

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of NOVEMBER 7TH, 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
 Allison Doyon, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer
 Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda

2023-127 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of November 7th, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2023-128 **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 October 3rd, 2023.

2023-129 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 • Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 3rd, 2023 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Lenover declared a direct conflict of interest on the following item:
11. a. Fire Department – Officer Budget as he is the Kerns Fire Department Fire Chief.

4. Delegations:

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2023-10

2023-130 **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	\$86,947.75
Fire	\$659.44
General Administration	\$19,656.70
Total Voucher 2023-10	<u>\$107,263.89</u>

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6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road's Department Report

The Roads Superintendent reports that the missing street signs have been replaced and installed. Quotes for winter sand/salt were requested.

Connors 8.00/yrd

Miron 9.98/yrd

Connors quote was accepted and approximately 300-350yds of sand/salt was delivered to the salt shed for the upcoming winter season. The plow truck will be in North Bay tomorrow for a service on an emissions recall. While there, the clutch and steering wheel will be adjusted as necessary. It should be back in service by end of day tomorrow. The culvert below the Kerns ball field was obstructed due to a nuisance beaver. The beaver was trapped and the obstruction will be cleared shortly. Water levels have reduced since then.

b. Fire's Department Report

The Fire Chief reports no calls this past month. Dalton Potter has retired from the volunteer Fire Department and a new member has recently joined the team.

c. Others

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

ii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Meeting Minutes September 6th, 2023

iii. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport – Minutes May 2023 & Manager's Reports & Financials May-August 2023

iv. Treasurer's Report October 2023

2023-131 **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. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – September 2023

ii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Meeting Minutes September 6th, 2023

iii. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport – Minutes May 2023 & Manager's Reports & Financials May-August 2023

iv. Treasurer's Report October 2023

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. City of Waterloo – Bill 21 – Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act

2023-132 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Corporation of the City of Waterloo's correspondence regarding support for Bill 21 – Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Corporation of the City of Waterloo.

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b. Timiskaming Health Unit – Municipal Expense Allocation Method

2023-133 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Timiskaming Health Unit’s correspondence regarding a proposed change to the Municipal expense allocation method; and

Support the Timiskaming Health Unit’s motion recommending that a move to census-based allocation for board of health expenditures be adopted effective January 1st, 2024; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Timiskaming Health Unit.

“DEFEATED”

c. Municipality of Bluewater – Childcare availability in Ontario

2023-134 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Municipality of Bluewater’s correspondence regarding childcare availability in Ontario that lists action items to address and improve childcare availability in Ontario; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Corporation of the Municipality of Bluewater.

“CARRIED”

d. Town of Cobourg – Illegal Land Use Enforcement

No Action

e. Township of McKellar – Call for Amendment to the Legislation Act

2023-135 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Township of McKellar’s resolution calling on the Provincial government to make an amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006 to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of McKellar.

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

None

9. Other Business:

a. MEMO-23-009 – Emergency Response Plan – Annual Table Top Exercise

2023-136 **Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of MEMO-23-009; and

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Agree to schedule the Township of Kerns' annual table top emergency meeting at the Earlton Arena on November 15th, 2023 for the following attendees:

- Terry Phillips, Reeve
- Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
- Mark Lenover, Fire Chief
- Krystle Seymour, CEMC
- Allison Doyon, Alternate CEMC
- Melanie Woods, Municipal Staff

“CARRIED”

b. MEMO-23-010 – Emergency Control Group & Admin Shared Services Agreement

2023-137 **Moved: Loren Runnals** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to schedule the Township of Kerns's annual Emergency Control Group meeting and bi-annual Shared Administrative meeting with representatives from the Township of Harley, Township of Hudson and Township of Casey for Thursday, December 14th, at 12:00 p.m., to be attended by Terry Phillips, Reeve.

“CARRIED”

c. MEMO-23-011 – Flooding Concern – Binkley

2023-138 **Moved: Loren Runnals** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of MEMO-23-011 regarding a residents flooding concern on private property; and

Direct municipal staff to notify the resident that the township has no jurisdiction on private property.

“CARRIED”

d. TMSA – Planning Services

2023-139 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of correspondence from the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association (TMSA) regarding the addition of a planner to the TMSA's list of shared services; and

Agree to participate in shared planning services with the TMSA; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the TMSA.

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**e. K. Smart & Associates Limited – 2023 Structure Inspection
Appraisal Report**

2023-140 **Moved:** **Mark Lenover** **Seconded:** **Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of K. Smart & Associates Limited’s 2023 Structure Inspection Appraisal Report dated October 2023 which is to be filed with the minutes of the Regular Meeting; and

Acknowledge the Road Superintendent’s summary regarding K. Smart & Associates Limited’s observations and recommendations for each structure.
“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws

None

Councillor Lenover left the meeting at 9:03pm.

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

a. Fire Department – Officer Budget

2023-141 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby agree to enter closed session at 9:05 pm to discuss the following item:

11. a. Employee Negotiations – Fire Officers’ Salary Budget

“CARRIED”

2023-142 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby agree to arise from closed session at 9:16 pm; and

Accept the verbal report given by Dennis Jibb, Deputy Fire Chief, regarding the Fire Chief’s yearly salary.

“CARRIED”


12. Adjournment:

2023-143 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:21 pm and will meet again on December 5th, 2023 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”



Terry Phillips, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer