

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of May 5th, 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
 Consultant: Michel Lachapelle

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda

2020-056 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of May 5th, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2020-057 **Moved:** **Carter Seymour** **Seconded:** **Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

2020-058 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 7th, 2020 as amended.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations

None

5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2020-04

2020-059 **Moved:** **Carter Seymour** **Seconded:** **Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve the Payment of Accounts as presented:

Roads	\$ 13,384.98
Fire	\$ 796.41
Admin	\$ 16,698.78
Total Voucher 2020-04	\$ 30,880.17

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff and Others

a. Roads

The Road Superintendent reported that there was a washout on McCool Rd that needs limestone later this summer. Gilbertson should start crushing next week. The Roads Department will start washing bridges. Sweeping of intersections are done. There are some small driveway culverts that need to be changed. The Township received several resumes for summer students. The Grader is fixed. The spring melt went well this year and there was no damage. Resident on Highland is having water problems during the spring. Road Superintendent will quote the work that needs to be done and work with the resident. Aluminum rims for the plow truck will cost roughly \$4,700, however the Road Superintendent will wait to purchase until a decision is made on a replacement truck.

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- b. Fire Department
There were no calls this month, and the department received 60 masks from the Fire Marshall.
- c. Others:
 - i. COVID-19 Update

Clerk-Treasurer reported that the municipal office remains closed to the public and that staff are still rotating in two shifts. All public municipal facilities remain closed as are parks and playgrounds. Signs have been installed on the day the provincial order was announced/effective.

2020-060 **Moved: Mark Lenover 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 along with the minutes of the regular meeting:

- a) Road Department Report
 - b) Fire Department Report
 - c) Others
 - i. COVID-19 Update
- “CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council Consideration:

- a. Town of Grimsby – Suspend Time-of-Use Electricity Billing

2020-061 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Town of Grimsby’s resolution as presented, requesting the Ontario Energy Board suspend time-of-use electricity billing to support lower electricity bills for residents and business until such time that the COVID-19 outbreak has been contained; and,

That this resolution be forwarded to:

- Premier Doug Ford
 - MPP
 - Ontario Energy Board
 - Town of Grimsby
- “CARRIED”

- b. Township of Mapleton – Farm Property Class Tax Rate

No action taken

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a. Timiskaming District Health Unit – Municipal Minutes April 17th
- b. Timiskaming District Health Unit – Municipal Minutes April 14th
- c. Timiskaming District Health Unit – Municipal Minutes April 21st
- d. Timiskaming District Health Unit – Media Release April 17th
- e. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Planning Act Extensions COVID-19
- f. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Staff Redeployment April 16th
- g. Solicitor General – Community Safety & Well Being Plan Extension April 24th

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9. Other Business:

- a- Municipal Tax Options for 2020

Michel Lachapelle reviewed three (3) tax options with council which are to be filed along with the minutes. Council directed the municipal office to calculate a new tax rate that is between option (1) one (\$75,000 reserve) and option (2) two (\$110,363) for a total reserve of \$90,000.

- b- Golder Road Condition Assessment

2020-062 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Golder Associate's Road Condition Assessment dated February 11th, 2020 and that it be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

“CARRIED”

- c- Murphy Bridge – Update

The Clerk-Treasurer informed council that the office has received tender documents and drawings from K.Smart Associates regarding the design of Murphy Bridge and that a request for a quote regarding will be released to contractors this month.

10. By-Laws

- a- By-law No. 2020-08 Being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Township of Kerns and the Township of Hudson for supplying the crushing of aggregate, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book. [*three readings*]

2020-063 **Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That **By-law No. 2020-08**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Township of Kerns and the Township of Hudson for supplying the crushing of aggregate, be received and read a first and second time.

“CARRIED”

2020-064 **Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That **By-law No. 2020-05**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Township of Kerns and the Township of Hudson for supplying the crushing of aggregate 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:

2020-065 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Mark Lenover**

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 June 2nd, 2020 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”

Terry Phillips, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer