

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - June 6th , 2017 KERNS MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Present: Reeve: Terry Phillips
Councillors: Dennis Jibb, Carter Seymour, Stephen Aitchison, Mark Lenover
Staff: Clerk-Treasurer: Michel Lachapelle
Staff: Guy Godmaire

Others: Steve Acland, Rachele and Jason Baker, Neal Morris from K. Smart Associates, Don Fraser

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

1- Call meeting to order & Adoption of Agenda

2017-106 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of June 6th, 2017.
"CARRIED"

2017-107 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
"CARRIED"

2- Adoption of Minutes:

2017-108 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of May 2nd, 2017, as circulated.
"CARRIED"

3- Declaration of pecuniary interest

None

4- Delegations/Presentations

Steve Acland, Auditor for the municipality, presented the 2016 Audited Financial Statements and discussed the terms of the engagement letter for this year.

2017-109 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Steve Aitchison**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the 2016 Audited Financial Report prepared by the Firm of Kemp Elliott and Blair L.L.B., Chartered Accountant.
"CARRIED"

2017-110 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to sign the terms of engagement letter, from Kemp Elliott & Blair L.L.B., covering your audit of the financial statements of the Township for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2017
"CARRIED"

Mrs. Baker informed Council that her septic system was damaged by the construction of the Runnalls Drain. Last fall, the contractor pushed the excess soil over the septic tile bed to the west of the property. She provided a letter from the Health Unit stating that a new septic tank was installed in 2005 under Permit No. 05-423144 but they have no records of any septic tile bed on their property. She was advised by the Health Unit that a new Class 4 sewage system has to be installed to solve the problem of sewage smell and sewage flowing to the ground surface.

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Mr. & Mrs. Baker mentioned that they requested that the tiles be located prior to the start of the construction of the Runnalls Drain. The Engineer responded that it was not done because the construction was to the south of the old ditch (culvert), away from their property.

The Drainage Engineer mentioned that the life expectancy of a septic tile bed is between 20 and 30 years.

Also, the Baker's mentioned the extension to finalize the Runnalls Drain is past due. The engineer responded that due to the wet condition, it was not possible. The work to be done to complete the project are:

- 1- re-slope the banks
- 2- re-seed the banks
- 3- remove the straw bales, and clean the ditch at the end of the pipe
- 4- perform fine grading on the Baker property.

It was agreed that we try to locate the septic tiles if any and see what conditions they are in.

2017-111 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, direct the Roads Superintendent to complete the Runnalls Drain contract under the supervision of the Engineers.
"CARRIED"

Mr. Fraser relayed to Council that he disagrees to pay interest charges on his 2016 Supplementary Taxes. He presented a cheque to Council to pay off his supplementary taxes without the interest.

5- Payments of Accounts - Vouchers No. 2017-05

2017-112 **Moved: Steve Aitchison** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Roads Voucher 2017-05 in the amount of \$ 23,441.75.
"CARRIED"

2017-113 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the General Administration Voucher 2017-05 in the amount of \$17,814.46.
"CARRIED"

2017-114 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Fire Department Voucher 2017-05 in the amount of \$1,211.00.
"CARRIED"

6- Reports from Staff and Others

- a- Roads
Roads Superintendent reported that in the next few days, there will be calcium put on the roads. The cemetery has 10 trees that are growing fine. A culvert needs to be replaced on Country Bridge Rd; it will be 5 ft x 120 ft and it will cost \$15,000 for the culvert. We have budgeted \$25,000 for capital expenditures; this could be used to replace the culvert.
- b- Fire
One fire call from Mutual Aid, it was in Harley. There was no call in Kerns.

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2017-115 **Moved:** Carter Seymour **Seconded:** Dennis Jibb

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt and accept the following reports/minutes, and that it be filed:

- i) Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health - Minutes of March 22, 2017
- ii) Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority - Financial Report April 2017
- iii) Treasurer's Report May 2017

"CARRIED"

7- Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

- a- Town of Lakeshore - Restrictions of Surplus Dwelling Severances on Farmland
- b- Cheryl Gallant - Council Expense Allowance
- c- Township of North Frontenac - 25% Hydro Reduction
- d- Municipality of East Ferris - Council Expense Allowance
- e- OPP - ARIS (Authorized Requester Information Services)
- f- Town of Latchford - 110th Anniversary

2017-116 **Moved:** Mark Lenover **Seconded:** Dennis Jibb

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Town of Lakeshore resolution requesting the province of Ontario to ease restrictions of surplus dwelling severance in area zoned Agriculture, thereby permitting the seller of the farm, to sever off an existing dwelling.

"CARRIED"

2017-117 **Moved:** Stephen Aitchison **Seconded:** Carter Seymour

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, Support Cheryl Gallant in her request to the federal Government to not remove the tax-exemption portion of remuneration paid to local officials.

"CARRIED"

2017-118 **Moved:** Carter Seymour **Seconded:** Steve Aitchison

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Township of Northern Frontenac dated May 1, 2017, re: Hydro Reduction of 25% Not Applicable to Seasonal Residents.

"CARRIED"

2017-119 **Moved:** Carter Seymour **Seconded:** Steve Aitchison

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Municipality of East Ferris in the Resolution No 17/081 requesting to maintain the one-third tax free allowance.

"CARRIED"

8- Correspondence for Council's Information:

- a- Ministry of Municipal Affairs - Mandatory septic Tank Inspection not moving forward
- b- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs - Agriculture Drainage Infrastructure Program
- c- Ministry of Naturel resources and Forestry - Bill 39 Aggregate Resources and Mining Modernization Act.
- d- City of Temiskaming Shores - POA Last Quarter of 2016 & Audit for 2016
- e- City of Temiskaming Shores - POA First Quarter of 2017
- f- Ministry of Seniors Affairs - Seniors Month
- g- Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services - Billing Model for policing cost

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9- Other business:

- a- Playground equipment
The Clerk relayed to Council that the playground equipment was installed last month.

- b- A day in the country will be organized on August 12 to visit beef farms and tour sheep farms and grain elevators in the area. The Township hall will be rented, so a lunch can be served. This is a self-guided tour.

10- By-laws:

- a) None

11- Resolution to move to a closed session

- a) None

12- Adjournment

2017-120 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 10:55 p.m. and will meet again on July 4th, 2017 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”



Reeve



Clerk-Treasurer