

**MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting  
April 6, 2016  
6:30 pm.

Present:  
 Reeve: Rodney Wood  
 Councillors: Pat Garside  
                   Dianne Holt  
                   Dave Leask  
                   Robert Jerrard  
 Road Superintendent:  
 Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

Absent:  
  
  
  
  
 Lyn Garside

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2016-44  
 Seconded by Dave Leask  
 Resolved that we do accept the Agenda as presented. \* Carried \*

Council welcomed Michael Wozny, Coordinator of the Lake Huron North Channel Cycling Route Initiative with Tourism Northern Ontario – Tourism Sault Ste Marie. Mr Wozny was in attendance to request support for linking St. Joseph Island to the tourism focused cycling route from Sault Ste. Marie to Sudbury. The complete 370 km route is intended to concentrate on back country roads as opposed to Highway 17. The aim at this time is to ensure all Island municipalities are supportive of a cycling route throughout the Island. There may be opportunities in the future to apply for grant funding to provide paved shoulders and signage if municipalities are part of the overall participating group. Council noted its approval and a formal resolution of support will be drafted for the May 2016 meeting.

Council welcomed Dan Richards and Andrea Mattioli of Algoma Power Inc (API). The importance of rules involved if ditching on the power line side of roads was reviewed. Not only is everyone required to call for a locate prior to digging but the area around power lines is broken down into both ‘authorized’ and ‘restricted’ zones. The ‘authorized’ zone requires permission from API to carry out such work provided the ‘employer’ ensures the work is being done by trained, experienced and certified individuals. The ‘restricted’ zone requires any work to be performed solely by API personnel. New numbers will be announced soon regarding a dedicated phone line for outages and trouble calls while all other Customer Service inquiries will continue to use 705-256-3850 or 1-877-457-7378. The new outage reporting number will be provided in inserts with customer monthly bills. API will be performing capital work on Hilton Road from Base Line to Hilton Beach this year. Council was asked if there was a desire to continue with the annual visits from API representatives as there are future plans to hold area Town Hall meetings to answer questions the public may have about power services. Council noted it appreciated the individual time allotted to municipal questions and would like to see such visits continue.

Council welcomed Jonathan Stewart, present on behalf of All Tribes Camp, to discuss proposed plans for a property fronting onto Upper Twin Lake. Council’s approval was requested for a proposal to use clean rock to form a walkway across some of the marshy area of the property and to access the water. The idea had already been reviewed and accepted by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry . Council had no objection to the proposal and recommended an additional approval be requested from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Moved by Dave Leask 2016-45  
 Seconded by Dianne Holt  
 Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the meetings of March 2, 2016 and the special meeting of March 7, 2016, as presented. \*Carried\*

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2016-46  
 Seconded by Dianne Holt  
 Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Closed Meetings of March 2, 2016 and March 7, 2016, as presented. \*Carried\*

As the Road Superintendent was still plowing roads, the Clerk presented the estimated breakdown he had prepared for the costs associated with the Hilton Road reconstruction project. Given the anticipated costs of \$150,000 for the proposed 2 km section, this will be the only road project planned for 2016. The Township’s annual goal is \$75,000 to \$100,000 in road improvements so the Clerk recommended the accumulated Federal Gas Tax funds be allocated toward the work along with the OCIF 2016 allocation of \$25,000.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2016-47  
 Seconded by Dave Leask  
 Resolved that the funds received and accumulated under the Federal Gas Tax Revenue program for the years 2012 (atrial balance remaining)/2013/2014/2015 representing a total amount of approximately \$48,000 will be allocated to the estimated 2 km reconstruction of Hilton Road with such work scheduled to be gin in May 2016. \*Carried\*

The Clerk advised that while Federal Gas Tax funds may not be used to construct a firehall, such funds may be directed toward the heating/cooling and lighting systems if they meet certain energy efficiency requirements. This should be taken into consideration when the Township proceeds with the construction of a satellite firehall.

Council reviewed two draft surveys detailing the shoreroad allowance to be purchased by the owner of Part 1 of Lot 6, Concession 18. One survey was shown as a straight line survey on both inner and outer boundaries while the second survey was drawn to follow the actual shoreline for the inner boundary. Discussion followed on which approach was acceptable and Council determined the first survey should be used. It was suggested that the issue of how shoreroad surveys should be shown should be added to the agenda of the upcoming Planning Board meeting.

Information was received from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) regarding the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and the associated new policy applying to coastal wetlands. MNR provided a digital map designating the approximate areas within our municipality that qualify as coastal wetlands or potential coastal wetland complexes. The Clerk has requested a paper copy of the map. The topic and implications for development will be discussed at a future Planning Board meeting.

Moved by Robert Jerrard  
Seconded by Dianne Holt

2016-48

Resolved that we do approve in principle the St. Joseph Island Planning Board Budget for 2016 in the amount of \$16,650 with Hilton Township's share being \$2,663.70 (20.49%). \*Carried\*

The Clerk advised that the purchase of Lot 17, Concession 14 (W Line) was finalized on March 31, 2016. This property will serve a dual purpose for residents with the bulk of the 97 acres being eventually developed into recreational walking (only) trails. An approximate five acre area of the property will be rezoned as "Institutional" and serve as a location for a satellite firehall which will improve fire response time to many Township residents. The construction will be funded solely by the Township of Hilton and remain a Township owned asset unlike the remainder of the fire department which is jointly owned and operated with the Village of Hilton Beach.

Moved by Pat Garside  
Seconded by Dave Leask

2016-49

Resolved that Council for the Township of Hilton does authorize the transfer from the Parks Reserve Fund to cover the purchase of the property described as Lot 17, Concession 14. \*Carried\*

The Clerk advised that despite being told by the municipality's insurance company that the ATV would qualify as a 'fleet vehicle', the insurance company has now confirmed it will not be acceptable and without a fourth vehicle the vehicle insurance portion of the premium will increase approximately \$3,700. In recognition of the misinformation provided, the insurer has extended the deadline for renewing the policy. Various options were discussed by Council that would avoid the increased premium and the Road Superintendent was asked to investigate.

The 2016 Algoma District Services Administration Board levy was received. The Township's levy will increase almost \$4,000 to \$261,249. A decrease to the levy had been anticipated in light of the continued uploading of various services to the provincial level.

Correspondence was received from the Blind River District Health Centre (BRDHC) requesting the municipalities from Echo Bay to St. Joseph Island contribute one quarter of the annual cost of a full time physician recruiter who would participate in a number of recruitment tours. The total cost of \$47,180 would mean a contribution of \$11,795 distributed over our seven municipalities. This matter will be discussed at a Steering Committee meeting to be held in the Village of Hilton Beach on April 7, 2016.

Correspondence was received from Matthews Memorial Hospital Association noting that in addition to the above amount being requested by BRDHC, additional funding was being requested to cover the costs of locum housing, signing bonuses for physicians, housing allowances for physicians and maintaining the turn-key operation of the Doctor's Clinic. A suggested figure of \$10 per person based on an estimated 6,000 population for our area was being requested as stable municipal funding for a two year period after which time it would be revisited. Council noted that much of what is being asked for should be coming from the Province but with the Province no longer funding physician incentives, the responsibility has fallen on municipal taxpayers everywhere. The cost per person could rise significantly if municipalities along the North Shore do not contribute on the same basis as Island communities who rely more heavily on MMH. This matter will also be discussed further at the Steering Committee meeting on April 7, 2016.

Moved by Dianne Holt  
Seconded by Robert Jerrard

2016-50

Resolved that we do authorize Valerie Obarymskyj to attend the AMCTO Bill 8: Ramifications for Municipalities Workshop to be held in Sault Ste. Marie on Thursday, April 14, 2016. \*Carried\*

Moved by Dave Leask 2016-51  
Seconded by Pat Garside  
Resolved that we do continue to be a member of the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition at an annual cost of \$250. \*Carried\*

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2016-52  
Seconded by Dianne Holt  
Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of March 2016 in the amount of \$129,641.41 as per Voucher 03-2016: Administration - \$5,868.20; AD School Bd - \$33,242.73; ADSAB - \$64,348.74; Algoma Public Health - \$4,178.00; Fire - \$1,557.87; Miscellaneous (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deductions/Benefits) - \$6,127.91; Parks - \$1,000.00; Police - \$5,558.00; Roads – \$7,759.96. \*Carried\*

Moved by Pat Garside 2016-53  
Seconded by Dave Leask  
Resolved that we do pass By-Law No 1157-16 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting.\*Carried

Moved by Dave Leask 2016-54  
Seconded by Robert Jerrard  
Resolved that we do adjourn at 11:31 p.m Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 or at the call of the Reeve. \*Carried\*

Reeve, Rodney Wood

Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer

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**\*\*\* Building Inspection \*\*\***  
Ron LeBlanc – Building Inspector - Call 1-800-797-2997  
Email: ron.leblanc@tulloch.ca

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT  
IT IS ILLEGAL TO START WORK WITHOUT A PERMIT**

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**WINTER Hours in Effect from Sept 15/15 – May 15/16:**  
Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Sunday: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

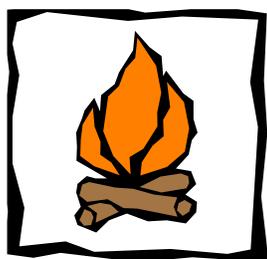
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The Dr. Trefry Centre serves all of St. Joseph Island and from Echo Bay to the western border of Bruce Mines. You do not require exact change as you will be billed monthly. You may always request a substitute for fish. They will try to accommodate dietary restrictions as much as possible. A subsidy scale is in effect so please be sure to ask for a copy.  
For more info call: 705-246-0036

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**F I R E - 911 for Emergencies**



It is necessary to obtain a Fire Permit at the Municipal Office for Small Brush Burning and Incinerator Burning during the months from April to October. There is no fee for this permit. Available Monday/Wednesday/ Friday or call 705-246-2472 or email: admin@hiltontownship for alternate pickup arrangements.  
**A reminder that burning is only permitted two hours before sunset and two hours after sunrise.**  
*(Exception: campfires for cooking/warmth allowed anytime.)*