

**TOWNSHIP OF KERNS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2024**  
**Held at the Kerns Community Hall**

**Present:**   **Reeve:**     Terry Phillips  
**Councillors:** Dennis Jibb  
                          Mark Lenover  
                          Carter Seymour  
**Staff:**        Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer  
                          Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent  
                          Allison Doyon, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer  
**Regrets:**       Loren Runnalls, Councillor

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

2024-115   **Moved:**   **Carter Seymour**           **Seconded:**   **Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2024-116   **Moved:**   **Mark Lenover**           **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 August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

2024-117   **Moved:**   **Mark Lenover**           **Seconded:**   **Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:  
                  a. Regular Meeting of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations:**

None

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-08**

2024-118   **Moved:**   **Carter Seymour**           **Seconded:**   **Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$21,419.56
Fire	\$149.94
Admin	\$24,203.92
Total Voucher 2024-08	\$45,773.42

“CARRIED”

**6. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Roads Department Report**

The Roads Superintendent reports that signage for the closure of the unmaintained portion of Country Bridge Road will be installed in the next week. Pedersen and Miron’s will start hauling gravel for 2024

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road's projects soon. During August, road's staff also worked on some repairs and improvements that were needed on the Hillcoat Drain. Calcium was put down on Milberta Road last month and the heavy traffic has already caused washboard and rough conditions to occur. Grading is ongoing.

**b. Fire Department Report**

The Fire Chief reports that they had one call for a pile of grain on fire where the resident had not acquired a burn permit. Kerns Fire Department will be applying for the Fire Protection Grant 2024/25 for the purchase of various firefighting gear and a washing machine and dryer to properly clean bunker gear. Two new individuals have joined the department. The Fire Chief provided their necessary details to office staff.

**c. Others**

**i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – July 2024**

The Clerk-Treasurer outlined to council that the depot operations agreement will be provided to Hudson tomorrow night at their regular council meeting for the blue box recycling transition period. As Kerns and Hudson have no "non-eligible" materials going to the landfill, municipal staff have notified CMO that Hudson will not accept non-eligible recycling and therefore the remuneration for operating the recycling depot will not be reduced by 25%.

**ii. Treasurer's Report – August 2024**

**iii. Asset Retirement Obligation Final Report PS 3280**

2024-119 **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                      **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. Roads Department Report
- b. Fire Department Report
- c. Others
  - i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – July 2024
  - ii. Treasurer's Report – August 2024
  - iii. Asset Retirement Obligation Final Report PS 3280

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

**a. Township of Nairn and Hyman – Transportation of Radioactive Material**

No Action

**b. Town of Lincoln – Increasing Funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums**

No Action

**c. Township of Russell – Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act**

2024-120 **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Township of Russell's resolution regarding a call for the Province to update

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the Municipal Elections Act (MEA) with priority amendment as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections; and

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

“CARRIED

**d. Township of Stirling-Rawdon – Public Sector Salary Disclosure**  
No Action

**8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:**  
None

**9. Other Business:**

**a. Memo 24-012 – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 2024**  
2024-121 **Moved: Carter Seymour                      Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, authorize the organization of a joint appreciation night on Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as a gesture of thanks to municipal volunteers, staff and their spouses for the Townships of Hudon, Harley, Casey and Kerns; and

That the cost of such an event will be shared with all participating municipalities.

“CARRIED”

**10. By-Laws**  
None

**11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**  
None

**12. Adjournment:**

2024-122 **Moved: Carter Seymour                      Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:15 pm and will meet again on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”

  
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Terry Phillips, Reeve

  
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Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer