

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of JANUARY 7th, 2025
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: Jeff Manners, North Eastern Public Health
 Lt. Robbie Donaldson, Salvation Army
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2025-001 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of January 7th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2025-002 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
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 December 3rd, 2024

2025-003 **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 December 3rd, 2024 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations:

a. Jeff Manners, CSWB Co-Ordinator – Community Safety Well-Being Plan

Jeff Manners presented the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP) that was legislated in 2019 for all Ontario municipalities. The plans was developed in 2021 by a consultant, but led by DTSSAB and overseen by a local steering committee. The document is a collaborative and living document that serves the Timiskaming District (incl. Temagami), and outlines several priorities for our local community to focus on. The top 3 priorities that are currently being focused on are Housing, Community Safety, and Health & Well-Being. He outlined the work that has been done up to date for this plan and explained the goals and mechanisms for achieving and measuring success in each of these areas. Council was given the opportunity to ask questions and more information was provided on how the CSWBP is assisting with homelessness in the Timiskaming District as well as tangible practical ways the CSWBP is implemented. Ongoing communication regarding updates will be provided to council via email blasts, or delegations of council.

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2025-004 **Moved:** **Mark Lenover** **Seconded:** **Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge presentation of the Community Safety Well-Being plan by CSWB co-ordinator Jeff Manners.
“CARRIED”

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-12

2025-005 **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	\$16,981.78
Fire	\$6,401.85
Admin	\$21,304.51
Total Voucher 2024-12	<u>\$44,688.14</u>

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report

The Roads Superintendent reports that there was heavy rain and mild weather last month which resulting in all the snow, including the winter base, melting off the roads. This is tough on blades, fuel, and equipment. This may result in issues during the spring melt. No ditches had to be opened up at this time.

Equipment Inventory:

Grader (2017) has 4,685 hours

JD Loader (1995) has 7,120 hours

Chevy Pickup (2012) has 152,967 kms

Snow Plow Western Star (2022) has 798 hours/26,873 kms

MF Tractor (2011) has 1,198 hours

Steamer is very old.

b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that the Fire Department flooded the rink at the Kerns school. Three trucks responded to an accident on Hwy 65 W. One of the trucks is experiencing transmission issues. They also attended another call on Hwy 65 for a vehicle fire. On Saturday January 11th the Fire Department will be having a burn practice at a local property.

c. Others

i. Eco Logix’s Landfill Report – November 2024

ii. Temiskaming Municipal Services Association Updates and Meeting Minutes September 11th, 2024

2025-006 **Moved:** **Mark Lenover** **Seconded:** **Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, recommend that the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association (TMSA) adopt planning services as a mandatory core offering; and

Direct municipal staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the TMSA.
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- iii. **Timiskaming Health Unit – Board Minutes Oct_Nov 2024**
- iv. **Treasurer’s Report – December 2024**

2025-007 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **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 – November 2024
 - ii. Temiskaming Municipal Services Association Updates and Meeting Minutes September 11th, 2024
 - iii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Board Minutes Oct_Nov 2024
 - iv. Treasurer’s Report – December 2024

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

- a. **Township of Evanturel – Funding – 2025 – Hope Air**
No Action
- b. **FONOM – Financial Sustainability in Child Welfare**
No Action

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a. **Porcupine_Timiskaming Health Unit – Voluntary Merger Confirmation Media Release Dec 2024**
- b. **Coeur du Village – Thank You Letter**
- c. **TMSA – Nomination and Consent Form**
- d. **OPP 2025 Billing Update [no item]**
The Clerk-Treasurer provided council with a verbal update that the administrative office received official correspondence confirming that the OPP Billing for 2025 was revised, and the expected 24.7% increase was reduced to a 7% increase.

9. Other Business:

- a. **Memo 25-001 – 2025 Insurance Renewal**

2025-008 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 25-001 – Insurance Renewal 2025* proposal provided by McDougall Insurance; and

Direct Municipal Staff to prepare and present a by-law for council’s consideration at the Regular Meeting of January 7th, 2025, authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to execute and Insurance Program Proposal with an annual premium of \$42,450.00 provided by McDougall Insurance.
“CARRIED”

- b. **Memo 25-002 – Deputy Reeve Appointment**

2025-009 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 25-002 – Deputy Reeve Appointment*; and

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Direct municipal staff to prepare the necessary by-law to appoint a Deputy Reeve for the Township of Kerns.

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10. By-Laws:

a. By-Law 2025-01 Being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for payment of the interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date
[three readings]

2025-010 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That **By-Law No. 2025-01**, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of the interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2025-011 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2025-01**, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of the interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

b. By-Law 2025-02 Being a by-law of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2025
[three readings]

2025-012 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That **By-Law No. 2025-02**, being a by-law of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2025 be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2025-013 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2025-02**, being a by-law of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2025 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

c. By-Law 2025-03 Being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2025
[three readings]

2025-014 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That **By-Law No. 2025-03**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2025 be received and read a first and second time.

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2025-015 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That **By-Law No. 2025-03**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2025 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.

“CARRIED”

d. By-Law 2025-04 Being a by-law to authorize a municipal forest fire management agreement with the Minister of Natural Resources
[three readings]

2025-016 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2025-04**, being a by-law to authorize a municipal forest fire management agreement with the Minister of Natural Resources be received and read a first and second time.

“CARRIED”

2025-017 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That **By-Law No. 2025-04**, being a by-law to authorize a municipal forest fire management agreement with the Minister of Natural Resources be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.

“CARRIED”

e. By-Law 2025-05 Being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment agreement for fire protection grant between His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns
[three readings]

2025-018 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2025-05**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario transfer payment agreement for the fire protection grant between His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns be received and read a first and second time.

“CARRIED”

2025-019 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That **By-Law No. 2025-05**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario transfer payment agreement for the fire protection grant between His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.

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11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

None


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12. Adjournment:

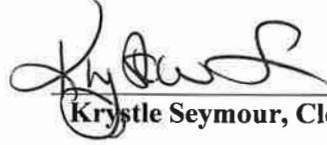
2025-020 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:37 p.m. and will meet again on February 4th, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”



Terry Phillips, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer