

MINUTES

Council met at 4:00 p.m. for their first regular meeting of the month.

Present: Mayor Wearn, Councillors Balzer, Banbury, Cowan and Peterson.

Staff: Crandall, Harmer, Gabara, Matheson, Mordue, Richardson, Williamson and Wood.

Others: Rebecca Smith, Planner, Oxford County

Mayor Wearn in the Chair.

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the April 6, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council, be approved, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the March 16, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the January 27, 2016 Police Services Board Meeting of Council be received.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the February 18, 2016 Splash Pad Advisory Committee Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated; and,

That Council approve the terms of Reference for the Splash Pad Committee.

.Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Delegations / Presentations

None.

8. Public Hearing under the Drainage Act

- a. Court of Revision - Cowan Drain & Drumbo Drainage Works (Drumbo Developments Branches)

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that Council appoint Mayor Marion Wearn, as Chair and Councillors Randy Balzer, Bruce Banbury, Betty Cowan, Mark Peterson to serve on the Court of Revision for the Cowan Drain & Drumbo Drainage Works (Drumbo Developments Branches).

.Carried

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that pursuant to the provisions of Section 52 of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, Chapter D.17, the Court of Revision for the purposes of hearing appeals to the Cowan Drain & Drumbo Drainage Works (Drumbo Developments Branches) is convened at 4:07 p.m.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision for the Cowan Drain & Drumbo Drainage Works (Drumbo Developments Branches) sustain the assessment as outlined in the report of K. Smart dated February 6, 2016.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that the Court of Revision for the Cowan Drain & Drumbo Drainage Works (Drumbo Developments Branches) be closed at 4:10 p.m.

.Carried

b. Public Meeting Under the *Planning Act*

i. Application for Zone Change, ZN -16-01 - Thames Valley Sportsmen's Club

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve the zone change application submitted by the Thames Valley Sportsmen's Club, whereby the lands described as Part Lots 4 & 5, Concession 4 (Blandford), in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim are to be rezoned from Special Recreational Zone (REC-5)' to 'Special General Agricultural Zone (A2-22)' to allow the property to be used for farming purposes and permit the conversion of the existing clubhouse on the property to a dwelling.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that a first and second reading be given to the following
By-law:

By-law 1960-2016, being a By-law to amend By-law Number 1360-2002, as
amended, being a By-law to rezone subject lands.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that a third and final reading be given to the following
By-law:

By-law 1960-2016, being a By-law to amend By-law Number 1360-2002, as
amended, being a By-law to rezone subject lands.

.Carried

9. Correspondence

a. Information

- i. Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Re: 2016 Approved Budget

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

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

.Carried

b. Specific

- i. Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs, Re: Seniors Month in Ontario

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

Be it hereby resolved that June 2016 be proclaimed as Senior's Month in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

.Carried

- ii. Township of Southgate, Re: Bill 36, An Act to amend the Trespass to Property Act

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that the Council support the resolution of the Township of Southgate which is supportive of the provisions of Bill 36 which discourages trespassing on private property.

.Carried

10. Staff Reports

a. Gary Crandall – Director of Public Works

- i. PW-16-10 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that PW-16-10 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent

- i. DS-16-06 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-16-06 be received as information.

.Carried

- ii. DS-16-07 - Section 78 report of the Drainage Act for the Mitchell Drain

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-16-07 be received as information;

And further that council instructs staff to Notify GRCA, MNR, OMAFRA and the Township of North Dumfries of their intent to appoint an Engineer under Section 78 of the Drainage Act for the Mitchell Drain.

.Carried

c. Ken Wood – Manager of Community Services

- i. CS-16-03 - Monthly Report - March

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-16-03 be received as information.

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

Councillor Peterson informed of Funeral Home Managers contacting him regarding burials within the Township Cemeteries, specifically regarding the extra charge for winter burials. Councillor Peterson suggested that the burials conducted in the last week of March be reimbursed the winter burial fee. Councillor Banbury questioned whether the municipality is required to set the fee based on a calendar date. Councillor Banbury also suggested removing the winter burial fee and increase the charges year-round for interment in order to cover the expenses incurred. CAO/Clerk, Rodger Mordue stated that as per the relevant legislation, a winter burial rate can be charged or not charged, and if charged, it must be set within specific dates. Councillor Balzer suggested that dates be kept, however, that the winter burial charge be changed based on weather. Council directed staff to revisit the extra charge for winter burial upon the researching the management of Township Cemeteries. Councillor Peterson suggested staff to consult industry stakeholders as well as Cemetery Board Members.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Closed Session

RESOLUTION #19

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Council moves into Closed Session under the authority of Section 239 of the Municipal Act at 5:15 p.m. to discuss;

- Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #20

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn from Closed Session and resume into Open Session at 5:35 p.m.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #21

Moved by – Councillor Cowan
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the municipally owned property located at 5183 Trussler Road, Part Lot 1, Concession 7 be declared surplus to the needs of the municipality; and,

That Staff be instructed to develop a process for the sale of these lands.

.Carried

16. By-laws

RESOLUTION #22

Moved by – Councillor Cowan
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that a first and second reading be given to the following By-laws:

By-law 1961-2016, being a By-law to appoint Paul Gabara as a Property Standards Officer for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim pursuant to the provisions of the Building Code Act; and,

By-law 1962-2016, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #23

Moved by – Councillor Cowan

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that a third and final reading be given to the following By-laws:

By-law 1961-2016, being a By-law to appoint Paul Gabara as a Property Standards Officer for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim pursuant to the provisions of the Building Code Act; and,

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17. Other

None.

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #24

Moved by – Councillor Cowan

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:35 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

.Carried

Marion Wearn, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Rodger Mordue CAO / Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim