

# MINUTES

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

Present: Mayor Peterson, Councillors Banbury Demarest, and Read.

Staff: Baer, Borton, Harmer, Krug, Matheson, Mordue, and Richardson.

Other: Planner, Dustin Robson

Mayor Peterson in the Chair.

## 1. Welcome

## 2. Call to Order

## 3. Approval of the Agenda

### RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Read  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the February 2nd, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

## 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

## 5. Adoption of Minutes

### a. January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Minutes of Council

### RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Read  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Minutes of the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

## 7. Public Meeting

### a. Public Meeting Under the Planning Act

#### RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Read  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Council rise and go into a Public Meeting under the Planning Act to consider an application for zone change:

ZN1-21-09 + ZN1-21-10, submitted by the 242536 Ontario Ltd. & Clayton + Allyson Haight;

And that Mayor Peterson Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

i. Application for Zone Change – ZN1-21-09 + ZN1-21-10

Dustin Robson, Planner, presented the report ZN1-21-09 & ZN1-21-10 recommending denial. Council did not ask any questions. The applicant and agent were present and spoke in favour of the application. No one further spoke for or against the application.

#### RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Read  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

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

.Carried

#### RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Balzer  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve-in-principle the Zone Change Application submitted by 242936 Ontario Ltd. (File No. ZN1-21-09) whereby the lands described as N Part Lot 2, Concession 10 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford-Blenheim are to be rezoned from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Special General Agricultural Zone (A2-sp)' and 'Special Rural Residential Zone (RR-sp)';

AND FURTHER, be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve-in-principle the Zone Change Application submitted by Clayton & Allyson Haight, (File No. ZN1-21-10) whereby the lands described as N Part Lot 3, Concession 10 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford-Blenheim are to be rezoned from 'Limited Agricultural Zone (A1)' to 'Special General Agricultural Zone (A2-sp).'

.Carried

## 8. Delegations / Presentations

- a. Denise Krug, Director of Finance, Re: Revisions to the 2022 Draft Budget

Denise Krug, Director of Finance presented the revisions to the 2022 draft budget. Council discussed at length the increase to the tax rate. Staff were directed to bring the 2022 levy by-law to the February 16, 2022 Council meeting.

### RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that the presentation of the draft 2022 budget by Denise Krug, Director of Finance be received as information.

.Carried

## 9. Correspondence

### a. Specific

- i. Marcus Ryan, Mayor, Township of Zorra, Re: Resolution regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

### RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Banbury  
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That the correspondence from the Township of Zorra be received; and,

That staff be instructed to collaborate with the Township of Zorra and other Oxford County area municipalities and develop action items the Township can undertake to address the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action directed at municipal government.

.Carried

**b. General**

None.

**10. Staff Reports**

**a. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent**

i. DS-22-04 – January Monthly Report

**RESOLUTION #8**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-22-04 be received as information.

.Carried

ii. DS-22-05 – CN Rail and Drainage

**RESOLUTION #9**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-22-05 be received as information;

And that Council support OMAFRA Minister Lisa M. Thompson and the Board of Director of DSAO by sending a letter of support to CN Rail.

.Carried

**b. Trevor Baer – Manager of Community Services**

i. CS-22-02 – January Monthly Report

**RESOLUTION #10**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-22-02 be received as information.

.Carried

**c. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works**

i. PW-22-03 – January Monthly Report

**RESOLUTION #11**

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Be it hereby resolved that Report PW-22-03 be received as information.

.Carried

**d. Rodger Mordue – Chief Administrative Officer**

- i. CAO-21-01 – 2022 Municipal Election Dates

**RESOLUTION #12**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-22-01 be received; and,

That staff be directed to bring forward a by-law to amend the Township's procedural by-law in order to better align the Township's practices with Provincial legislation.

.Carried

**11. Reports from Council Members**

Mayor Peterson reported that, 2 weeks ago, there was a Mayor's meeting with Mr. Ford and some other staff and he texted Mr. Doug Ford after the meeting who responded and put him in touch with Patrick Sackville, Administrative Assistant. Peterson spoke to Sackville regarding the concerns with the Toyota assessment appeal process, and if there is something that can be done about the money required and the whole process that the Township was not able to participate in.

Mayor Peterson also reported that the Mayor's group held a preliminary discussion regarding what the density values in subdivisions within the County should be. Peterson noted this will be a difficult undertaking.

**12. Unfinished Business**

None.

**13. Motions and Notices of Motion**

None.

**14. New Business**

None.

**15. Closed Session**

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

Re: Staffing

**RESOLUTION #13**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Council move into Closed Session under the authority of section 239 of the Municipal Act at 5:25 p.m. to discuss:

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

Re: Staffing

.Carried

**RESOLUTION #14**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn from Closed Session and resume into Open Session at 6:41 p.m.

.Carried

**16. By-laws**

- a. 2286-2022, Being a By-law to amend By-law 1916-2015, Being a By-law to govern the proceedings of Council and Committees, and to prescribe the forms and manner and times for the provision of notice; and,
- b. 2287-2022, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

**RESOLUTION #15**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a first and second time: 2286-2022 & 2287-2022.

.Carried

**RESOLUTION #16**

Moved by – Councillor Demarest

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a third and final reading: 2286-2022 & 2287-2022.

.Carried

## 17. Other Business

None.

## 18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

### RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Demarest  
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 6:42 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

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Mark Peterson, Mayor  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

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Rodger Mordue CAO / Clerk  
Township of Blandford-Blenheim