

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Of MAY 7TH, 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
 Others: 1 member of the public (arrived at 7:35)
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda

2024-063 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of May 7th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2024-064 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
ADD: 6. c. iii. Milberta Church Property
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of April 2nd, 2024

2024-065 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
a. Regular Meeting of April 2nd, 2024 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations:

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-04

2024-066 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$16,325.01
Fire	\$2,252.36
Admin	\$29,689.20
Total Voucher 2024-04	<u>\$48,266.57</u>

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6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road's Department Report

The Roads Superintendent reports that Truck 19 was saftied and is going for an undercoating this week. April was a very busy month with a snowstorm and heavy rain causing flooding throughout the Timiskaming District. The flooding event caused multiple washouts and road closures. Washouts have been repaired; however, McCool Road remains closed as the washout there was significant and will take some time to fix. The Road Superintendent showed Council a diagram of the McCool Road that outlined the issue caused by the flooding event April 12th and 13th. There is a lot of material on the top of the culvert, which is why the bank is so steep. The Road Superintendent is requesting Council's direction on when to begin this repair since half loads are currently on the Township roads as they are still soft and wet. If repairs to this washout begin too soon, the machinery travelling to make the repairs will damage the road. Council agreed to hold off on repairs until the roads dry up some more to avoid causing further road damage. The summer student started this week. The Good Roads conference was well attended. Construction is to begin on Highway 11 shortly. The Superintendent predicts this will increase traffic on Milberta Road and may also create a shortage of gravel hauling trucks. He is also getting quotes on Milberta Road gravel resurfacing under the NORDS funding, and for hauling of our own gravel this year.

2024-067

Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Dennis Jibb

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Kerns recently experienced a flooding event on April 12th and April 13th 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Kerns has experienced incremental operating and capital costs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Kerns hereby requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to activate the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance program;

AND FURTHERMORE that Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer is given delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the attached claim.
"CARRIED"

b. Fire's Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that a structure was burnt down as a practice on Milberta Road. There was a Mutual Aid call to Earlton but the department was called off before they arrived on scene. The pumper was out of service for and day and a half and is now repaired and back in service.

c. Others

i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – March 2024

ii. Timiskaming Health Unit – March 6th, 2024

iii. Milberta Church Property

Rachel Neil was in attendance and asked Council if they had made a decision on whether they would sell the Milberta Church property. Reeve Phillips noted that Council added it to their agenda to discuss this evening. Council members noted that having heard from Kerns

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residents that there is community interest in wanting to continue using the park and ball field, they would not sell the property. Council asked her if there was any discussion about starting up a recreation committee and she noted there seemed to be some interest in that.

2024-068 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby agree to retain the municipally owned property known as the Milberta Church property and not sell it as was requested during the February 2024 delegation.
“CARRIED”

2024-069 **Moved: Dennis Jibb 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 – March 2024
 - ii. Timiskaming Health Unit – March 6th, 2024
 - iii. Milberta Church Property

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

a. City of Peterborough – Jurisdiction of Ontario’s Ombudsman
No Action

b. Town of Kirkland Lake – Exotic Animals
No Action

c. Municipality of Huron Shores – Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle
No Action

d. Hastings County – Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

2024-070 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support Hastings County’s motion to call on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small and rural municipalities; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to Hastings County.
“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

a. MNRF – Arial Insecticide Project 2024

b. Community Cancer Care – Transportation Services North East April 2nd, 2024

9. Other Business:

a. Memo-24-007 – Asset Retirement Obligation – Update

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2024-071 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of a Memo 24-007 Asset Retirement Obligation – Update, including service agreement and quote from 360 Engineering & Environmental Consulting Ltd for the implementation of the asset retirement obligation; and

Direct municipal staff to engage the services of 360 Engineering & Environmental Consulting Ltd to complete the 2023 Asset Retirement Obligation Assessment in compliance with PS 3280; and

That Council hereby authorizes a total estimated expenditure of \$9,011 plus applicable taxes as outlined in “Option A: 2023”.
“CARRIED”

b. Timiskaming Health Unit – Municipal Community Safety Well-Being (CSWB)

2024-072 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of letter from the Timiskaming Health Unit regarding Municipal Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWB) Implementation for the period of August 1, 2024 to August 31, 2026 including Memorandum of Agreement; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Kerns and the Board of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit for the performance of work described in Section 7.0 Statement of work; and

That Council hereby authorizes an estimated expenditure as outlined in Section 12.0.
“CARRIED”

c. Memo-24-008 – Municipal Budget 2024

2024-073 **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 2024 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 7th, 2024
“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws

a. By-Law 2024-07 Being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns for the purchase of aggregate
[three readings]

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- 2024-074 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law 2024-07**, being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and The Corporation of the Township of Kerns for the purchase of aggregate, be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"
- 2024-075 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That **By-Law 2024-07**, being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and The Corporation of the Township of Kerns for the purchase of aggregate, be received and read a third time and hereby engrossed in the By-Law book.
"CARRIED"
- b. By-Law 2024-08** 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 2024
[three readings]
- 2024-076 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law 2024-08**, 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 2024, be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"
- 2024-077 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That **By-Law 2024-08**, 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 2024, be received and read a third time and hereby engrossed in the By-Law book.
"CARRIED"

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

None

12. Adjournment:

- 2024-078 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:47 pm and will meet again on June 4th, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"



Terry Phillips, Reeve



Kyrstle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer