

Minutes of a Special Council Meeting to discuss Budget, of the Township of North Frontenac held on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, in the Fire Hall Meeting Room, 6648 Road 506, Plevna, ON

PRESENT: Mayor Ron Maguire; Councillor Fred Perry and Councillor Wayne Good – Ward 1; Councillor Wayne Cole – Ward 2; and Deputy Mayor Jim Beam and Councillor Bob Olmstead – Ward 3.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Lonnie Watkins, Ward 2

ALSO PRESENT: Cheryl Robson, CAO; Brenda Defosse, Clerk; John Ibey, PWM; Angela Millar, Deputy Treasurer; Roger Millar, REDPC; Steve Riddell, Fire Chief; and Dave Young, CBO.

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the Meeting to order 9:20 a.m.

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Good, seconded by Councillor Olmstead 191- 07

THAT Council retires to closed session at 9:10 a.m., to discuss:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Good, seconded by Councillor Olmstead 192- 07

THAT Council returns to open session at 10:28 a.m.

Carried

2007 DRAFT BUDGET (Including 2008 Draft Figures)

The CAO asked if the Building Department could be considered first as the CBO would only be staying for that part of the draft budget discussions. The CBO passed around his Comparative Building Department Activity Report for the Years 2004/2005/2006, and confirmed his extra overtime hours lost. The CBO asked Council for consideration in increasing his weekly hours from 35 to 40 and also to be able to bank two weeks of overtime or take banked overtime off as other Department Heads were entitled to.

It was suggested and recommended that a part-time inspector be hired to assist the CBO with his inspection duties during peak time and as well that perhaps this person could be hired jointly with neighbor municipalities.

It was suggested that the Municipality purchase a vehicle for the CBO's use, however the CBO was not receptive to this suggestion.

The CBO confirmed there are still a lot of enforcement issues outstanding.

The CBO thanked Council for listening to his remarks and then left the meeting.

BUDGET SUMMARY

The CAO stated the first Draft Budget = requirements and wish list items; presently increased dollars of \$430,000 = 14.88% increase

The CAO then gave scenarios of tax increases based on \$100,000 of residential assessment.

The CAO recommended removing the Communications section from the Budget as there was no longer a Council Task Force.

Olmstead suggestion some type of a reunion/ get together for January 2008 being the 10th Anniversary of the Ice Storm.

The CAO advised that at the end of 2007 the 506/509 Road Reserves would probably be depleted.

Council discussed the most recent fire on Saturday in the Harlowe area and the impact such fire may have on the taxes. However, MNR's bill may not be received until later in the year. The Fire & Emergency Services Committee Chair was asked to contact the Kaladar/Barrie Fire Chief to contact Bob Branscombe, Ontario Fire Marshall, and Emergency Management Ontario to look into possible grants.

Perry had recommended a line and the CAO added same to the draft budget of a proposed land purchase on Road 506 beside Tomvale Airport for a further municipally owned helipad in the amount of \$20,000 for the purchase and \$10,000 for the development of same (i.e., purchase of cones, windsock; paving of pad, etc.). The Mayor felt the agreement with Tomvale should be given time to work as it was all new to the Township and the \$10,000 was deleted for this year.

Public Works - Roads

Road Construction is just a lump sum with specific road projects to be determined by Council following the road tour. Nothing is earmarked at this point.

In response to Council members questioning why the PWM is operating equipment, the PWM offered: The PWM has always been a working member of the crew. Some of the construction work to be carried out the PWM has a feel as to how the job should be done and when the job is completed it is the PWM who is held responsible. With the size of crew we have we cannot afford to have a member not working.

Sub-leasing of sand/gravel pits – 6 or 7 licenses estimated at \$1,500.00 (sketched "Class B"). The PWM shall bring same back to Council via an Admin Report to the May 31st Council Meeting. Royalties are paid to the landowner per yard.

Road Side Mowing – 900 km of road - via tender as advertised in the paper. Olmstead stated that neither he nor Bill Raeburn had ever had an opportunity to tender on the mowing. Liability insurance, WSIB, etc. requirements were discussed.

Ragged Chute Lane – Olmstead asked the PWM why and when he intended to get back to Bill Breckenridge? Mr. Breckenridge is proposing to re-align/repair part of the existing lane, which is on the Township concession road allowance. This road was built by private land owners and possibly Ontario Hydro. Olmstead was advised that Council requires a written proposal and if approved, an Agreement registered on title, etc. will be required.

Waste

The CAO reminded everyone of the contents of the presentation by Guy Laporte of TSH with respect to the waste issues, all of which are reflected in this draft.

Recycling

The CAO confirmed the increase in this section of the budget is due to the in-house hauling of all recyclables and waste from the Ompah transfer station and the proposed Cloyne transfer station.

The PWM advised he had been approached by “Gemini Group” a company offering to take all scrap metal as fair market value, all sizes of propane tanks, extract freon from the refrigerators prior to scrapping same, pay for batteries, and tires at a cost of \$2/tire. The PWM shall pursue a draft Agreement with this company and bring same back to Council via an Administrative Report.

Municipal Properties

The REDPC proposed repairs to outdoor privies at the public beach at Sand Lake and installing an outdoor privy at the public beach on Palmerston Lake. It was the consensus of Council not to install privies at the public beaches and not to post “Public Beach” signs. Repairs to the existing privies are to be carried out.

It was the consensus of Council that the PWM shall approach the owners of Marble Lake Lodge to remove the “Private Beach” sign posted, to remove the large log which has their business name engraved on from the beach area as well as the oversized fire pit from the Township shoreline road allowance. It was suggested that pictures of these cottages be taken for future reference to be filed in the respective roll file. These cottages are not covered in an Occupancy Agreement and a building permit for an addition or renovation could not be obtained as they are on municipally owned property.

The REDPC proposed purchasing and installing playground equipment for some of the beach areas. Concerns with respect to liability were raised and it was the consensus of Council to delete same.

Olmstead asked what PW intended to do with the boat launch off of River Road at the Mississippi River as it was in need to renovation? The PWM advised he had never done anything with it and it was not part of his work plan. Discussion of other water access points in need of repair in the municipality ensued and it was the consensus of Council not to clean-up/repair these launches, as recommended by the Dock Task Force previously.

The REDPC proposed replenishing sand at two public beaches. It was the consensus of Council that sand not be placed at the beaches due to liability issues and there are more than two areas within the Municipality.

The Mayor suggested that a new Task Force be formed to do a needs analysis/study of all municipal buildings, with one member of Council from each ward as well as a couple of volunteers from each ward to come up with recommendations. The Chair should try and draw volunteer members from the community who has expertise. (i.e., engineers)

Moved by Councillor Good, seconded by Councillor Olmstead 193- 07
THAT capital rolling stock shall be purchased with 100% township dollars (i.e., ownership may move) and that donations are used to purchase equipment/fixed assets.
Carried

ROAD TOUR

The dates have been set as follows: May 15th and May 18th.
PWM is to arrange a rented van.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Good, seconded by Councillor Cole 194- 07
THAT the meeting adjourns at 8:27 p.m., until May 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.
Carried

Mayor

Clerk