Held at the Kerns Community Hall

Present: Councillors: Loren Runnalls

Dennis Jibb Mark Lenover Carter Seymour

Staff:

Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer

Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent

Others: Reeve: Bill Ramsay

Regrets:

Terry Phillips

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda

2024-001 Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular

Meeting of Council of January 2nd, 2024 at 7:30 pm and

Appoint Councillor Mark Lenover to chair the Regular Meeting in absence of

Reeve Terry Phillips.

"CARRIED"

2024-002 Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls

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 December 5th, 2023

2024-003 Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following

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a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December $5^{\rm th}$, 2023 as presented.

presente

"CARRIED"

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations:

a. Bill Ramsay – Elk Lake to Earlton Railway Right of Way [no item]
Bill Ramsay from the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Snotravellers
Trail presented to Council regarding some funding they received to make
repairs to the ONR owned bridge near Elk Lake on the skidoo trail. The
trail runs on the old railway bed (currently owned by the ONR) from
Earlton to just outside of Elk Lake. The funding would allow the club to
make necessary repairs to the bridge decking which spans roughly 400ft.
Bill provided Council with a map showing a section of trail near Kerns
Township and outlined a proposal the club has in regards to purchasing
the entire trail from the ONR. The skidoo club is proposing that a
corporation be set up and purchase the PINS all along the railway bed so
that they have better control of this asset. The Corporation would be
represented by the local communities and municipalities that have trails
running through them. Bill will provide Council with further updates

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once more information is received and more answers are known in regards to questions such as liability.

2024-004 Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Loren Runnalls

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge the presentation by Bill Ramsay of the Snowmobile Club, in regards to the recreation trail that runs from Elk Lake to Earlton, specifically the railway right of way.

"CARRIED"

5. Payment of Accounts - Voucher No. 2023-12

2024-005 **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 | \$14,248.55 |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Fire | \$11,137.12 |
| Admin | \$72,245.11 |
| Total Voucher 2023-12 | \$97,630.78 |
| "CARRIED" | |

6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road's Department Report

The Roads Superintendent reports that a new sign and gate was installed at the Wabi Pit and the boundary markers will be done shortly. The Superintendent would like to do some work back at the pit to make it more accessible should Council want to use it in the future for crushing aggregate. Staff are currently fabricating marker pins for the new cemetery section. The Superintendent received a request to put a sign on Uno Park Road indicating a steep curved hill. He will look into his sign inventory but can not install new signage till the spring.

b. Fire's Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that no calls were received. The Fire Department did some electronic waste pick ups in Elk Lake.

c. Others

i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report - November 2023

2024-006 Moved: Dennis Jibb 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 November 2023 "CARRIED"

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7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Township of Clearview – Cemetery Administration Management Support

2024-007 **Moved:** Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the
Township of Clearview's request for the Province of Ontario to;

Amend the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province through the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO), identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned; and

Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries; and

Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and

Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that be offered at an affordable cost; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Clearview.
"CARRIED"

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

a. Memo-24-001 – THU Municipal Expense Allocation Method Confirmation

9. Other Business:

a. Memo-24-002 - Council Meeting Time Amendment

2024-008 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Loren Runnalls**That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo-24-002 regarding the change to the Council Meeting Time; and

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare and present the necessary by-law to amend By-Law 2020-05 for Council's consideration at the Regular Meeting of January 2nd, 2024. "CARRIED"

b. Memo-24-003 - Blue Box Transition

2024-009 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Loren Runnalls**That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo-24-003 regarding the Blue Box Transition; and

Agree to attend Belinda Beairsto's presentation on the Blue Box Transition on February 7th, 2024 at the Hudson Council Meeting; and

Agree to defer a decision until more information is received. "CARRIED"

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c. 2023 Earlton-Timiskaming Airport Donation [no item]

2024-010 Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Dennis Jibb

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, direct municipal staff to issue a donation to the Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2023 fiscal year.

"CARRIED"

10. By-Laws

a. By-Law 2024-01

Being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date [three readings]

Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Carter Seymour
That By-Law No. 2024-01, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes of any installment by the due date be received and read a first and second time.

"CARRIED"

Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Dennis Jibb

That By-Law No. 2024-01, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes of any installment by the due date by-law to be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.

"CARRIED"

b. By-Law 2024-02 Being a by-law to being a by-law of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2024 [three readings]

Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls
That By-Law No. 2024-02, being a by-law to being a by-law of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2024 be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"

Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Dennis Jibb

That By-Law No. 2024-02, being a by-law to being a by-law of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2024 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book. "CARRIED"

c. By-Law 2024-03

Being a by-law to amend By-Law 2022-02, being a by-law to authorize the extension of the agreement made the 1st day of January, 2000 with the Corporation of the Township of Harley for receiving Road Superintendent Services

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[three readings]

- Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Carter Seymour

 That By-Law No. 2024-03, being a by-law to amend By-Law 2022-02, being a by-law to authorize the extension of the agreement made the 1st day of January, 2000 with the Corporation of the Township of Harley for receiving Road Superintendent Services be received and read a first and second time. "CARRIED"
- Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Carter Seymour
 That By-Law No. 2024-03, being a by-law to amend By-Law 2022-02, being a by-law to authorize the extension of the agreement made the 1st day of January, 2000 with the Corporation of the Township of Harley for receiving Road Superintendent Services be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.

 "CARRIED"
 - d. By-Law 2024-04 Being a by-law to amend the Corporation of the Township of Kerns' By-Law 2020-05 to govern the proceedings of council, the conduct of its members and the calling of meetings No. 927 Municipal Act Provisions

 [three readings]
- 2024-017 Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Denis Jibb

 That By-Law No. 2024-04, being a by-law to to amend the Corporation of the Township of Kerns' By-Law 2020-05 to govern the proceedings of council, the conduct of its members and the calling of meetings No. 927 Municipal Act Provisions be received and read a first and second time.

 "CARRIED"
- Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnals
 That By-Law No. 2024-04, being a by-law to to amend the Corporation of the
 Township of Kerns' By-Law 2020-05 to govern the proceedings of council,
 the conduct of its members and the calling of meetings No. 927 Municipal
 Act Provisions be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the bylaw book.
 "CARRIED"
 - e. By-Law 2024-05

 Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Township of Harley for Shared Administrative Services

 [three readings]
- Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour

 That By-Law No. 2024-05, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Township of Harley for Shared Administrative Services be received and read a first and second time.

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2024-020 Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Dennis Jibb

That By-Law No. 2024-05, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Township of Harley for Shared Administrative Services be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.

"CARRIED"

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

None

12. Adjournment:

2024-021 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Loren Runnalls**That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:15 pm and will meet again on February 6th, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"

Terry Phillips, Reeve

Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer