

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of February 4th, 2020
Held at the Kerns Community Hall

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

Regrets: **Councillor:** Mark Lenover

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda

2020-016 **Moved:** **Loren Runnalls** **Seconded:** **Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 4th, 2020 at 8:00p.m.
“CARRIED”

2020-017 **Moved:** **Loren Runnalls** **Seconded:** **Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

2020-018 **Moved:** **Carter Seymour** **Seconded:** **Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 7th, 2020 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Seymour declared pecuniary interest in agenda item 9. d. Livestock Evaluator. A Declaration of Pecuniary Interest Form will be filed along with the minutes of the meeting.

4. Delegations

None

5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2020-01

2020-019 **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	\$ 23,449.73
Fire	\$ 9,276.03
Admin	<u>\$ 44,380.88</u>
Total Voucher 2020-01	\$ 77,106.64

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff and Others

a. Roads

The Road Superintendent reported that regular winter maintenance has continued for the month. Max’s Bridge is still being used by the Skidoo Club. Work has been done on the steamer, which may require new burners. Warranty is up on the new John Deere grader and the township did not purchase extended warranty given a substantial increase in price from the original quote. Snow continues to be pushed across the roads by residents.

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b. Fire Department

There was 1 house fire during the month. The fire department requests that office staff send a Thank-you letter to St. Clair Township for the recently purchased fire trucks. Kerns Fire Department also requests that the office contacts St. Clair Township to obtain manuals for the new fire trucks, as well as notify their fire chief that Kerns will be looking to purchase a rescue van in the near future.

c. Others:

- i. Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority Meeting
November 21, 2019

2020-020 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

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. Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority Meeting
November 21, 2019

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council Consideration:

- a- City of Sarnia – Ontario Power Generation’s Deep Geologic Repository Project

No action taken

- b- Township of McGarry – Delegated Administrative Authority

No action taken

- c- Rainy River District Municipal Association – Equitable Property Taxation Revenue on Railway Right-of-Way

2020-021 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support Rainy District Association’s resolution to address fair and equitable property taxation revenue on Railway Right-of-Way collected by municipalities in Ontario.

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a- Ministry of Infrastructure – Formula-Based funding Allocation Notice
b- Ontario Provincial Police – News Bulletin
c- Stewardship Ontario – Blue Box Recycling 3rd quarter 2019

9. Other Business:

- a- Statement of remuneration and expenses

2020-022 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for amount paid to each Member of Council for the Year 2019, as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer.

“CARRIED”

- b- Crushing requirements for 2020-21

2020-023 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to enter into a joint tender for the crushing of gravel, to be managed by the Township of Hudson, and will contribute \$35,000 towards the total tender amount under the condition of receiving the same value in gravel.

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c- Insurance for Fire Trucks

The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that the cost to maintain full insurance on the two fire trucks removed from service is only \$239 for the 2020 insurance policy. Insurance will remain on the fire trucks until they’re sold in the spring.

d- Jennifer Seymour – Livestock Evaluator

2020-024 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to appoint Jennifer Seymour as the municipal Livestock Evaluator subject to the guidelines outlined in the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program and to be compensated as follows:

\$50/livestock inspection

\$0.50/km

“CARRIED”

Councillor Seymour declared Pecuniary Interest on this item and did not vote.

e- Bridge Reports From K. Smart Associates

2020-025 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the November 2019 structure Inspection Appraisal Report as prepared by K. Smart Associates Limited and that a copy be forwarded to the Road Superintendent.

“CARRIED”

f- OGRA 2020

2020-026 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, authorize the Clerk to attend the Ontario Good Roads Conference in Toronto on February 23rd to February 26th, 2020 and that the cost be shared equally with the township involved.

“CARRIED”

g- Max’s Bridge

The Clerk-Treasurer informed council that the municipal office received an email from the Tri-Town Sno-Travellers and Club Echo indicating that the club is working on either relocating the trail to avoid crossing Max’s bridge or constructing a snow bridge. They expect to be off Max’s Bridge by February 8th, 2020.

h- Modernization Grant

The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that the township’s joint Modernization application with the townships of Casey, Harley, and Hudson was successful for a total of \$46,000. The office expects to receive an official agreement in the following months.

10. By-Laws

a- By-law No. 2020-04 By-law to authorize a Library Agreement with the City of Temiskaming Shores. *[three readings]*

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2020-027 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That **By-Law No. 2020-04**, being a By-law to authorize a library agreement with the Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2020-028 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2020-04**, being a By-law to authorize a library agreement with The Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board 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”

11. Resolution to move to closed session:

a- None

12. Adjournment:

2020-029 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby; adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:10 p.m. and will meet again on March 3rd, 2020 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Terry Phillips, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer