

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of MAY 2ND, 2023
Held at the Kerns Community Hall

Present: **Reeve:** Terry Phillips
 Councillors: Loren Runnalls
 Dennis Jibb
 Mark Lenover
 Carter Seymour
 Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
 Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2023-055 **Moved:** **Mark Lenover** **Seconded:** **Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of May 2nd, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2023-056 **Moved:** **Loren Runnalls** **Seconded:** **Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as presented:
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes:

a. Regular Meeting of April 4th, 2023

2023-057 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 ▪ Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 4th, 2023 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations:

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2023-04

2023-058 **Moved:** **Loren Runnalls** **Seconded:** **Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$89,973.15
Fire	\$3,418.39
Admin	\$27,661.14
Total Voucher 2023-04	\$121,052.68

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6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Road's Department Report

The Roads Superintendent reports that the new backhoe is working well and that some adjustments are required to the ditching bucket. April was a very busy month with weather events including both snow removal and heavy rainfall. There were two major culvert washouts, one on Pipeline Road and the second on McCool Road. Culverts have been ordered from Hubble and Sons. The Superintendent has also contacted Pollard Distribution to arrange for calcium for the upcoming summer season. The Road Superintendent attended the OGRA Conference in Toronto and minimum maintenance standards are up for review with the Ministry. He met with Holly Transportation and have made arrangements to meet with municipal staff to discuss options for possible PTO tax recovery on qualifying equipment. A summer student has been hired and started May 1st.

b. Fire's Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that they respond to a chimney fire in Henwood Township. The Clerk-Treasurer and the Fire Chief also had a meeting with the OFM to discuss the denied claims from previously attended Kenabeek calls. The OFM has agreed to reimburse the Fire Department for those calls. The Fire Chief also reports that the fire trucks are scheduled for their annual safeties and SPI will be coming to inspect their SCBA gear.

c. Others

i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – March 2023

ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport – February 2023

2023-059 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
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. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – March 2023
 - ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport – February 2023

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Town of Essex – Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales Legislation Reinstatement

2023-060 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Town of Essex's resolution regarding re-instating previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Essex.
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- b. 2023 – Paramedics Services Week Proclamation**
No Action
- c. Town of Grimsby – Changes to the Municipal Heritage Register**
No Action
- d. Municipality of Trent Lakes – Oath of Office**
No Action
- e. Township of Puslinch – Road Side Litter on Highway 401**
No Action

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – New Provincial Planning Statement**
- b. MNRF – Inspection of Approved Insect Pest Management Program**
- c. Armstrong Township Public Library – Spring 2023 Newsletter**

9. Other Business:

- a. MEMO – 23-005 – Municipal Budget 2023**

2023-061 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of three proposed levy options with corresponding budget for the fiscal year 2023 as prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer; and

That council direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare a by-law given Levy Option # 3 to be presented for Council’s consideration at the Regular Meeting of May 2nd, 2023.
“CARRIED”

- b. District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board – 2023 Budget**

2023-062 **c. Backhoe Surplus**
Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Denis Jibb
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge the Road Superintendents verbal report regarding the 1995 John Deere Backhoe Loader; and

That Council do hereby agree to surplus the 1995 John Deere Backhoe Loader, with a product identification number of T0310DB796463; and

That Council do herby authorize municipal staff to sell such equipment.
“CARRIED”

- d. Drainage – Highland Road**

2023-063 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge the Road Superintendent’s verbal report regarding drainage on Highland Road; and

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Direct the Road Superintendent to arrange with the property owner to clean the ditches at the land owner's expense, at a time of year agreeable with the Road Superintendent.
"CARRIED"

10. By-Laws:

- a. **By-Law 2023-08** Being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2023
[three readings]

2023-064 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2023-08**, being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty in default of payment thereof for 2023, be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"

2023-065 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That **By-Law No. 2023-08**, being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty in default of payment thereof for 2023 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:

2023-066 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:29 pm and will meet again on June 6th, 2023 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"



Terry Phillips, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer