

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

HELD ON MAY 22, 2007

AT THE MATACHEWAN COMMUNITY RECREATION HALL

Councillors Present: Deputy Reeve Joe Bisson, Andrew George, Carrie Gilbert, and Albert Durand

Staff Present: Andrew Van Oosten, CAO-Clerk-Treasurer, James Belisle, Economic Development Intern

Members of the Public: Ron Baker, Ken Baker, Sandra Couture & Leon Genovy

Motions:

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the regular Council meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan is hereby called to order at 6:25 pm.

Carried

There were no declarations of interest.

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Matachewan hereby adopts the agenda as presented.

Carried

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan hereby adopts the Minutes of April 17, 2007 as presented.

Carried

Delegations:

Sandra Couture was upset, as the Clerk had not written down everything she had discussed at the previous Council meeting. She declared, “Andrew is not doing his job.” She had several questions regarding a new grant for the ice rink, By-law 97-04, By-law 6-79 and regarding the tearing down of buildings. She indicated that she has been in contact with a structural engineer and wants the township to maintain and pay for the old wood structure bridge. She wanted the cupboards at the Community Hall emptied so that the Pioneer Club could use them and also wanted permission from Council to adopt-the-highway from the Reserve road to the Legion. They have already applied to the MTO and June 9th is the first of three days this year for a period of two years. There was also some concern expressed regarding Barney Batisse’s basement.

Joe addressed her indicating that most things Council speaks to are recorded in the minutes. He also explained that the township has ongoing meetings with the MTO and that the potential liabilities and costs associated with maintaining the old bridge are a concern. He also indicated that the township was waiting to hear back from Gerry Bernatchez regarding the cupboards. Joe indicated that the basement issue has been referred to Gaetan. He also requested a copy of the terms between the Pioneer Club and the MTO re: the Adopt-a-highway program.

Motions:

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby agrees to donate \$1000.00 to the Legion to be used for Canada Day Activities.

Carried

07-66

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby agrees to allow the refurbishment of that portion of Amabilis Avenue by Mr. Baker and Mr. Saulnier as per the specifications provided at their own cost subject to an approved site plan and are willing to pay all other costs.

Carried

07-67

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

The Council hereby grants the Pioneer Club permission to “Adopt-the-highway” within the town limits.

Carried

07-68

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby agrees to allow the Pioneer Club to use the cupboards at the Community Hall subject to them providing one key and accepting liability to pay the deductible for insurance.

Carried

Correspondence:

Councillor George will be speaking to Miller Paving Northern regarding the potholes near their project site.

Motions:

07-69

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby directs the CAO to send a letter to Mr. Secord giving him 24 hours to make arrangements for the return of both paddle boats.

Carried

07-70

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby agrees to the purchase of an orange strobe light for Wilf’s vehicle.

Carried

07-71

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby accepts the resignation of James Belisle with regret.

Carried

07-72

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby authorizes OCWA to proceed with the \$1500.00 capital upgrade to the water plant.

Carried

07-73

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby authorizes the CAO to proceed with hiring a contractor to facilitate the septic clean-outs at all municipal buildings.

Carried

07-74

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby authorized the CAO to proceed with Spring Clean-up day next month.

Carried

07-75

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby strikes a Property Standards Committee consisting of the CBO, CAO and two Residents.
Carried

07-76

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That Council hereby adopts the Property Standards Compliance letter and appends it to the Property Standards By-law. The Property Standards By-law is also hereby reaffirmed.

Carried

07-77

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan Council hereby approves the pay vouchers for April, numbered 3688 to 3707 in the amount of \$16 510.07 as circulated.

Carried

07-78

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2007-06, being a By-law to provide for the prohibition and regulation of the use of trailers (construction, ATCO or otherwise) in any configuration within the residential boundaries is hereby read for the first and second time this 22nd day of May 2007.

Carried

07-79

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That By-law 2007-06, being a By-law to provide for the prohibition and regulation of the use of trailers (construction, ATCO or otherwise) in any configuration within the residential boundaries is hereby read for the third and final time this 22nd day of May 2007. Signed, sealed and numbered 2007-06.

Carried

07-80

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan Council hereby moves into an in-camera discussion.

Carried

07-81

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan Council hereby moves out of the in-camera discussion.

Carried

07-82

Moved by: Albert Durand
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the Council hereby decrees that \$497.78 be deducted from the water line thawing invoice sent to Mrs. Axford. This amount will be absorbed by the municipality to cover travel time from and to Kirkland Lake.
Carried

07-83

Moved by: Andrew George
Seconded by: Carrie Gilbert

That the regular meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m. and that the next regular meeting be held on June 18, 2007 or at the call of the Reeve.

Carried

Discussions:

1. A stuffer will be included in the next water bills. It will include information on bleeders, the family fishing weekend, spring clean-up day, the Property Standards Committee, the requirement for building permits and septic system clean-outs.
2. Council will be examining the interior structure of the former fire hall after the lessee vacates the premises.
3. Council discussed the letter received by Mr. And Mrs. Peddie objecting to the sale of the laneway running behind their property. Council has decided not to sell the laneway at this time due to the objection.
4. The new padlock for the dump has been mailed and we are awaiting its arrival.
5. Ken Baker will be dropping off a letter of interest regarding the purchase of a laneway adjacent to his property. Andrew will also give him a copy of the laneway de-accessioning policy.
6. After the in-camera discussion the bid for Lot 3 Dales Street by the Monette's was rejected as the required 20% down payment was not included.

Joe Bisson
Deputy Reeve

Andrew Van Oosten
CAO-Clerk-Treasurer