

MINUTES

Council met at 4:00 p.m. for their second Regular Meeting of the month.

Present: Mayor Peterson, Councillors Banbury, Barnes, Demarest and Young.

Staff: Baer, Borton, Brick, Davidson, Degier, Harmer, Krug, Mordue, Matheson and Van Wyk.

Other: Robson, Planner.

Mayor Peterson in the Chair.

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the December 20th, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as amended, with the addition of item 16, e.
.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. December 6th, 2023 Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the December 6th, 2023 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Public Meetings

a. Public Meeting Under the Planning Act, Committee of Adjustment

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Council move into Committee of Adjustment at 4:01 p.m.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Committee rise at 4:07 p.m. and that the Open Council meeting resumes.

.Carried

The Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment are on the December 20th, 2023 Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment. The decision for MVA-10-23 was signed as approved.

b. Public Meeting Under the Planning Act, Zone Change

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Council rise and go into Public Meeting under the Planning Act to consider applications for Zone Change:

ZN1-23-16 (Township of Blandford-Blenheim);

ZN1-23-17 (Hillenaar);

And that Mayor Peterson Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

i. Application for Zone Change – ZN-23-16 (Township of Blandford-Blenheim)

The Planner presented the report, recommending approval. The applicants were present. Committee Members had no question. Committee Member Banbury made comment regarding the water on the property. No member of the public spoke against the application.

ii. Application for Zone Change – ZN-23-17 (Hillenaar)

The Planner presented the report, recommending approval. The applicants were present. Committee Members had no question or comment. No member of the public spoke against the application.

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Public Meeting be adjourned and that the Regular Meeting of Council reconvene.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve the Zone Change Application submitted by the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, for lands described as Part Lot 13, Concession 1 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford-Blenheim, to be rezoned from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Institutional Zone (I)' to permit a future municipal fire hall.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve the zone change application submitted by Chase Hillenaar, on behalf of Paul and Guytrie Hillenaar, for lands described as Part Lot 12, Concession 12 (Blenheim), Part 1, Plan 41R10420, in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, to be rezoned from 'Residential Type 1 Zone (R1)' to 'Special Residential Type 3 Zone (R3-2).'

.Carried

8. Delegations / Presentations

a. Greg Lichty, Resident, Re: Traffic and Speeding in Washington

Lichty presented issues regarding the traffic speeding through the village of Washington and surrounding area. He specifically cited safety issues, giving many examples. Mayor Peterson noted that he would prefer a speed hump on the main roads entering all the Villages in Blandford-Blenheim. Mayor Peterson noted he will discuss the issue with the OPP to see what enforcement may be implemented.

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Demarest

Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the delegation from Greg Lichty regarding traffic and speeding in the Village of Washington be received.

.Carried

9. Correspondence

a. Specific

i. Council, Town of Goderich, re: Declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Epidemic

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Demarest

Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim supports the Town of Goderich regarding declaring intimate partner violence and epidemic.

.Carried

b. General

i. Ronda Stewart, Economic Development Director, Rural Oxford Economic Development, re: September to November Activity Report

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Demarest

Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the general correspondence item be received as information.

.Carried

10. Staff Reports

a. Dustin Robson – Planner

- i. CP2023-406 – Application for Zone Change ZN1-23-14 – Ross Roth Sand & Gravel Inc. Supplementary Report

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve-in-principle the Zone Change Application submitted by Bender Contracting on behalf of Ross Roth Sand & Gravel Inc., whereby lands described as Part Lots 23-24, Concession 12 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford-Blenheim, are to be rezoned from 'Aggregate Industrial Zone (ME)' to 'Special Aggregate Industrial Zone (ME-sp)' to permit a single detached dwelling and a residential unit within a building accessory to an aggregate operation.

.Carried

b. Drew Davidson – Director of Protective Services

- i. FC-23-18 – November Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report FC-23-18 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Ray Belanger – Chief Building Official

- i. CBO-23-12 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report CBO-23-12 be received as information.
.Carried

d. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent

i. DS-23-23 – Petition for Drainage

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-23-23 be received as information;

That Council accepts the petition for drainage works for the Part of Lot 24, Concession 10 (Blenheim) to incorporate the drains that were installed by Carson Reid Homes (Cambridge) Ltd as included in Plan 41M388; and,

That the Clerk notify the Grand River Conservation Authority that it has received a petition for drainage work and that they intend to proceed with this petition.

.Carried

ii. DS-23-24 – Petition for Drainage

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-23-24 be received as information;

That Council accepts the petition for drainage works for the Part of Lot 17, Concession 13 (Blenheim), to incorporate the drains that were installed by Greg Voisin Investment Corporation for Cress-Ridge Development as included in Plan 41M10323 parts 1,2,3; and,

That the Clerk notify the Grand River Conservation Authority that it has received a petition for drainage work and that they intend to proceed with this petition.

.Carried

e. Trevor Baer – Director of Community Services

i. CS-23-15 – Provision of Daycare

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-23-15 be received as information.

And further, that staff continue to seek out viable day care provision options in the Township.

.Carried

ii. CS-23-16 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-23-16 be received as information.

.Carried

f. Sarah Matheson – Deputy Clerk

i. DC-23-08 – Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

RESOLUTION #19

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report DC-23-08 be received as information;
and,

That the 2024-2028 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be adopted.

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

None.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Closed Session

None.

16. Other Business

None.

17. By-laws

- a. 2405-2023, Being a By-law to appoint Adam Degier as the Manager of Drainage Infrastructure / Drainage Superintendent for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim pursuant to the provisions of the Drainage Act, RSO 1990.;
- b. 2406-2023, Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (Township of Blandford-Blenheim);
- c. 2407-2023, Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (Hillenaar);
- d. 2408-2023, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.
- e. 2409-2023, Being a By-law to amend By-law Number 506-83, as amended, being a By-law to appoint certain municipal officials.

RESOLUTION #20

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a first and second time: 2405-2023, 2406-2023, 2407-2023, 2408-2023 & 2409-2023.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #21

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a third and final time: 2405-2023, 2406-2023, 2407-2023, 2408-2023 & 2409-2023.

.Carried

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #22

Moved by – Councillor Young

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:14 p.m.; and,

That Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Sarah Matheson, Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim