

**MINUTES
AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2008**

7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Office 3560 County Road 26

Present: Reeve Campbell
 Deputy Reeve Barton
 Councillor Banning
 Councillor Pakeman
 Councillor Swan

Staff Present: Linda Robinson
 Marcel Lavigne

Press: Prescott Journal
 Brockville Recorder & Times

Gallery: 3

a) **CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

b) **REEVE'S OPENING REMARKS** are attached to these minutes.

c) **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** – None

d) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on the 11th day of February 2008 and the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on the 3rd day of March 2008, as printed and distributed to all Members. Carried

e) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor Swan advised that the Road Superintendent was supposed to address Council tonight regarding recommendations for equipment purchases. She wondered if Mr. Simcock will be addressing Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting instead. Reeve Campbell advised that resolutions have been prepared for equipment purchases. He felt that the resolution for the loader should be dealt with tonight however the one for the excavator could be tabled.

f) **DELEGATIONS**

Dave Dargie did not attend

g) **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Leeds and Grenville SPCA seeking support for their upcoming telethon.
2. United Counties of Leeds and Grenville seeking support of proposed road names for roads in Limerick Forest.
3. The Town of Newmarket is seeking support of a resolution regarding disabled parking permits.
4. The Town of Amherstburg is seeking support of a resolution regarding lead testing for Municipal Drinking Water.
5. The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is seeking support of a resolution requesting the province to assume ownership of all municipal drinking water systems.
6. The Town of Milton is seeking support of a resolution regarding Pits & Quarries.
7. Niagara Region is seeking support of a resolution regarding Bill C-22 and the addition of seats in the House of Commons.
8. The Augusta Township Public Library 2007 Year End Report has been received.
9. Minutes of the January 16th Prescott and District Chamber of Commerce Meeting have been received.
10. Notice of the Motorsport OMB Hearing has been received.
11. The Deputy Minister for Emergency Planning and Management has acknowledged the completion of the Township's Emergency Plan.
12. Veterans Memorial Highland Games is seeking a donation for the 2008 Games.
13. The Health Unit has forwarded information on the *Driven to Quit Challenge*.
14. The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus is requesting Council pass a resolution regarding the Farm Tax Rebate Program.
15. WESA has submitted a proposed budget for the 2008 Environmental Program for the Maynard Transfer Station.
16. WESA has submitted a proposed budget for the 2008 Environmental Program for the North Augusta Landfill Site.
17. The Health Unit is seeking support of a resolution regarding funding for the 2008 Budget.

h) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Roads – Deputy Reeve Barton advised that he traveled to Brockville on Saturday during the snowstorm on the Second Concession and he noted you could clearly tell where Augusta Township ended and the our neighbour to the west started. He stated that they may have a different plowing arrangement, but our roads were in very good shape. He commended the road crew for a job well done.

Waste Management - Councillor Banning advised that one of the highlights of the Good Roads Conference was a presentation done by a Councillor from Niagara and one from Sault Ste. Marie on how they deal with roadside trash.

She advised that one of her committee members is away on holidays but once he returns, she will have a meeting to discuss amnesty day. She noted that Councillor Swan had a really good idea regarding a “*Trash or Treasure*” day to be incorporated with amnesty day. Councillor Swan stated that she would like to be involved.

Deputy Reeve advised that he read something from AMO that suggested that funding will be available for shipping things like paint and varnish from landfill sites.

Councillor Banning noted Doug Raycroft, President of AMO announced that manufacturing is going to pay 100% for packaging. She hoped that Canadian manufacturing would not be hurt by this. She felt that manufacturing did not need anymore stress.

Library Board – Councillor Pakeman advised that he attended the last board meeting on behalf of Councillor Banning and he enjoyed it very much. He thanked Councillor Banning for the opportunity. Councillor Banning thanked him for attending on her behalf.

Police Services Board Meeting – Reeve Campbell advised that the Board discussed the ATV issue they have not changed there position on the issue.

Boundary 2020 – Councillor Swan stated that she attended a meeting last week and asked the Director of Education if the dates for the meetings could be brought closer together. She stated that currently the way the meetings are set up is the board presenting the report to the trustees, the next month the trustees are receiving public feedback and the next month they are voting. She requested that they bring these meetings closer together as she feels that it is affecting kindergarten enrolment.

Councillor Swan stated that she also asked about delegations to the board because they were asking for delegates apply 2 weeks ahead of time and provide a package on what they want to speak on. She felt that it was very intimidating especially for people who do not have access to computers. Mr. Thomas did assure her that no one would be denied as long as they apply to make a presentation. Councillor Swan noted that she reviewed their by-laws and it did not say anywhere that a copy of the presentation was required; it only says that on the application form. She noted that this process is affecting the kindergarten numbers in Augusta Township, notably Algonquin School.

Recreation – Reeve Campbell advised that the Fire Department has conducted an inspection of the MERC Hall. He noted that they will continue to inspect all municipal buildings.

i) **NEW AND/OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Councillor Banning advised that she has an issue with incamera meetings. She feels that when they are called hastily that you don't have time to take a real good look at what we are deciding. She felt the last issue was procedural rather than a personnel issue. She feels that when they take place at the end of the meeting and the gallery and the press leave, Council should discuss what they have done if they can, at the next meeting.

Councillor Swan advised that she has spoken to the CAO and brought up to Council that we receive a package ahead of time, identified by a different coloured paper, so an informed discussion can be made.

Councillor Pakeman advised that he understands that the meeting in North Augusta met with the criteria for an incamera meeting. He advised that getting information ahead of time would be helpful.

Councillor Pakeman felt that the CAO would have done his homework on behalf of Council. Reeve Campbell advised that because of the position the person can be identified and therefore that is why it was dealt with incamera.

Deputy Reeve Barton advised that if Councillor Banning feels that she is being rushed into a decision then she should ask that the meeting be postponed until the next meeting or have the Reeve call a special meeting at a later date.

Councillor Banning stated that she felt the discussion during the meeting should have taken place in open session, not closed session.

Councillor Pakeman spoke of the McGuinty's position on removing the Lords Prayer from the legislature. Councillor Pakeman believes strongly that we should maintain our Christian heritage and the Lords Prayer should be the last thing we should consider removing from the legislature.

Councillor Swan advised that Bob Runciman has a poll on his website that people can vote as to how they feel about removing the Lords Prayer from the legislature. She encouraged everyone to visit the site and vote.

Deputy Reeve Barton advised of the 911 number problems with the Branch Road and South Branch Road. He suggested that staff provide options or suggestions to Council for a resolution to the problem.

Councillor Banning advised that this was discussed previously and it was discussed that the numbers would be displayed on the street name sign at each street crossing, showing the highest and lowest numbers on that road.

Deputy Reeve Barton noted that the Road Superintendent has been talking about summer students and there was paperwork in the council package regarding a student program. Council felt that this should be brought up at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

j) **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council receive the correspondence as copied and distributed to all Members. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approve the payment of Cheque Numbers 12647 to 12777 in the total amount of \$ 483,215.58. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman
BE IT RESOLVED that this Council has no objection to the road names for Limerick Forest as submitted by the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Bill Pakeman
BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports the resolution from the Town of Newmarket requesting the Premier of Ontario take action to eliminate the misuse of disabled parking permits and parking spaces. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Douglas Barton
BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports the resolution from the Town of Amherstburg requesting that the Province of Ontario provide the immediate necessary funding to Ontario Municipalities to finance the costs of the mandated Lead Testing for Municipal Drinking Water. Defeated

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Douglas Barton
BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports the resolution of the Niagara Region calling on the Federal Government to amend Bill C-22 to provide Ontarians with their fair share of seats in the House of Commons while maintaining the constitutionally protected seat guarantees of smaller provinces. Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Bill Pakeman
BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports the resolution from the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus regarding the Farm Tax Rebate program;
And further that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Geri Kamenz, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture for support;
And that the same be forwarded by the OFA, to all OFA County Committees for their endorsement. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman
BE IT RESOLVED that this Council authorize WESA to complete the 2008 spring and fall environmental monitoring program for the Maynard Transfer Station at the cost of \$23,523.00 plus applicable taxes. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning
BE IT RESOLVED that this Council authorize WESA to complete the 2008 spring and fall environmental monitoring program for the North Augusta Disposal Site at the cost of \$32,708.00 plus applicable taxes. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman
BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approve the SPCA Contract for 2008. Tabled.
Deputy Reeve Barton would like to see a report from staff showing what the cost is for a dog catcher, what is the cost of the SPCA, what is the cost and revenue of dog tags.

Councillor Swan felt that the cost of dog catching should be covered by the fees collected for dog tags.

Council requested that a report be prepared by the by-law enforcement officer for the next committee of the whole.

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council accepts with regret, the resignation of Darcy Alkerton from the Water Source Protection Committee, due to business and family commitments. Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, has no objection to Elmer and Pat Covill amending the official plan designation and rezoning property located in Part of Lot 30, Concession 7, from OS3 (hazard land) to M2 (extractive industrial) to allow a sand pit. Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, has no objection to Elmer Covill amending the official plan designation and rezoning property located in Part of Lots 32 and 33, Concession 8, from V (village) to M2 (extractive industrial) to allow the expansion of their sand pit. Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee approve severance application B-17-08, owner: Dwight Shannon, Lot 13, Concession 5. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee approve severance application B-18-08, owner: Dwight Shannon, Lot 14, Concession 5. Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee approve severance application B-19-08, owner: Dwight Shannon, Lot 14, Concession 5, with the following conditions:

1. That the lot line of the change to follow the 388' south lot line straight to the Charleville Road.
2. That Cash in lieu of parkland in the amount of \$250.00 be paid to the municipality for each lot created (2).

Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council authorize the purchase of a used loader, with warranty, at a cost not to exceed \$110,000 plus applicable taxes. Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council authorize the purchase of a used rubber tire excavator with a twist wrist, at a cost not to exceed \$120,000 plus applicable taxes. Tabled
Council agreed that this be held over until budget deliberations.

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Lisa Swan
BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports the resolution of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit that the Ministry of Health fund the 2008 budget of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit as approved by the Board of Health which would allow the Health Unit to fully meet mandatory programs at a ratio of 75% provincial cost and 25% municipal cost. Defeated

k) **BY-LAWS** - None

m) **CLOSED SESSION** – Not Required

n) **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Lisa Swan
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law Number 2705 to confirm the proceedings of Council at their meeting held March 10, 2008 be read a first, second and third time, passed and sealed with the seal of the Corporation, signed by the Reeve and Clerk and entered into the By-law Book. Carried

o) **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning
That this Council does now adjourn at 9:50 p.m., until April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., or upon the call of the Reeve, subject to need. Carried

REEVE

CLERK