

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 8, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Reeve (Acting): Mike Garside
Councillors: Janet Gordanier
Mike Trainor
Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj
Road Superintendent: Lyndon Garside

Absent: Reeve Rod Wood; Councillor Dave Leask.

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Resolution 2023-85

Moved by Janet Gordanier

Seconded by Mike Trainor

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

Resolution 2023-86

Moved by Mike Trainor

Seconded by Janet Gordanier

Resolved that due to the absence of Reeve Rod Wood, we do appoint Councillor Mike Garside as Acting Head of Council for the regular meeting of August 8, 2023. * Carried *

The reference to a resident's address being included in the July 5, 2023 Minutes was questioned. The Clerk advised it has always been the practice that when a resident asks to be scheduled on an Agenda to speak to Council their name and/or address is included in the Minutes. A request was made to change that practice from including an address. Acting Reeve Garside asked that the matter be deferred until all members of Council were in attendance. A recorded vote was requested.

Resolution 2023-87

Moved by Mike Trainor

Seconded by Janet Gordanier

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, July 5, 2023, the Budget Meeting of July 12, 2023 and the Special Meeting of July 26, 2023, as presented.

Yay: Mike Garside

Nay: Janet Gordanier

Nay: Mike Trainor

The motion to approve the Minutes was Defeated.

Road Superintendent, Lyn Garside, advised he is continuing to meet with the contracting firm that performed the surface treatment in 2022 and is confident a remedy will be found to improve on the results.

The St. Joseph Island Historical Society has requested each municipality assume the maintenance requirements around each of the Society's signs within its jurisdiction. Mr. Garside confirmed Hilton Township is already performing that maintenance around each of the five signs.

A detailed Planning Report regarding the regulation of Short Term Rentals, prepared by Michael Jagger, Secretary-Treasurer of the St. Joseph Island Planning Board, was presented to Council. The Report summarized Mr. Jagger's presentation to Council on July 26, 2023.

Council was advised each municipality on St. Joseph Island will be asked to hold a Public Meeting to allow residents to make comment on the draft Official Plan before it is considered for adoption by Council. The Official Plan and Land Use Schedules will be posted to the website: www.hilontownship.ca The date of Sept 6, 2023 from 3:00 till 4:00 pm has been scheduled for the Township of Hilton. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers with the Consultants attending via Zoom. Council received a copy of the Final Draft Official Plan.

The Clerk advised a meeting has been set up with the Township's lawyer for Wednesday, August 23, 2023 to discuss options available to regulate short term rentals.

Resolution 2023-88

Moved by Mike Trainor

Seconded by Janet Gordanier

Resolved that we do accept the 2022 Financial Statements for the Township of Hilton and the Township of Hilton

Trust Funds (Cemetery), as prepared by BDO Dunwoody. *Carried*

Resolution 2023-89

Moved by Janet Gordanier

Seconded by Mike Trainor

Resolved that we do accept the 2022 Financial Statements for the Hilton Union Fire Department, as prepared by BDO Dunwoody. * Carried *

Resolution 2023-90

Moved by Mike Trainor

Seconded by Janet Gordanier

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1380-23 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of the current estimates and tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2023. * Carried *

A member of Council requested that the Clerk no longer circulate the monthly Minutes to ratepayers until after Council approves them. An updated Procedural By-law passed in 2020 states Minutes shall be made available to the public following adoption by Council. The new practice will result in a one month delay to the public reading the Minutes. Acting Reeve Garside asked that the matter be deferred until all Council Members were present.

Resolution 2023-91

Moved by Mike Trainor

Seconded by Janet Gordanier

Resolved that we do accept the resignation of Valerie Obarymskyj from the position of Clerk Treasurer effective December 31, 2023. *Carried*

Resolution 2023-92

Moved by Mike Trainor

Seconded by Janet Gordanier

Resolved that we do accept, with regret, the resignation of Sherry Hoover from the position of Deputy Clerk Treasurer effective December 31, 2023. * Carried *

Council reviewed the job ad and updated job description prepared by the Clerk. It was recommended there be no closing date and to advertise on the AMCTO website to possibly attract candidates from beyond our region. All of Council will sit on the hiring committee.

Correspondence was received from Lavera Crack, Chair of Matthews Memorial Hospital Association. Council was advised the Ministry of Health has granted permission to MMHA to recruit three more doctors for a total compliment of five. This will result in a significant increase to recruitment fees, housing costs, as well as, renovations to the Clinic building. The additional costs will require municipal support and fundraising. The Clerk was asked to invite Ms. Crack to an upcoming meeting of Council to further discuss the new developments.

Resolution 2023-93

Moved by Janet Gordanier

Seconded by Mike Trainor

Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of July 2023 in the amount of \$264,171.00 as per Voucher 07-2023: Administration - \$12,195.78; Algoma Dist Services Admin - \$25,956.67; Building – \$2,219.09; Cemetery - \$367.04; Fire - \$397.40; Misc (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deductions/ Benefits) - \$11,133.13; MPAC (Quarterly) - \$4,428.86; Museum (2023) - \$6,419.00; Parks - \$187.86; Policing - \$7,173.11; Roads – \$193,693.06 . *Carried*

Resolution 2023-94

Moved by Mike Trainor

Seconded by Janet Gordanier

Resolved that we do pass By-Law No. 1381-23 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting.*Carried

Resolution 2023-95

Moved by Janet Gordanier

Seconded by Mike Trainor

Resolved that we do adjourn at 7:49 p.m., Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 for the next regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Reeve.

Carried

Mike Garside, Acting Reeve


Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer