



**MINUTES
AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2009
7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Office 3560 County Road 26**

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

Staff Present: Linda Robinson

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a) **CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

b) **REEVE'S OPENING REMARKS**

c) **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – None**

d) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Carol Stephenson and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on the 13th day of October 2009, the Special Meetings held on the 23rd and 28th days of October 2009 and the Regular/Committee of the Whole Meeting held on the 26th day of October 2009, as printed and distributed to all Members. Carried

e) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Deputy Reeve Barton advised that the amount in the resolution for the septic system at the public works garage is different than the report prepared by staff. Mrs. Robinson will look into the matter.

f) **DELEGATIONS – None**

g) **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Township of Frontenac Islands re: Closing of prison farms.
Council requested that a resolution of support be brought back at the next meeting.
2. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Local Government Week.
3. Correspondence from Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Committee to Minister Gerretsen re: The Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program.
4. County of Perth resolution re: Residential –farmland property tax concerns.
5. Township of Wainfleet resolution re: Provincially significant wetlands.
6. Carl Isenburg, President of MPAC re: Response to questions from AMO meeting.
7. County of Lambton resolution re: Moratorium on major health care restructuring.

h) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Agriculture & Planning – Deputy Reeve Barton advised that November 4th meeting was cancelled due to a lack agenda items.

Admin and Finance – Councillor Pakeman spoke on Remembrance Day and thanked the men and women who have served our country. He sent prayers to those families who have lost sons and daughters. He congratulated Ron Shannon on his award. He thanked Edwardsburgh-Cardinal and Augusta for their participation in the monthly meetings of the Prescott and District Chamber of Commerce as well as the Chambers support of both municipalities. He advised of upcoming union negotiations. He advised that due to the challenging times Council will be asking union, non-union and all departments to bring forward creative ideas for cost containment now and during the upcoming budget process.

He felt that what ever the percentage shortfall is that the Council honorarium be adjusted accordingly. He hopes that this process continues with the counties and the education system as the municipal share of the taxes is only 40% of the total bill.

Councillor Banning congratulated the new Minister of the Victoria United Church and the excellent Remembrance Day church service. She mentioned the loss of Les Dulmage and how much he was missed as for many years he organized the service.

Waste Management – Deputy Reeve Barton that he did not have the figures from Amnesty Day and hoped to get these from Carrie at the meeting next Tuesday. He noted that it was not as busy as last year. He thought the bad weather was the major factor. He advised that CAO was there directing traffic. The brush pile at Maynard is now cleaned up.

They are trying to redirect large loads of brush to North Augusta. This is being met with minor opposition. Tire disposal is now weaning off. He noted that 2 businesses in the Township are bringing in large numbers of tires. He is going to contact them both as they should have their own registration number so they can have a hauler pick the tires up directly rather than taking them to the landfill site. He advised that he will continue to talk and work with Carrie and Eddie on the tire issues.

Economic Development – Councillor Pakeman acknowledged the resignation of County Economic Development Officer Bob Cheetham, due to health reasons. He wished him the

best. On October 29th the economic development committee, Wendy Onstein and the Grenville Small Business Centre hosted an Opportunity Knocks seminar on Starting a Business. Some of the topics discussed were partnerships, sole proprietorship and incorporated business. It took place at the library from 7 to 9 p.m. He thanked everyone who attended including 7 or 8 participants, the library, the Economic Development Committee, the CAO, the Reeve and Councillor Banning. The Committee is looking at ways to promote the industrial/business park. The Reeve has held meetings with Invista and Dyno Nobel as per the direction of the Committee on the possibility of promoting some of their land for development.

Roads – Councillor Banning advised that she will meet with the Public Works Manager on a weekly basis for an information sharing session to keep both informed. This will allow for any key events to trigger a meeting of Council or it will be business as usual. This past Friday they discussed procedural policies being developed to define expectations in a clear and decisive approach. Some of these matters are covered in by-laws however including them in a policy will bring it all together for organizational purposes. The Roads Supervisor has been reviewing the UCLG public works recommendations which will help him prepare similar documentation for Council to consider. Record keeping was discussed and Kevin feels that this is a high priority.

Library – Councillor Banning advised that the meeting was November 3rd. The Christmas holiday schedule was set. The last day worked will be December 19th and will re-open January 4th. They discussed sending a newsletter in the tax bills. They encourage the use of the “Knowledge Ontario” website. The next meeting is December 1st.

Reeve Campbell wondered if there is an initiative to teach computer skills to seniors. Councillor Banning advised that there are students available to help with this service. All that is required from the senior is to ask staff. Reeve Campbell suggested that a link from our website to theirs advising of this service might be appropriate. He also suggested posting the request for students at the high schools in Brockville and Prescott. Councillor Banning advised that she will take it back to the Board for consideration.

Police Service Board – Reeve Campbell advised that the last meeting was held November 2nd. The new contract was submitted to the board however one member was absent due to vacation and therefore a recommendation will not come forward to Council until the full board has had a chance to review it.

Councillor Pakeman wondered if we could go to the province and ask for a reduction in cost and service in order to deal with our budget. Reeve Campbell advised that this contract is reduced by .42 full time equivalent (officer) however we still have an annual increase of \$38,829. He advised that he has repeatedly requested the province take back this responsibility where it belongs as we are not experts.

Recreation – Councillor Stephenson advised that the Reeve brought to her attention some issues with Domville Recreation. After investigating herself she contacted the Chair of Domville recreation via email. She suggested a meeting with herself, the CAO and Mr. Williams to discuss the direction of the recreation. She felt that a public meeting to seek volunteers as was done in Maynard would be worthwhile.

On November 3rd she attended the North Augusta Recreation meeting. She advised the committee that the tenders were back although the prices were not in the range that Council expected. There is concern that the cement slab for the canteen will not be

poured in time to complete the project by March 31st, 2010 deadline. Councillor Stephenson advised that there were questions about the tender contract. She will discuss the concerns with the CAO and the CBO and report back to the committee. The Committee also requested that the township purchase the chickens and supply receipts for the Labour Day Festival. She met with the CAO on these matters and this could be arranged.

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

1. Councillor Banning wondered if any questionnaires have been returned from the meeting at MERC. Reeve Campbell advised that he has received approximately 10 so far. It was unanimous that the township should purchase the property. Councillor Banning advised that Mrs. Tripp and Mr. Morrison did an excellent job on their presentations.
2. Councillor Banning advised that she was happy to see the change with the coverage for volunteer fire fighters who will now get the same coverage as full time members.

j) **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Carol Stephenson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council received 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 13890 to 13968 and online payments to November 6, 2009 in the total amount of \$505,405.91.

Carried

Moved by Bill Pakeman and Seconded by Darlene Banning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approve the following hours of operation for the Holiday Season:

TOWNSHIP OFFICE:

Closed: Thursday December 24th at noon
through to and including Friday January 1st

LANDFILL SITES:

Closed: December 25th
December 26th
January 1st

Carried

Moved by Douglas Barton and Seconded by Carol Stephenson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council give a donation of \$100.00 to the Prescott Fire Department for the 56th Annual Light up the Night Christmas Parade.

Carried

k) **BY-LAWS** – None

m) **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Carol Stephenson and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council move to a closed meeting at 8:48 p.m., as per the Municipal Act c 25, S.O. 2001 section 239 (2) to discuss:

1. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Carried

Moved by Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council rise and report at 9:00 p.m. Carried

n) **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Moved by Carol Stephenson and Seconded by Douglas Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a By-law Numbered 2798 to confirm the proceedings of Council at their meeting held November 9, 2009 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 Darlene Banning and Seconded by Bill Pakeman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council do now adjourn at 9:02 p.m., until November 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., or until the call of the Reeve subject to need. Carried

REEVE

CLERK