

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 09, 2006

There was a Regular Council Meeting held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Monday, January 9, 2006. All members of Council were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Johnston called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by members of Council.

3. MINUTES OF: REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 06, 2005
PUBLIC MEETING ON ZONING AMENDMENTS
PUBLIC MEETING ON ROAD CLOSING (N. EADY)
CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 06, 2005
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 04, 2006

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No: 06-003

That Council approves the following meeting minutes:

- Regular Council Meeting - December 06, 2005
- Public Meeting on zoning amendments
- Public Meeting on Road Closing (N. Eady)
- Closed Council Meeting - December 06, 2005
- Special Council Meeting - January 04, 2006

Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councillor Eady asked if Reeve Johnston had an opportunity to contact Finlay Barr about the rights to cut trees at the Landfill Site? Reeve Johnston said he has not yet spoken to Mr. Barr.

Councillor Bennett reported that installation of the sign at the Community Centre has not yet started but since there is little frost a hole can still be dug within the next two weeks.

Councillor Eady asked if there was any information from the County on the request of Greater Madawaska for an elected warden? Reeve Johnston said that it has not been discussed.. Reeve Johnston noted that County Warden Sweet has again been appointed Chair of the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus and they are supporting John Yakabuski's Private Members Bill on the Fuel Tax to Rural Municipalities.

5. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

There were no items to be added to the Agenda.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury
Seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 06-004

That Council adds the following items to the agenda and approves the agenda for the January 09, 2006 Council Meeting.

Carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:05 **Public Works**

December 12, 2005 Meeting

Councillor Bennett, Chair of Public Works Committee, reported on the December 12, 2005 Meeting.

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No . 06-005

That Council receives the December 12, 2005 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Recommendations

There were not recommendations.

December Public Works Superintendent Report

Council reviewed Rod Eady's Public Works Superintendent Report, which follows:

WINTER EVENTS:

- Friday, December 02 - Temp. -1 - approximately 3 to 4 cm of wet snow fell last night - trucks went out at 7 a.m. to sand intersections, hills, corners. Finished 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday December 4 - light snow fell all day - road patrol 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Road Patrol 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 05 - Tem -4 - light snow falling - truck went out at 6 a.m. to sand all of the paved roads and intersections, hills, corners on the gravel roads. Finished sanding 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 07 - Temp -12 - trucks went out to sand intersection, hills, corners at 6 a.m. Finished at 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, December 09 - temp -8 - snowing hard at 6 a.m. Trucks went out at 6:30 a.m. to sand intersections, hills corners - still snowing hard at 9 a.m. Quit snowing at 11 a.m. - 5 to 8 cm. on the roads - plows went out at 11 a.m.
- Sunday, December 11 - light snow fell all day - 3 to 4 cm. - road patrol - 6:30 p.m. till 8 p.m. - quit snowing 9 p.m. - 6 to 7 cm on the roads
- Monday, December 12 - temp -12 - put plow onto truck #3 and loaded both trucks 5:30 a.m. - plows went out 6 a.m. - finished 3 p.m.
- Friday, December 16 - temp -10 - snowed 15 to 18 cm last night plows went out at 5 a.m. - still snowing hard at 8:30 a.m. - finished snowing 11:30 a.m. - 25 to 30 cm down on the roads - finished plowing at 5:30 p.m. - plowed the routes twice
- Tuesday, December 20 - temp -6 - light snow falling at 7 a.m. Snowing harder at 8 a.m. - - road patrol 9:30 a.m. Still snowing at 11 a.m. - plows went out 12:30 p.m. to plow main roads - quit snowing around 1:30 p.m. - 5 to 7 cm on Township roads - finished plowing 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 21 - temp -22 - finish plowing and sanding from yesterday's snow fall
- Thursday, December 22 - tem -14 - snowing lightly - road patrol at 6 a.m. Snowed off and on yesterday and last night - 3 to 4 cm. Trucks went out at 7 a.m. to sand Township roads
- Friday, December 23 - temp +1 - started to snow (wet snow) at 5 p.m. Road patrol at 7 p.m. - plowed off Pinnacle Hill 7:10 p.m. - plowed 2 hills in Thompsonville 7:30 p.m. -

plowed all of Fraser Road 8 p.m. - came to garage and put plows on, loaded trucks with sand - plowed Cobus Hill 10:30 p.m. - plowed Pinnacle Hill again at 11 p.m. Plowed all these spots with

Truck #1 - 1/2 ton

- Saturday, December 24 - wet snow on Township roads - 5 to 6 cm. - plows went out at 4:30 a.m.

- Sunday, December 25 - temp +1 - rained all night - started at 7 p.m. Dec. 24 - trucks went out at 6 a.m. - sanded gravel roads

- Monday, December 26 - snowed 3 to 4 cm. of wet snow last night - road patrol 10 a.m.

- truck went out at 11 a.m. - truck #3 put salt down on the pavement - truck #2 sanded intersections - hills on the gravel roads

- Wednesday, December 28 - trucks went out to finish sanding Township roads - ice pellets started at 7 p.m. - road patrol 10:30 p.m. - road patrol 1 a.m. Thursday morning

- Thursday, December 29 - temp -3 - plowed off pavement and sanded with truck #3 - sanded intersection, hills, corners on the gravel roads Truck #2. Ice Pellets.

- Friday, December 30 - temp -15 - plow the snow off that was left on the gravel roads from yesterday.

WORK PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN DECEMBER:

- started to put up snow fence

- hauled pit from Milt Stevenson's pit to Eady Road to cover the rock where hoe ram worked

- worked on drain for gutter in garage - plugged

- fixed blow off valve on hot water tank in main office and garage

- trimming branches sticking out onto Township roads

MISCELLANEOUS JOBS:

- open beaver dam on Pinnacle Road

- brought in firewood

- clean up garage

- took down old Sportsplex sign

- hooked up new toilet in garage

EQUIPMENT REPAIRS:

- worked on the 2 pistons for Truck #1 plow

- put plow harness onto Truck #1 - 1/2 ton

- worked on the brakes on truck #10 - 1/2 ton

- worked on lights on the plow truck - truck #2 and truck #3

- truck #2 went to Antrim Truck Centre for 4 new hubs on the back

- changed 2 u-joints on drive shaft - Truck # 1 - 1/2 ton

Mr. Eady noted that it was a busy time over the Christmas Holidays. Councillor Bennett thanked Rod Eady and his staff for their time and energy keeping the roads open and in good shape over the holiday season.

Moved by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 06-006

Seconded by Don Eady

That Council receives the Public Works Superintendent's report for December 2005.

Carried.

Adopt-a-Road Program

Council reviewed the Adopt-a-Road Program information, which is a copy of the County Program. After discussion it was agreed to take this Program request to the next Public Works Committee Meeting as there are

requirements of the Public Works Department Staff, they should be aware of what is involved.

Highway 417 – Arnprior & McNab- Renfrew County Report

Council briefly reviewed a Report prepared for the County of Renfrew by Morrison Hershfield, a consulting engineering firm.

Public Involvement Centre Meeting January 17, 2006.

Council reviewed a letter received from the Engineering firm of McCormick Rankin, who are planning the design stage of Highway 417 Twinning from Arnprior to west of Division Street. There is a public information meeting to be held in the Nick Smith Centre, January 17, 2006, 2:00 -4:00 p.m. for Public Officials. Reeve Johnston and Rod Eady will attend this meeting.

Gordie Road – By-law No. 70 passed January 19, 1885

Reeve Johnston reported that following the request of Bob Staley to close up part of Concession Road 10 and after hearing from members of the Towey Family that there was a swap of land done in the past, he researched the By-law Book and the Minute Book to attempt to find some history on Gordie Road and the possible closing of Concession Road 10 out to Thomason Road and River Road. He found By-law No 70, passed on January 19, 1885, which established a road which is now called Gordie Road. There was no indication in the Minutes or in the By-law, at that time, of a swap of land. There was reference in 1901 that the owner of the property, a Mr. Shaw, came to Council and requested that the unopened Concession Road 10 be given to him, and Council at that time did not agree to this request.

Council agreed that the CAO/Clerk should notify Bob Staley that the Township has now affirmed that this road is still an unopened road and that they will not entertain his request to close the road.

John Yakabuski – Introduced Private Members Bill on Gas Tax Rebate

Council reviewed information on Bill 3, an Act to amend the Public Transportation of Highway Improvement Act, with respect to the assistance that the Minister provides to Municipalities. This Act would permit the Government to give Provincial Sales Tax Rebate on gasoline to Municipalities that do not have urban transportation.

Moved by Don Eady
Seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 06-007

That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Horton offer its support to the Public Transportation of Highway Improvement Act (Assistance to Municipalities) 2005 brought forward by John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

Carried,

4:25 Waste Management Committee

December 12, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Councillor Eady, Chair of the Waste Management Committee reviewed the Meeting Minutes. He suggested that a Committee Meeting be held in the near future and it was agreed that it would follow the Finance Committee Meeting already scheduled for February 13, 2006 at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Councillor Eady discussed his comments during the Committee Meeting on committee structure. He had suggested that the second member on the committee be responsible for a section of work. Council discussed this suggestion. There was no decision made.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury
Seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 06-008

That Council receives the December 12, 2005 Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Recommendations

There were no recommendations from this Committee Meeting.

Accept Application to Amend Certificate of Approval for Landfill Site

Council reviewed the document and application prepared by Stantec Engineering to amend our Certificate of Approval to segregate asphalt shingles, construction debris and electronics and to use the shredded material as alternate daily cover.

After discussion it was agreed that this application be brought to the next Committee meeting for review and recommendation to Council.

Rod Eady reported that the Engineers moved the front border posts, which will give us more space to fill in at the Landfill Site. He also reported that a sign needs some repair work and he will have this done. Other signs that the Committee asked for last month, will be up shortly as well.

4:40 **Finance Committee**

December 21, 2005 Committee Meeting

Deputy Reeve Hall, Chair of the Finance Committee reviewed the December 21, 2005 meeting minutes.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury
Seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 06-009

That Council receives the December 21, 2005 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Recommendations

Moved by Dave Bennett
Seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 06-010

That Council, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, agrees to take \$3,196.76 from the 2005 Parks and Recreation Budget and apply it to the Reserves - Additional CRF General Ledger Account to pay off the amount that was borrowed from the reserve to cover the extra costs on the community Centre construction.

Carried.

December Tax Arrears Report

Deputy Reeve Hall reviewed the December 2005 Tax Arrears Report.

Moved by Don Eady
Seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No: 06-011

That Council receives the December 31, 2005 Tax Arrears Account.

Carried.

4:50 **Recreation Committee**

December 8, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Councillor Kingsbury, Chair of the Recreation Committee, reviewed the December 8, 2005 Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Dave Bennett
Seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 06-012

That Council receives the December 08, 2005 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Recommendations

There were no recommendations from this meeting.

4:55 **Planning Committee**

December 15, 2005 Special Meeting

Councillor Bennett, Chair of the Planning Committee, reviewed the December 15, 2005 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Don Eady
Seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 06-013

That Council receives the December 15, 2005 Special Planning Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Recommendations

There were no recommendations from this meeting.

Bruemmer Consent B245/05

Moved by Dave Bennett
Seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 06-014

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee recommends approval of Consent Application B245/05 for George and Arist Bruemmer to sever 10.7 ha. from their holding in Part of Lot 5 Concession 7 subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicants enter into a consent agreement pursuant to Sections 51 and 53 of the Planning Act.
2. That the applicant rezone to permit a year round dwelling without public road frontage.

Carried.

Appoint Representative to Chamber of Commerce

The CAO/Clerk reported that Gerald Vanderploeg, our representative for the past number of years, has verbally offered his resignation and we need to appoint a new representative.

After discussion it was agreed to send this request to the Human Resources Committee to make a recommendation to Council.

Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

Council reviewed the January 1, 2006 Winter Newsletter.

5:05 **Human Resources**

Deputy Reeve Hall reported that there no Committee meeting since our last Council meeting.

5:00 **Renfrew Seniors Home Support**

Councillor Kingsbury, Horton's representative on the Renfrew Seniors Home Support, reported that there was no meeting in December. He did present a copy of the Home Support 2006 funding request, which has been forwarded to the Finance Committee.

5:07 **CPAC**

Councillor Bennett, our representative on the Community Policing Advisory Committee reported that there was no meeting in December. The next meeting is to be held January 23, 2006, however that is Federal Election night and this meeting will be postponed. The meeting will be held in Horton when the date is determined.

5:08 **Building Permit Report**

December

Deputy Reeve Hall noted that this year has been the biggest year on record, we have doubled 2004 building value. He suggested that we meet with Dennis Fridgen, our Chief Building Official, to determine the reasons for this increase and what work we can do to further the increase next year and beyond. Council agreed to invite Mr. Fridgen to attend the Planning Committee Meeting January 17, 2006.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury
Seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 06-015

That Council receives the December 2005 Building Permit Report.

Carried.

5:12 **E M O**

Emergency Management Training & Exercise Event January 14, 2006

Reeve Johnston reminded all member of Council that the Emergency Training Exercise will be held January 14, 2006 at the Fire Hall, not the Community Centre, at 9:30 a.m.

Estimate of Cost to Equip Training Room at Fire Hall for Short Wave Radios

Jim Ferguson, our CEMC, had provided an estimate on materials that were required to equip the Fire Hall Room for short wave radio connections in the amount of approximately \$1,000.00 plus installation. This was referred to Finance Committee to be included in the Emergency Plan budget for 2006.

Essential & Enhanced Public Awareness Program Completion

Information was received from the Ministry that we have completed our 2005 Essential Program and 2006 Enhanced Program on Public Education.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

- Information Correspondence

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence Summary.

- A. AMO:
- Alert - Government introduces Sources Protection Bill
 - Alert - Provincial Auditor's Report on Land Ambulances
 - Alert - Bill 123 - Transparency on Public Matters act - 3rd reading
 - Alert - Municipal Affairs - Proposed amendments to Planning Act and Ontario Municipal Board
 - Alert - Report on December 2005 MOU Meeting
 - Alert - December Federal Gas Tax Implementation Update
 - Alert - Ministry announces funding for land ambulance and long-term care equipment
 - Alert - proposal for integrated Provincial Waste Management Strategy

Councillor Eady suggested someone research information over the internet, be it a summer student or another staff member. He would like to have research grants and projects as a priority.

- Fact Sheet - \$3 Billion Gap
- End of Session Status on Legislation relating to municipal governments

- B. Canadian Plastics Industry Association - press release on plastic shipping bag recycling

Councillor Eady suggested we need to encourage our Contractor to pick up new recyclable products. He suggested we have a place for people to voluntarily drop off plastic bags. Reeve Johnston suggested that this be discussed at the next Waste Management Committee Meeting.

- C. Government Information Centre - December 2005 newsletter
- D. Coalition for small schools - media advisory - funding announcement to promote student success in rural high schools
- E. Environment and Plastics Industry Council (EPIC) - new plastic bag resources - news and views
- F. Joe Hall - Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre - correspondence about a survey on "user pay" garbage/waste
- G. Ministry of Labour - end of mandatory retirement in Ontario
- H. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - respect for Municipalities Act 2005
- I. John Tory - PC Leader/Ontario - Bill 37 - "The Disrespect for Taxpayers Act"
- J. John Yakabuski - Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Amendment Act - Private Members Bill - gas tax to every municipality
- K. OMAFRA - Revised Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) formulae - Environmental Registry
- L. CD Release Party- Bonnechere Manor -Thank You to Councillor Kingsbury for attending
- M. MWIN - Municipal Waste Matters

Councillor Eady noted that there is a Solid Waste as a Resource Workshop to be held in Ottawa February 3, 2006, he may take this in.

- N. MOE - funding available for technical studies on Municipal Residential Drinking Water Systems
- O. MMAH - New Financial Tools Available
- P. MMAH - Bill 206 - Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act (OMERS)
- Q. Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration - Ontario Volunteer Service Awards, Outstanding Achievement Awards for Voluntarism in Ontario, and the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers
- R. FCM - Election Alert - ask candidates to take election checkup on municipal issues
- S. Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs - celebrates snowmobile safety week - January 08 to January 14, 2006
- T. Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care - invitation to Family Health Team Information Sessions
- U. Thank You - Mae Craig - RVH Board Representative

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 06-016

That Council receives the January 09, 2006 Information Correspondence Summary.

Carried.

Action Correspondence

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence Summary.

- A. Town of Halton Hills - support resolution which supports the efforts of the Ombudsman of Ontario in their review of the fairness and transparency of the property assessment system as administered by MPAC

Moved by Dave Bennett
Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 06-017

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Town of Halton Hills which supports the efforts of the Ombudsman of Ontario in the review of the fairness and transparency of the property assessment system as administered by MPAC.

Carried.

- B. Township of South Algonquin - support resolution calling for Premier McGuinty to have the 2005 moratorium on assessment increases extended through the 2006 taxation year

Moved by Bob Kingsbury
Seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 06-018

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Township of South Algonquin which calls on Premier McGuinty to immediately institute a short term solution to the 2006 Assessment update by extending the 2005 moratorium on assessment increases through 2006 taxation year, and that the Province undertake a review of the Current Value Assessment system in 2006 and implement a more equitable, stable, and transparent assessment system.

Carried.

- C. Town of Essex - support resolution which requests the Province to amend the Negligence Act R.S.O. 1990 so that only when a municipality is found to be at least 50% liable would a full claim be paid

Moved by Dave Bennett
Seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 06-019

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Town of Essex which calls on the Province to amend the Negligence Act, R.S.O. 1990 so that a full claim will only be paid if a municipality is found to be at least 50% liable.

Carried.

- D. City of Port Colborne - support resolution which requests Province to provide relief and remedy for working families and seniors who are hardest hit by unacceptable spikes in the cost of living and by the likely property tax increases to come

Moved by Bob Kingsbury
Seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 06-020

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the City of Port Colborne requests the Province to provide relief and remedy for working families and seniors hit by unacceptable spikes in the cost of living and property tax increases, and that the Province be requested to end it downloading of Provincial programs sand the use of municipal property tax dollars for the subsidization of Health and Social Service programs

Carried.

- E. Nation Municipality - supports resolution which petitions the Federal Government to review existing method of distributing the gas tax and establish a fair and equitable formula for the distribution of the gas tax rebate based on 50% base kilometers of highway and 50% on population

Council could not support this resolution.

- F. City of Sarnia - support resolution that requests Minister of Finance and Minister of Municipal Affairs of Housing to defer the 2006 MPAC Assessment values until the Ombudman's investigation has been completed.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury
Seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 06-021

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the City of Sarnia which calls on the Province to defer the 2006 MPAC Assessment Value until the Ombudsman has completed their investigation, and that the 2004 values remain in place until the Ombudsman's report has been released to the public.

Carried.

- G. City of Kawartha Lakes - support resolution which calls on Province to create a new Water and Wastewater Partnership Funding Program to assist Ontario municipalities and small rural municipal water systems

Moved by Don Eady
Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 06-022

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the City of Kawartha Lakes which calls on the Province to create a new Water and Wastewater Partnership Funding Program to assist Ontario municipalities with small rural municipal water systems.

Carried.

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

There was no Accounts Payable Listing available for December 2005 as all invoices had not yet been received.

9. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions for Council to review.

10. BY-LAWS

By-law 2006-01 - Borrowing By-law

Moved by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 06-023

That By-law 2006-01, being a by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006 BE INTRODUCED.

Moved by Dave Bennett

Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That By-law 2006-01, being a by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures be read a first time this 09th day of January, 2006.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury

Seconded by Don Eady

That By-law 2006-01, being a by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures be read a second time this 09th day of January, 2006.

Moved by Don Eady

Seconded by Bob Hall

That By-law 2006-01, being a by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures be read a third time and passed this 09th day of January, 2006.

Carried.

By-law 2006-02 - Appoint Valuers of Livestock and Poultry

Moved by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 06-024

That By-law 2006-02, being a by-law to appoint valuers of livestock and poultry for the Township BE INTRODUCED.

Moved by Bob Hall

Seconded by Dave Bennett

That By-law 2006-02, being a by-law to appoint valuers of livestock and poultry for the Township be read a first time this 09th day of January, 2006.

Moved by Dave Bennett

Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That By-law 2006-02, being a by-law to appoint valuers of livestock and poultry for the Township be read a second time this 09th day of January, 2006.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury

Seconded by Don Eady

That By-law 2006-02, being a by-law to appoint valuers of livestock and poultry for the Township be read a third time and passed this 09th day of January, 2006.

Carried.

By-law 2006-03 - Appoint Fenceviewers

Moved by Don Eady

Resolution No. 06-025

That By-law 2006-03, being a by-law to appoint fenceviewers for the Township BE INTRODUCED.

Moved by Don Eady

Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That By-law 2006-03, being a by-law to appoint fenceviewers for the Township be read a first time this 09th day of January 2006.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury

Seconded by Dave Bennett

That By-law 2006-03, being a by-law to appoint fenceviewers for the Township be read a second time this 09th day of January 2006.

Moved by Dave Bennett

Seconded by Bob Hall

That By-law 2006-03, being a by-law to appoint fenceviewers for the Township be read a third time and passed this 09th day of January 2006.

Carried.

By-law 2006-04 - Appoint Committee of Adjustment

Moved by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 06-026

That By-law 2006-04, being a by-law to appoint members of the Committee of Adjustment for the Township BE INTRODUCED.

Moved by Bob Hall

Seconded by Don Eady

That By-law 2006-04, being a by-law to appoint members of the Committee of Adjustment for the Township be read a first time this 09th day of January, 2006.

Moved by don Eady

Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That By-law 2006-04, being a by-law to appoint members of the Committee of Adjustment for the Township be read a second time this 09th day of January, 2006.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury

Seconded by Dave Bennett

That By-law 2006-04, being a by-law to appoint members of the Committee of Adjustment for the Township be read a third time and passed this 09th day of January, 2006.

Carried.

By-law 2006-04 - Appoint Township Auditor

Moved by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 06-027

That By-law 2006-05, being a by-law to appoint an auditor for the Township of Horton BE INTRODUCED.

Moved by Dave Bennett

Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That By-law 2006-05, being a by-law to appoint an auditor be read a first time this 09th day of January, 2006.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury

Seconded by Don Eady

That By-law 2006-05, being a by-law to appoint an auditor be read a second time this 09th day of January, 2006.

Moved by Don Eady

Seconded by Bob Hall

That By-law 2006-05, being a by-law to appoint an auditor be read a third time and passed this 09th day of January, 2006.

Carried.

By-law 2006-06 - Provide for 2006 Interim Tax Levy

Moved by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 06-028

That By-law 2006-06, being a by-law to provide for a 2006 Interim Tax Levy BE INTRODUCED.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury

Seconded by Don Eady

That By-law 2006-06, being a by-law to provide for a 2006 Interim Tax Levy be read a first time this 09th day of January 2006.

Moved by Don Eady

Seconded by Bob Hall

That By-law 2006-06, being a by-law to provide for a 2006 Interim Tax Levy be read a second time this 09th day of January 2006.

Moved by Bob Hall

Seconded by Dave Bennett

That By-law 2006-06, being a by-law to provide for a 2006 Interim Tax Levy be read a third time and passed this 09th day of January 2006.

Carried.

11. REPORT FROM COUNTY

Reeve Johnston reported that the Annual Joint Tender for items in the Public Works Department with Municipalities will be coming shortly. We should

consider at our committee level what we wish to join in on. He reported that the County has acquired an Attenuator that can be mounted on a truck and loaned out to municipalities. Rod Eady is requested to research to see if we could use this. The County Committees are now working on their budget reviews.

At this point being 5:55 p.m. Council recessed for a supper hour. Reeve Johnston called the meeting back to public session at 6:25 p.m. with the same number of Council Members present.

13. FIRE COMMITTEE

Rick Rougier, Deputy Fire Chief, was present and submitted a verbal report that in December they had one fire on December 15, 2005, a chimney fire with eight fire fighters responding.

Council thanked Mr. Rougier for attending.

14. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the Agenda requested by Council.

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

Councillor Bennett noted that the Building Permit Report indicated Tom Orr was installing a septic system for Rory McKay on Thomson Road. This is the same contractor who when installing a system next door caused damage to the Thomson Road asphalt surface. He suggested that Council would want to ensure that this road is not broken up further as a result of this new installation. The CAO/Clerk was requested to contact Mr. Orr to advise him of our concerns immediately, and that this would be discussed at the next Road Committee Meeting.

Councillor Eady suggested that as some commercial buildings are being constructed in Horton, we should acknowledge these new companies for trusting in Horton and locating in Horton Township. We should do something that other municipalities do not do, whether it be a welcome letter or an invitation to a Council Meeting where the company is acknowledged.

Councillor Bennett asked if we should be doing something for all new residents as well? Councillor Eady suggested yes, that we could send out a welcome letter with a note to come and get a blue box and get instructions on the Township's activities. Staff was asked to come up with some suggestions for a future meeting to review.

16. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

There was not request for reconsideration.

17. CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Dave Bennett
Seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 06-029

That Council proceed into a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 8 (b) (vi) and (vii) of By-law 98-08 as amended (Procedural By-law).

Carried.

The meeting was closed at 7:10 p.m. Reeve Johnston called the meeting back to public session at 7:43 p.m. and reported that during the closed meeting Council received correspondence from our Solicitor which was solicitor/client privilege and we received information from Councillor Bennett on the Doctor Recruitment Committee that he is a member of in Renfrew. The Committee had asked that the Township keep this discussion private.

Council also discussed the possibility of a new employee who could split time between the Community Centre, the Office, and doing research for Council Members.

18. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Bob Kingsbury
Seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 06-030

That Council pass this confirming resolution to validate any actions or directions given during the open portion of this Council Meeting which are minor in nature and which were not set out in By-law or Resolution.

Carried.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 06-31

That Council adjourn this meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

CAO/Clerk