

**TOWNSHIP OF KERNS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**  
**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 (electronic participation)  
                  **Others:**     Justin Martin, Craig Martin, Ray Martin  
                  **Regrets:**    None

**1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda**

2024-022     **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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.  
                  “CARRIED”

2024-023     **Moved:**    Dennis Jibb                            **Seconded:**   Mark Lenover  
                  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 January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

2024-024     **Moved:**    Mark Lenover                           **Seconded:**   Dennis Jibb  
                  That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:  
                                  a. Regular Meeting of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 as presented.  
                  “CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

                  None

**4. Delegations:**

                  a. **Justin Martin – School Building Proposal**

                  Mr. Martin addressed council with their desire and need to build a private school for their children. They currently have a private school in another Township that is going to be full in about two to three years time. They are inquiring if there is any property within Kerns that they could build a new school on. They would need approximately 3 acres. The Clerk-Treasurer reached out to the planner for comment prior to the meeting and she provided some information in regards to Prime Ag land. Most of Kerns is deemed Prime Ag, therefore severances would not be permissible for these purposes. It may be possible on some areas that are deemed lower class soils if certain criteria are met. They will also look at the possibility of purchasing a lot and expanding an already existing lot lines to make it large enough, and they also discussed the possibility of buying the lot that the old Milberta Church sits on which will require a well if development is planned.

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2024-025    **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge the presentation by Justin Martin, Ray Martin, and Craig Martin regarding their proposal to construct a private school building in Kerns Township.  
"CARRIED"

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-01**

2024-026    **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	\$32,284.49
Fire	\$19,157.91
Admin	\$68,139.39
Total Voucher 2024-01	<u>\$119,581.79</u>

"CARRIED"

**6. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road's Department Report**

The Roads Superintendent reports that the winter has gone well so far and it has been another quiet month for snow removal. Most of the roads are bare and have no snow pack on them. These conditions do create more wear and tear on equipment such as blades, shoes and plow equipment. There was a break-in at the Kerns Community Hall as outlined by the Road Superintendent. The Superintendent also presented a quote for an additional base for an 8-camera system. Council agreed to go ahead with the quote.

**b. Fire's Department Report**

The Fire Chief reports that the Fire Department had no calls this month. They have purchased a new nozzle and the Fire Chief has been tracking mileage for Fire Department duties.

**c. Others**

**i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – December 2023**

**ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport**

**iii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes November 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**

**iv. TMSA – Board Minutes – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

2024-027    **Moved: Carter Seymour**                      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
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 – December 2023**

**ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport**

**iii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

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**7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:**

**a. City of Sarnia – Carbon Tax Cancellation Request**

2024-028

**Moved: Mark Lenover                      Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the City of Sarnia's request for the Federal Government to cancel the carbon tax which is financially hurting citizens at a time when affordability concerns are at an all-time high, and to ease financial and inflationary pressure on Citizens; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the City of Sarnia.  
"CARRIED"

**b. Municipality of Tweed – Licence Plate Renewal Fees**

No Action

**c. Association of Road Supervisors – Skills Development Fund Application Support**

No Action

**d. The County of Prince Edward – Expansion of Fire Apparatus Life Span**

2024-029

**Moved: Mark Lenover                      Seconded: Denis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the County of Prince Edward's resolution regarding expanding the life span of fire apparatus's that have reached a certain age but continue to meet the safety regulations; and

Support their request for the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the County of Prince Edward.  
"CARRIED"

**e. Temiskaming Shores and Area Physician Recruitment**

2024-030

**Moved: Loren Runnalls                      Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of letter from the Temiskaming Shores and Area Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee regarding their request for a renewed commitment to contributing funds over the next five years; and

Agree to contribute \$990 per year, over a five-year period to the Temiskaming Shores and Area Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee in order to help attract physicians to the area.  
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**8. Correspondence for Council's Information:**

- a. TMSA – 2024 Planning Service Introduction**
- b. TMSA – Councillor Information Session**

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**9. Other Business:**

**a. Rate Increase for Recycling Agreement**

2024-031    **Moved: Carter Seymour**                      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge the City of Temiskaming Shore's Public Works Memo 002-2024-PW outlining a 3.6% increase to the rate charged (\$331.77/tonne to \$343.71/tonne) to the Township of Kerns for the acceptance of recyclable material at the Spoke Transfer Station.  
"CARRIED"

**b. 2024-Gravel Crushing**

Due to the increase in anticipated crushing costs, the Road Superintendent will look into this further and bring his recommendation to council next month on amounts to crush.

**10. By-Laws**

**a. By-Law 2024-06**    Being a by-law to for establishing tax ratios for the year 2024  
*[three readings]*

2024-032    **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
That **By-Law No. 2024-06**, being a by-law to establishing tax ratios for the year 2024 be received and read a first and second time.  
"CARRIED"

2024-033    **Moved: Loren Runnalls**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That **By-Law No. 2024-06**, being a by-law to establishing tax ratios for the year 2024 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:**

2024-034    **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:20 pm and will meet again on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.  
"CARRIED"



Terry Phillips, Reeve

  
Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer