

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Reeve: Rodney Wood
Councillors: Mike Garside; Dianne Holt; Dave Leask
Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside
Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

Absent:

Councillor: Pat Garside

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

The Clerk asked that two items be added to the Agenda under Planning.

Resolution 2021-64

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do accept the Agenda as amended. * Carried *

Resolution 2021-65

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 4, 2021 and the Special Meeting of August 19, 2021 as presented. *Carried*

Lyn Garside, Road Superintendent, provided an update on road issues. The steel building has been completed and now work will continue on the roads to clean up more of the damage from the recent wind storm. The Road Super has been looking into the cost of a snow blowing attachment for the tractor but will continue to research more options. Work on demolishing the current Storage Building will start mid-September followed by construction of a new structure in the same location.

Reeve Wood welcomed local resident Arlen McCarty, in attendance to address neighbourhood concerns raised about a short term rental, as well as, an advertisement for trailers and RVs on two lots. Mr. McCarty confirmed two recently purchased properties are now being marketed as a short term rental and improvements have been made to the waterfront parcel across the road under the authority of the MNR. Council explained the 66' shoreroad allowance and that it remained under municipal ownership. Mr. McCarty addressed the benefits to the Island with short term rentals given how tenants support local businesses. The rating system for both hosts and tenants was explained to Council. Mr. McCarty acknowledged there had been issues with renters trespassing onto neighbouring properties and late night noise issues. Both incidents have been addressed by Mr. McCarty with neighbours and subsequent guests have been advised to stay within the property boundaries and to limit any noise to a respectful hour. Reeve Wood advised that short term rentals will be reviewed on an Island-basis in the near future given multiple municipalities have been receiving complaints from neighbouring residents. There remained a concern regarding the invitation for renters to bring their RVs and trailers and use the pump out on the property. Algoma Public Health had confirmed the pump out was only intended for one trailer using the property and not to service trailers from other properties. Mr. McCarty was advised that the small waterfront parcels are zoned Open Space and no structures are to be placed there.

Council asked about potential similar development on Lots 7, 8 and 9 and advised garage kits are considered accessory structures and not permitted without a primary use structure existing first. Garages are also not to be used as a dwelling unit.

Reeve Wood thanked Mr. McCarty for updating Council and encouraged more communication with the Township Office to confirm any requirements or permits regarding future plans.

Reeve Wood welcomed local resident, Andrew Gordanier, as well as two other residents, representing a group of X Line property owners concerned with the above-mentioned matter. The primary concern of the group is the negative impact short term rentals can have on small residential neighbourhoods and the lack of municipal regulations to deal with situations such as noise, partying, trespassing and security. Reeve Wood acknowledged the Township has tried to address the concern over the trailer issue by clarifying certain aspects in an amended trailer by-law. The matter of developing regulations regarding short term rentals will involve time and research on behalf of the Island Clerks with the assistance of the Planning Board Secretary. This review will hopefully begin in October and result in recommendations presented to Councils. The X Line neighbourhood group was invited to submit additional concerns in writing to the Township Office for discussion at these meetings, as well as the Planning Board and a suggestion was also made to reach out to Michael Mantha, MPP to see if any further direction is available through that source. It was further stated

the OPP should be contacted regarding noise complaints or late night partying. Council acknowledged how several short term rental units in such close proximity can overwhelmingly change the character of a quiet residential neighbourhood.

Reeve Wood thanked the group for attending and encouraged them to continue to keep Council advised of any continued problem issues.

The Clerk advised a small prefabricated shed had been placed on a property prior to construction of a primary residence. The owner advised the shed was being used to store tools while working on the property. Council noted that given the significant amount of work already performed in preparation for the planned dwelling including power installation; septic system and pad for the residence, the requirement of a Zoning Amendment would be waived in this circumstance for the shed. A building permit will still be required.

The Clerk received an inquiry regarding our Township requirements regarding the location of a cannabis shop. While there are provincial requirements about location in terms of nearby schools, the Township would only permit such retail use within the areas zoned Highway Commercial.

The Clerk advised she had enrolled in a virtual training course for the municipal election to be held in October 2022.

The Clerk presented Council with information provided by Algoma Public Health regarding recommendations for establishing a Covid-19 workplace vaccination policy.

Correspondence was received from the North Shore Health Network advising its Recruitment Committee will be returning to the previous process of invoicing Matthews Memorial Hospital directly as opposed to invoicing each municipality.

Resolution 2021-66

Moved by Dianne Holt

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of August 2021 in the amount of \$112,710.88 as per the attached Voucher 08/21: Administration - \$ 8636.17; Algoma District Services Admin - \$24,720.08; Building - \$1841.21; Donations - \$5,200.00; Education (French) - \$763.47; Fire - \$14,132.95; Library - 3,222.50; Misc (Employee/Employer Payroll Deductions/Benefits) - \$7,999.87; Parks- \$92.10; Police - \$6988.00; Roads – \$17,466.25; Steel Building - \$21,648.28 . *Carried*

Resolution 2021-67

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do pass By-Law 1304-21 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting.

Carried

Resolution 2021-68

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 for the next regular meeting of Council at the call of the Reeve.

Carried

Reeve, Rodney Wood

Clerk Treasurer, Valerie Obarymskyj



M and N Landfill/Recycling:

WINTER Hours in Effect from September 16, 2021 to May 14, 2022

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

FIRE - 9 1 1 for Emergencies

Fire Prevention Week 2021

“Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”



From beeps to chirps, this year's campaign works to better educate the public about the sounds smoke alarms make, what those sounds mean, and how to respond to them.

Key messages for “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” include:

- When a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide (CO) alarm sounds, respond immediately by exiting the home as quickly as possible.
- If your alarm begins to chirp, it may mean that the batteries are running low and need to be replaced. If the alarm continues to chirp after the batteries are replaced, or the alarm is more than 10 years old, it is time to replace the alarm.
- Test all smoke and CO alarms monthly. Press the test button to make sure the alarm is working.
- If there is someone in your household who is deaf or hard of hearing, install bed shaker and strobe light alarms that will alert that person to fire.
- Know the difference between the sound of a smoke alarm and a carbon monoxide alarm - three beeps for smoke alarms; four beeps for carbon monoxide alarms.

REMINDER - FINAL 2021 PROPERTY TAXES

The 2021 Final Property Taxes were recently mailed to residents and have a due date of September 30, 2021. The Township Office will continue to remain closed to the public throughout September, however, tax payments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

- Use the Bill Payment option in your online banking and reference your property's 19 digit "Roll Number";
- Etransfer your payment to the following email address: admin@hiltontownship.ca (Please email the answer to the Security Question separately and the Roll Number(s) to which the payment should be applied).
- Pay by cheque and mail to the Township of Hilton, 2983 Base Line, Hilton Beach, On P0R 1G0 or drop through the front door slot of the office.

We do not offer credit or debit card payment options.

Should you have any questions regarding your tax bill, please contact the Township Office by telephone (705-246-2472) and leave a message or submit your inquiry via email to admin@hiltontownship.ca Staff will be available on Monday/Wednesday/Friday and will respond as promptly as possible.