

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of JUNE 4TH, 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
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda

2024-079 **Moved:** Loren Runnalls **Seconded:** Carter Seymour
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of June 4th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2024-080 **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 May 7th, 2024

2024-081 **Moved:** Loren Runnalls **Seconded:** Carter Seymour
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 a. Regular Meeting of May 7th, 2024 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations:

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-05

2024-082 **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	\$32,481.49
Fire	\$1,213.27
Admin	\$18,446.83
Total Voucher 2024-05	\$52,141.59

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6. Reports from Staff & Others

 a. Road’s Department Report

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The Roads Superintendent reports that the bridges have been washed and that 85% of the calcium has now been applied. The Road superintendent requested quotes from local contractors for 2024 roads projects. Results are as follows:

#1

Hauling the Township gravel from the FirstBrook Pit to McCool & North Quarry Rd:

Pedersen Construction - \$7.13/mt

Lathem - \$8.90/mt

Pedersen Construction was awarded the work.

#2

Supply and Haul gravel for the Milberta Rd project which is funded under NORDS:

Pederson Construction – 2,860mt @ \$19.23/mt

Lathem - 2,823mt @ \$19.48/mt

Miron – 2,989mt @ \$18.40/mt

Miller – 2,716mt @ \$20.25/mt

Miron was awarded the work for the Milberta Rd project.

The Superintendent also reports that half loads restrictions will be removed from some of the Township roads next week. The office received a letter from a Kerns resident today just before the office closed regarding Highland Road needing gravel. The Clerk-Treasurer presented the letter to Council. The Superintendent stated that approximately 6 loads of gravel were placed in the area address in the letter this spring and this road is slated for additional work in 2025. Council asked the Clerk-Treasurer to respond accordingly to the resident via letter.

b. Fire's Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that the Department had no calls this month. They are working on the Community Risk Assessment later this week.

c. Others

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

ii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes April 3rd, 2024

iii. TMA – Regular Meeting April 25th, 2024

iv. Treasurer's Report – May 2024

The Clerk-Treasurer provided council with information regarding options to reduce the compensation reduction for non-eligible recycling. This will be presented to Hudson Township at a later date as they own the landfill. Kerns Council agrees that option #3 makes the most sense at this time unless more information becomes available.

2024-083 **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

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7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Township of Harley – PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligation

2024-084

Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Dennis Jibb

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Township of Harley's resolution calling on the Province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the Asset Retirement Obligation; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

“CARRIED”

b. Town of Kirkland Lake – Shared Resources

2025-085

Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Town of Kirkland Lake's resolution petitioning the Province of Ontario to create a Provincial funding model, in addition to the NORDS Fund which is set to expire in 2026-2027, to provide revenues to all resource-based communities in Northern Ontario that are proportionate to the revenues leaving our region in an effort to offset the additional burdens placed on resource-based communities to provide municipal services to these industries; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Kirkland Lake

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

- a. Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum – Appreciation Letter**
- b. MTO Surface Treatment Program – HWY 562 Double Surface Treatment**
- c. Community Hospice Care Working Committee - Update**

9. Other Business:

10. By-Laws

- a. By-Law 2024-09** Being a by-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department
[three readings]

2024-086

Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour

That **By-Law 2024-09**, being a by-law to establish and regulate a fire department, be received and read a first and second time.

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2024-087 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Mark Lenover**
That **By-Law 2024-09**, being a by-law to establish and regulate a fire department, 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:

2024-088 **Moved:** **Loren Runnalls** **Seconded:** **Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:26 pm and will meet again on July 2nd, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”



Terry Phillips, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer