MINUTES Regular Meeting April 10, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Acting Reeve: Mike Garside Councillors: Rod Wood

Dave Leask Mike Trainor Janet Gordanier

Acting Clerk Treasurer: Sara Dinsdale Road Superintendent: Lyndon Garside

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Janet Gordanier declared pecuniary interest in regards to item No. 10 a)

Resolution 2024 - 85 Moved: Rod Wood Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON accepts the agenda for April 10, 2024 as presented. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024 - 86 Moved: Mike Trainor Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 6, 2024. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-87 Moved: Janet Gordanier Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does approve the minutes of the special Council meeting of March 13, 2024. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024 - 88 Moved: Mike Trainor Seconded: Rod Wood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does approve the minutes of the closed Council meeting of March 13, 2024. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024 - 89 Moved: Mike Trainor Seconded: Mike Garside

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of March 25, 2024. \*CARRIED\*

Road Superintendent Update: Lyn advised that Monday, April 15, 2024 would be the final day that we are responsible for plowing the roads. The plow will be coming off the road until the next winter season. Lyn also advised that there will be a roads meeting on April 17 where the budget will be discussed.

Fire/Emergency Management: There was a discussion regarding the Fire Chief position. Councillor Wood mentioned that Jocelyn's Fire Chief is interested in becoming the Fire Chief for the Hilton Union Fire Department while remaining as Fire Chief for the Township of Jocelyn. It was mentioned that at the Council meeting of the Township of Jocelyn, Councillors agreed that their Fire Chief has the freedom to do as he pleases on his own time so becoming the Fire Chief for Hilton Union Fire Department wouldn't be a problem. Acting Reeve Garside mentioned that some of the members on the Hilton Union Fire Department aren't in agreeance with this decision. There was a discussion regarding alternate solutions. Acting Reeve Garside reminded Council that we currently do still have an Acting Fire Chief until this gets resolved. Re-visiting the possibility of sharing with the Township of St. Joseph was discussed and it was recommended that another fire board meeting be held as soon as possible to discuss solutions for the Fire Chief position.

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The warming centre was discussed. It was mentioned that the Village of Hilton is prepared to send the Township of Hilton a letter explaining that the use of the Community Centre could be used as the warming centre. It meets the requirements of having a heat source that does not require electricity. It was recommended that the Acting Clerk also send a letter to the Village of Hilton request to partner with them in listing the Community Centre as the warming centre for both municipalities.

Resolution 2024 - 90 Moved: Janet Gordanier Seconded: Mike Trainor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1400-24 being a by-law to appoint officers, servants, boards, and commissions for the year 2024. \*CARRIED\*

There was a discussion regarding Grace United Cemetery. Council suggested that the Acting Clerk update some of the wording on Schedule B to By-Law No. 1366-23 to reflect clearer definitions. It was suggested that the Acting Clerk reach out to BAO to find out if there is any special training that needs taken in order to dig graves and if we need to go to tender. It was suggested that the previous grave digger be contacted to request if they are interested in continuing to dig graves as needed. Council also suggested that BAO be contacted in order to find out if cemetery files can leave the office with a board member for education purposes.

Resolution 2024 - 91 Moved: Mike Trainor Seconded: Janet Gordanier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does approve the Hilton Union Public Library Board Budget for 2024 as presented in the amount of \$47,048.90 with a Hilton Township municipal levy of \$19,020.45. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-92 Moved: Janet Gordanier Seconded: Rod Wood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree with the Library Board's suggestion of \$500 bonus to Kim McHale, Librarian. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-93

Moved: Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to recognize National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (September 30) as a paid STAT holiday. \*Defeated\*

Resolution 2024-94

Moved: Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to recognize include the Land Acknowledgment at the beginning of every meeting. \*Defeated\*

Resolution 2024-95 Moved: Dave Leask Seconded: Rod Wood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to the recommended changes of the regular Council meeting dates for the remainder of 2024. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-96 Moved: Janet Gordanier Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to the recommended fees and charges updates to Schedule "A" of By-Law 1376-23. \*CARRIED\*

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Resolution 2024-97 Moved: Mike Trainor Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to proceeding with the purchase of the new UPS system as recommended by our IT department. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-98 Moved: Dave Leask Seconded: Mike Trainor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to delegate authority to Sara Dinsdale to undertake guidance sessions with area Clerks/Duputy Clerks when available without remuneration. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-99 Moved: Dave Leask Seconded: Rod Wood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to discontinue live streaming Council meetings until further notice. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-100 Moved: Rod Wood Seconded: Mike Trainor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to support The Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph's resolution to oppose the closure of the Sault Ste. Marie PHO Lab. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-101 Moved: Mike Trainor Seconded: Janet Gordanier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to the amount of \$8400.00 plus HST to proceed with the development of the pay equity plan as set out in the provided quotation from Ironside Consulting Services Inc. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-102 Moved: Janet Gordanier Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to the payment of Township bills for the month of February, 2024 in the amount of \$151, 532.14 per the attached voucher. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-103 Moved: Mike Trainor Seconded: Rod Wood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON move into closed session at 9:45 p.m. to consider items concerning labour relations or employee negotiations.

Further be it Resolved that should the said closed session be adjourned, the Council may reconvene in closed session to discuss the same matters without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

Municipal Act section 239 (2) (d) labour relations or employee negotiations. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-104 Moved: Mike Trainor Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON returns to open session at 9:53 p.m. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-105 Moved: Janet Gordanier Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does accept a contract for office cleaning between the individual identified in the discussions held in closed session, pending positive reference check. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-106 Moved: Mike Trainor Seconded: Janet Gordanier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does pass By-Law No. 1414-24 being a by-law to confirm the proceeding of this meeting. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2024-107 Moved: Rod Wood Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal office on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve. \*CARRIED\*

Acting Reeve, Mike Garside

Acting Clerk, Sara Dinsdale