

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of AUGUST 6TH, 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: Steven Acland, C.P.A., Kemp, Elliot & Blair LLP
 William Colucci & Toby Shepherd, EDF Renewables
 2 Kerns Residents
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda

2024-105 **Moved:** **Mark Lenover** **Seconded:** **Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of August 6th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2024-106 **Moved:** **Mark Lenover** **Seconded:** **Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as presented; and

Agree to discuss agenda item 9.c. “Trespassing on Private Property” at the beginning of the meeting.

“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of July 2nd, 2024

2024-107 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:

a. Regular Meeting of July 2nd, 2024 as presented.

“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations:

Council agreed to deal with Agenda Item 9.c. first. Reg Maille and Jessie Hewitt notified Council that they are having issues with trespassers on Country Bridge Road west of Milberta Road. Trucks, ATVs etc. are heading past the Hewitt Farm (continuing on the dead-end mud road) and then heading north on farmer’s fields to get to Hwy 562. Trespassing would be enforced by OPP, but Road Superintendent, Guy Godmaire, said he would close the unmaintained mud road past the Hewitt Farm and post a sign about the closure. He will also provide the property owner with a letter outlining the road closure.

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a. Steven Acland, C.P.A., Kemp, Elliot & Blair LLP – 2023 Financial Statements

2024-108 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Steven Acland, C.P.A. of Kemp, Elliot & Blair LLP’s presentation regarding the 2023 audited financial statements; and

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and Reeve to sign the 2023 audited financial statements on behalf of the Township of Kerns; and

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and Reeve to sign Kemp, Elliot, & Blair LLP’s engagement letter pertaining to 2024’s audit.
 “CARRIED”

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-07

2024-109 **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	\$161,264.77
Fire	\$2,527.01
Admin	\$21,548.00
Total Voucher 2024-07	\$185,699.78

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Roads Department Report

The Roads Superintendent reports that roadside grass has been cut. A second application of calcium has been applied to Milberta Road. Truck 19 has been working in Harley Township doing some ditching. Road Counts per day are as follows:

	2017	2024
Milberta Road:	276	840
Maybrook Road:	146	159
Highland Road West:	59	39
Highland Road East:	59	99

The Road Superintendent noted that the road count for Milberta Road count is very high and may be caused by the construction on Hwy 11. There is some logging going on behind Wabi Pit Line.

b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that there was a CO alarm call in Henwood Township and they have applied for reimbursement under the Fire Protection Program. The Fire Department replaced the faulty CO alarm for the elderly couple.

c. Others

- i. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – May 2024**
- ii. Treasurer’s Report – June 2024**

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- 2024-110 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **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. Roads Department Report
 - b. Fire Department Report
 - c. Others
 - i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – May 2024
 - ii. Treasurer's Report – June 2024
- “CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:
a. Township of Evanturel – Shortage of Physician Care

- 2024-111 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Township of Evanturel's resolution urging the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the District of Temiskaming and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Evanturel.
“CARRIED”

b. Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce – Ontario Immigration Nominee Program
No Action

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:
None

9. Other Business:
a. Memo 24-011 – Official Results – Fuel Tender

- 2024-112 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo 24-011 outlining official results of the joint fuel tender RFQ-2024-02 whereby the Township of Harley is the lead township requesting quotes for the rental of storage tank systems and the continuous supply of gasoline and diesel fuel for the Township of Harley, Township of Kerns, Township of Casey, and Township of Hudson; and

Direct staff to issue a letter of recommendation to award RFQ-2024-02 to Grant Fuels Inc. for Township of Harley's consideration at their next regular meeting of August 13th 2024.
“CARRIED”

b. EDF Renewables – Municipal Support Resolution

The Clerk-Treasurer outlined the request by EDF Renewables for Kerns Council to pass a municipal support resolution for a wind turbine project in Kerns Township. This support does not mean the project would definitely move forward, but rather provides EDF with direction from Council on whether to continue to research for the potential project. The Clerk-Treasurer notified Council that the office has received a few phone

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calls regarding the potential wind turbine project. Through door-to-door engagement by renewable energy companies, some residents have been told that the project was going ahead. Staff provided accurate information to concerned residents reiterating that Council has not yet given their initial support for this project and there would be opportunity for public consultation. Council discussed the municipal support resolution and asked that office staff organize a public meeting regarding a wind turbine project so Council could better understand the residents' feelings on such a project before offering their support to EDF. There may be potential for Kerns and Hudson Townships to hold a joint public meeting in this regard as the project may also involve Hudson Township. The Clerk-Treasurer will report back to Kerns Council after EDF presents to Hudson Council on August 7th, 2024.

2024-113 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, direct municipal staff to organize a public meeting to make the public aware of a presentation made to Kerns Township regarding a potential wind turbine project in the Township of Kerns; and

Post notice of such meeting through local newspapers, radio, and the municipal website when a date is selected.

“CARRIED”

c. Trespassing on Private Property [no item]
(Dealt with earlier in the meeting)


d. Minimum Distance Separation – Kerns Township [no item]
The Clerk-Treasurer notified Council that staff have had recent discussions with OMAFRA, MMAH, the municipal CBO and the municipal planner about when MDS can and cannot be enforced in Kerns Township since there is no official plan or zoning by-law. Reeve Phillips asked the Clerk-Treasurer to continue to look into the matter.

10. By-Laws
None


11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:
None

12. Adjournment:

2024-114 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:25 pm and will meet again on September 3rd, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”



Terry Phillips, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer