

**TOWNSHIP OF KERNS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</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  
**Regrets:**               None

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

2024-146   **Moved:**   **Carter Seymour**               **Seconded:**   **Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2024-147   **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 November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

2024-148   **Moved:**   **Loren Runnalls**               **Seconded:**   **Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:  
    a. Regular Meeting of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:**

None

**4. Delegations:**

None

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-11**

2024-149   **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	\$84,193.84
Fire	\$2,298.56
Admin	\$102,036.06
Total Voucher 2024-11	<u>\$188,528.46</u>

“CARRIED”

**6. Reports from Staff & Others:**

**a. Roads Department Report**

The Roads Superintendent reports that winter operations have begun. Regular maintenance continues on the equipment including replacing the moldboard on the grader.

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**b. Fire Department Report**

The Fire Chief reports that the fire department collected some more electronics from Elk Lake and had no calls this past month.

**c. Others**

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

**ii. TMA Meeting – October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**iii. Treasurer's Report – November 2024**

2024-150 **Moved: Mark Lenover                      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. Roads Department Report

b. Fire Department Report

c. Others

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

    ii. TMA Meeting – October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

    iii. Treasurer's Report – November 2024

“CARRIED”

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

**a. Township of Terrace Bay – Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues**

No Action

**b. Town of Aurora – Redistribution of PLT and GST Tax**

2024-151 **Moved: Loren Runnalls                      Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Town of Aurora's resolution requesting the Provincial and Federal Governments to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions and a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities to provide sustainable funding to municipalities allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Aurora.

“CARRIED”

**c. Township of Puslinch – Protection of Agricultural Land**

No Action

**d. Clearview Township – OPP Annual Billing Statement**

2024-152 **Moved: Mark Lenover                      Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
WHEREAS current police services within the Township of Kerns are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP);

AND WHEREAS the Township and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades; and

AND WHEREAS historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 2%;

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AND WHEREAS the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Township on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate 24.7% increase from 2024 to 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Council of the Township of Kerns, hereby requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 2% increase that is more manageable for the Township and in line with historical trends;

AND FURTHER, That any increase above 2% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

AND FURTHER That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP John Vanthof and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. "CARRIED"

**e. Township of Papineau-Cameron – Amendments to the Ontario Building Code**

No Action

**f. Township of Evanturel – Replacement of Highway Signage in Northeastern Ontario**

No Action

**8. Correspondence for Council's Information:**

None

**9. Other Business:**

**a. Memo-24-017 – New Board of Health Municipal Appointees – Rural South**

2024-153    **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-017 – New Board of Health Municipal Appointees – Rural South*; and

WHEREAS the Township of Kerns is required to appoint a representative to the Northeastern Public Health Unit Board of Health to represent the Rural South region, including the municipalities of Armstrong, Brethour, Casey, Cobalt, Coleman, Harley, Harris, Hilliard, Hudson, Kerns, Latchford, Temagami, and Thornloe;

AND WHEREAS a nomination process has been conducted to select a candidate to represent the municipality on the Board of Health;

AND WHEREAS two candidates have submitted their names for this position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Kerns hereby nominates Carol Lowery to

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serve as the municipal representative on the Northeastern Public Health Unit Board of Health until the end of the current term;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the Corporation of the Township of Kerns hereby agrees to go with a majority vote even if it contradicts the nomination above;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the event of a tie vote among nominees, the Heads of Council of the municipalities within the Rural South region will vote to break the tie, with the decision being determined by majority vote.

“CARRIED”

**b. Memo-24-018 – Insurance Renewal - 2025**

No Action

**c. Landfill Use Contract Negotiation [no item]**

2024-154    **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to a new cost sharing percentage for allocating annual operating costs at the Hudson Landfill of which Kerns Township is an approved user; and

Direct staff to amend the necessary By-Law to reflect the following percentages for garbage and recycling programs:

Township of Kerns    30%

Township of Hudson    70%

“CARRIED”

**10. By-Laws:**

None

**11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**

None


**12. Adjournment:**

2024-155    **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:20 pm and will meet again on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”



Terry Phillips, Reeve

  
Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer