

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. online and in Council Chambers, Virginiatown, Ontario.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Matt Reimer

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Louanne Caza
Councillor Wendy K. Weller
Councillor Bonita Culhane
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

ALSO PRESENT:

CLERK-TREASURER: Karine Pelletier

AUDIENCE: Approximately 8 members of the Public online

1. Opening of Regular Meeting by the Head of Council

Mayor Matt Reimer opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

231/2020
Agenda Adoption

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
None

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

232/2020
Council Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 9th, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

233/2020
Special Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on June 19th, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

234/2020
Special Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday July 8th, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

5. Matters arising from the minutes / Affaires découlant du process-verbal.

None

6. Deputation / Délégations

None

7. a) Submitted Questions/Questions soumises

- a. Question from Muriel Rose regarding Garbage Collection after Covid 19
- b. Question from Muriel Rose regarding Animal Control By-Law Officer

b) Audience Questions/Questions de l'auditoire

- Evelyn Smith asked if any progress had been made in getting quotes for Community Centre bathroom renovations. The Clerk-Treasurer responded that we are working on getting quotes so the project can move forward.
- Celine Richardson asked if we could give her an explanation as to why the pot hole in front of her house had not been fixed yet. The Mayor replied that is it not a common pot hole. This is a main water drainage man hole that allows water drainage and we are working on getting it fix. Mrs. Richardson then asked why are we not paving and fixing other pot holes and the Mayor explained that it is very costly to the Municipality to get someone to come in to fix one pot hole so therefore we are waiting in order to save money and we will get all of them fixed at the same time. Mrs. Richardson also asked if there was anything as a Citizen of Mcgarry that she could do to help get grants for road repairs. The Mayor answered that nothing could be done by the residents at this time.
- Muriel Rose asked the if Public Works will be filling the pot holes with temporary gravel. The Mayor answered yes.
- Celine Richardson asked if the gravel down at the Marina was the Township or did it belong to the MTO and if she could purchase some. The Mayor answered that it does belong to the Township and we are not selling any at this time.

8. Correspondance, Information / Correspondance, Information

- a) Thank you card from Dawson Brousseau for the bursaries presented at the ECJV graduation - Received and filed
- b) Letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Planning Act- Received and filed
- c) Letter from the Ministry of Finance regarding deferral of education property tax payments that municipalities make to school Board- Received and filed
- d) Letter from the Ontario Provincial Police regarding change in security checks and revenue distribution processes - Received and filed
- e) Letter from the Ontario Provincial Police regarding protest activity from the death of Mr. George Floyd - Received and filed

9. Councillors Reports / Rapports du conseil

Councillor Bonita Culhane

McGarry Volunteer Fire Department

Due to restrictions mandated by the government to prevent the spread of COVID-19 – The McGarry Volunteer Fire Department has temporarily cancelled training sessions and the schedule for prevention and maintenance on all equipment. Public Works employees are taking care of these concern for the time being. McGarry Fire Department Volunteers are on standby if there assistance is required.

Public Works

On behalf of Council and the residents I would like to pass along our sympathy and condolences to Mr. Caza and family on the passing of his father and to Mr. Brown and family on the passing of his mother. Summer students have reported for employment. Grass is being cut and playgrounds and planters are being painted. Playgrounds will open on Friday July 17, 2020. Have a safe and healthy summer.

Councillor Wendy K, Weller

Property By-Law

To date: Clean and Clear = 12 complaints, 4 resolved, 8 pending

Garbage = 5 complaints, 1 resolved, 4 pending

Property Standards = 8 complaints, 7 letters sent, inside time frame for compliance of letters. 1 investigated and resolved.

Animal Control

Farm Animal = 2 complaints, 1 resolved, 1 pending inside time frame for compliance to letter.

Dogs = 3 complaints, all resolved.

Abandoned vehicles = 2 complaints, 1 resolved, 1 pending inside time frame for compliance to letter.

Building Inspector Orders = Demolition – 1 house has been teared down that was ordered unsafe. 1 business has been ordered to come down in a short time due to an order of unsafe state from the inspector. When a Building Inspector has deemed a residence/business/out building not safe, the building is posted by the inspector for a time frame. All arrangements for demolition of said building is in the hands of the inspector. If a building is deemed extreme unsafe it is demolished that day, again in the hands of the inspector.

Strategic Planning

With the lifting of restrictions and going into phase 3 of COVID-19 the committee following the regulations set out by the Ontario government and the Timiskaming Health Unit we should be able to meet the 4th Tuesday of July at 7pm in the Council Chambers at the municipal building to discuss how to move the township in a positive direction. Committee members will be contacted with information and agenda.

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

Library

The McGarry Public Library will be opening its doors on Monday July 20, 2020 with COVID-19 regulations. Posters will be out shortly. Entry to the library will be by using regular community centre doors with a sanitizing station, in the hall will be bins for returning books and you will need to stop at the library door to wait for the librarian to let you in. Two (2) patrons at a time, and no more than 15 minutes on the computers. Exist will be the regular library door.

Councillor Louanne Caza

No report

Mayor Matt Reimer

Current staff is working very hard to get us up to date. He made the residents aware that we will be posting the new Phase 3 regulations on our Website and they will be in effect on Friday , July 17, 2020.

Mayor Reimer informed everyone that he had found a live critter worm at the Marina. He did get a biologist to test it and it came back as a horse long hair worm

10. New Business / Nouvelles affaires

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

235/2020
Library Members

THAT Council appoints Merdy Armstrong, Amanda Squire and Danielle Larouche to sit on the Library Board.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

236/2020
OCWA

THAT the Township of McGarry accepts the Financial Plan #280-301 from Ontario Clean Water Agency dated June 2020.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

237/2020
Meeting Cancelled

THAT Council agrees to cancel the August 11th, 2020 Council meeting and resume on September 8th, 2020.

Carried

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Louanne Caza

238/2020
Passing of Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

<u>JUNE</u>	
Payroll	\$25,954.37
General	\$99,239.91

Carried

12. Passing of By-Laws:

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

239/2020
Clerk-Treasurer

THAT a By-Law to appoint a Clerk-Treasurer be considered and read three times and passed this 14th day of July, 2020 and numbered By-Law No.2020-36.

Carried

13. Closed Meeting:

None

14. Confirmation By-Law

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

240/2020
Confirmation

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 14th day of July, 2020 and numbered By-Law 2020-37.

Carried

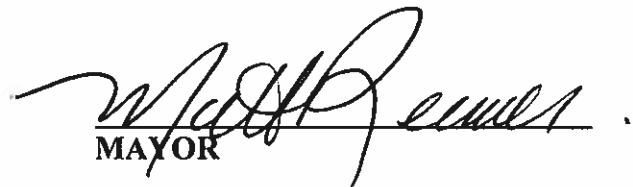
15. Adjournment:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

241/2020
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Carried


MAYOR


CLERK-TREASURER