowmobile fire on New Year's Day on the trail behind the Kerns' Cemetery. The Fire Department has also done general clean up in the firehall with several items needing to be disposed of at the Hudson Landfill.

c. Others:

- i. None

**7. Correspondence for Council Consideration:**

- a- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Building Code Authority

No action taken

- b- Association of Municipalities of Ontario – Blue Box Program, Dec 18, 2019

No action taken

- c- Dr. Sara Epp, University of Guelph – Overcoming Agricultural Barriers in Northern Ontario

No action taken

- d- Township of Larder Lake – NEONET, Nov 26, 2019

2020-005 **Moved: Loren Runnalls**      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Township of Larder Lake's Resolution No. 24 to request that NEONET apply for additional funding to continue their Northern Ontario Residential Broadband Project.

“CARRIED”

**8. Correspondence for Council's Information:**

- a- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – ICIP Transfer Agreement
- b- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – More Homes, More Choices Act
- c- City of Temiskaming Shores – Community Safety and Well-Being Plan
- d- Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines – Natural Gas
- e- Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – Levy Increase
- f- Timiskaming Health Unit – Reserve Refund
- g- Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport – Donation
- h- Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee – Annual General Meeting

**9. Other Business:**

- a- Municipal Insurance Renewal Proposal 2020

2020-006 **Moved: Dennis Jibb**      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the quotation in the amount of \$21,075 plus applicable taxes from Municipal Insurance Services Ltd. regarding municipal insurance for 2020.

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b- Association of Municipalities Ontario Membership Renewal

Council has chosen not to join the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

c- Temiskaming Veterinary Services Membership

2020-007 **Moved: Carter Seymour      Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to renew its membership to the Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee for the amount of \$225.00

“CARRIED”

d- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Membership Fee 2020-2021

Council has chosen not to join the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

e- Temiskaming Shores Library Agreement

2020-008 **Moved: Mark Lenover      Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to enter into an agreement with the City of Temiskaming Shores’ Library under the term and conditions as presented by their board on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 given the following addition conditions:

- 2 year agreement instead of 5 years

“CARRIED”

**10. By-Laws**

a- By-law No. 2020-01      By-law to authorize a transfer payment agreement under the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program Rural and Northern Stream with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns [*three readings*]

2020-009 **Moved: Loren Runnalls      Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That **By-Law No. 2020-01**, being a By-law to authorize a Transfer Payment Agreement under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Rural and Northern Stream with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns, be received and read a first and second time.

“CARRIED”

2020-010 **Moved: Mark Lenover      Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That **By-Law No. 2020-01**, being a By-law to authorize a Transfer Payment Agreement under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Rural and Northern Stream with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the By-Law Book.

“CARRIED”

b- By-law No 2020-02      By-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 [*three readings*]

2020-011 **Moved: Dennis Jibb      Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That **By-Law No. 2020-02**, being a By-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, be received and read a first and second time.

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2020-012 **Moved: Loren Runnalls      Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
That **By-Law No. 2020-02**, being a By-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2029, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the By-Law Book.  
“CARRIED”

c- By-law No. 2020-03      By-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy for the year 2020 [*three reading*]

2020-013 **Moved: Loren Runnalls      Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That **By-Law No. 2020-03**, being a By-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy for the Year 2020, be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2020-014 **Moved: Mark Lenover      Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That **By-Law No. 2020-03**, being a By-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy for the Year 2020, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the By-Law Book.  
“CARRIED”

**11. Resolution to move to closed session:**

a- None

**12. Adjournment:**

2020-015 **Moved: Dennis Jibb      Seconded: Loren Runnalls**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby; adjourn at 9:17 p.m. and will meet again on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 or at the call of the Reeve.  
“CARRIED”

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Terry Phillips, Reeve

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Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer