

MINUTES

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

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

Staff: Crandall, Harmer, Krug, Mordue, Richardson and Wood.

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 December 7, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council, be approved, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Balzer declared a pecuniary interest on agenda item 9. c) i and abstained from voting on the resolution pertaining to compensation adjustments for members of the Fire Department due to his involvement with the Township fire service.

5. Adoption of Minutes

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the November 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 November 16, 2016 Closed Session of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the September 21, 2016 Police Service Board Meeting be adopted received.

.Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Mayor Wearn questioned section 15 of the minutes of Council where it was recorded that the by-law did not receive third reading. Mr. Mordue confirmed that a clerical error was made and that the minutes will be amended.

7. Delegations / Presentations

- a. Jessica Jaremchuk, Regional Manager, Frank Cowan Company

Ms. Jaremchuk presented the Insurance Renewal Report for the policy term December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2017.

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Whereas a representative from Frank Cowan Company Limited attended the meeting to discuss the Township's Comprehensive Insurance Program from December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2017;

Be it hereby resolved that Council approve the report from Frank Cowan Company Limited, as presented.

.Carried

Peggy Crosby and Bev Beaton appeared before Council on behalf of the Princeton Park Legacy Group and provided a brief update on the progress being made at the park with the future installation of benches and trees.

Jason Vernoooy of the Wm. Kipp Funeral Home appeared before Council and commented on the changes that have occurred as well as changes which are proposed related to the operation of the Township cemeteries.

He then requested Council's consideration to review charges which were levied in March of 2016 for a winter burial that he was involved with.

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Peterson

Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

That Council offer a refund of 50% of the winter burial fee to those charged from March 2, 2016 to March 31, 2016.

.Carried

8. Correspondence

a. General

None.

b. Specific

None.

9. Staff Reports

a. Gary Crandall – Director of Public Works

i. PW-16-25 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Balzer

Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

That Report PW-16-24 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent

i. DS-16-19 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Balzer

Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

That Report DS-16-19 be received as information.

.Carried

ii. DS-16-20 – Plattsville Estates Drainage Petition

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Peterson

That Report DS-16-20 be received as Information; and,

Whereas the Grand River Conservation Authority have not registered any comments to the petition for drainage work for the Part of Lot 17, Concession 13, subject and easement as in A27252, Township Blandford Blenheim (PIN 00285-0716LT; and Block78, Plan 41R141 save and except Part 1 Plan 41R8178, Township Blandford Blenheim (PIN 00285-0257LT) Plattsville Estates Phase 4 where the storm sewers, catch basin and laterals provide to service the 40 lots and 9 Blocks and 2 streets (Applewood St., Glennbriar St.) to be incorporated as a municipal Drain from 1578651 Ontario Limited (John Zimmer);

Be It resolved that Council appoints K Smart & Associates Ltd., 85 McIntyre Dr. Kitchener, Ont. N2R 1H6, to prepare a new drainage report as per the petition accordance with Section 4 of the Drainage Act and that the report be included as part of the petition report for Phase 3A and Phase 3B.

.Carried

Ken Wood – Manager of Community Services

lii CS-16-21 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Peterson
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

That Report CS-16-21 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Denise Krug – Director of Finance/Treasurer

i. TR-16-09 – 2017 Salaries and Wages

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

That report TR-16-09 be received as information;

And further that the remuneration for Council members, Fence-Viewers, Livestock Valuers, Property Standards Committee members and all Township employees, with the exception of those affected by minimum wage legislation, be increased by 1.5% effective January 1, 2017

.Carried

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

That the remuneration for Volunteer Fire Fighters be increased by 1.5% effective January 1, 2017.

.Carried

ii. TR-16-10 – 2017 Fees and Charges

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

That Report TR-16-10 be received as information.

And further that Council authorize the Director of Finance to prepare a fees and charges by-law for the December 21, 2016 Council meeting.

.Carried

iii. TR-16-11 – Reserve and Reserve Funds

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

That Report TR-16-11 be received as information.

.Carried

d. Rodger Mordue – Chief Administrative Officer

i. CAO-16-41 – Charitable Donation Policy and Partnership Agreements

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

That Report CAO-16-41 be received as information; and,

That the Charitable Donation Policy as presented be approved; and,

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Community Partnership Agreement with the Princeton Park Legacy Committee

.Carried

ii. CAO-16-53 – Animal Control Service

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Cowan

That Report CAO-16-53 be received as information; and,

That Council authorize the mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Hillside Kennels Animal Control Ltd. For the provision animal control services for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim for the calendar years 2017 and 2018.

.Carried

10. Reports from Council Members

Councillor Balzer noted that Kathy Davidson has been selected as citizen of the year in Plattsville.

Councillor Peterson spoke of the Santa Clause parades that have taken place in Bright and Plattsville and the upcoming parade in Drumbo.

Councillor Banbury reported on his attendance at the recent AMO western Ontario conference.

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

13. New Business

None.

14. Closed Session

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Cowan
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Council moves into Closed Session under the authority of Section 239 of the Municipal Act at 5:53 p.m. to discuss;

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employee.
2. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.
.Carried

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Cowan
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn from Closed Session and resume into Open Session at 7:06 p.m.

.Carried

15. By-laws

RESOLUTION #19

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 1995-2016, Being a By-law to appoint certain municipal officials (Deputy Treasurer – Koski).

By-law 1996-2016, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #20

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 1995-2016, Being a By-law to appoint certain municipal officials (Deputy Treasurer – Koski).

By-law 1996-2016, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

16. Other

Ceremony for the installation of the Walter Gretzky sign in Canning is planned for Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 11:00 am at the east entrance to Canning on Township Road 3.

17. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #21

Moved by – Councillor Cowan

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 7:15 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, December 21, 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