

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting

Held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson
Ron Lane
Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative
Pam Bond, Treasurer

Others: Mike Addison, Fire Chief
Mark Derry, Ontario Fire Marshall's Office

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

2. Deputation

Mike Addison, Fire Chief & Mark Derry, Ontario Fire Marshall's Office

The committee invited Mike and Mark to attend the meeting to discuss and review the proposed agreement with the Municipality of Central Manitoulin for emergency response.

Mike Addison stated that Central Manitoulin currently has a similar agreement in place with NEMI, Billings, and Tehkummah.

Jack asked what happens in the event of a false alarm. Mike indicated they would be notified as soon as the false alarm is identified and often they do not bill for this type of incidence. They will try to catch them before they leave the fire hall if possible. Mike based the agreement on the premise that both departments would be dispatched at the same time.

Mark Derry indicated certain areas need to be covered in regards to fire risk, i.e. public education, annual inspections, fire service, and necessary response plans. This includes the need to have agreements with neighbours to access all resources that are available. The two main areas of concern are the Nursing Home and Manitoulin Transport in Gore Bay.

Ron questioned when it is a joint fire agreement why it was with individual municipalities. Mike explained how the agreement developed as a sample from fire safety guidelines and discussed with fire board then sent to the Town in May of 2013. When reviewing files, the agreement was recirculated to the Town for approval. This is only a generic draft and can be changed.

Mark reiterated the need for agreement as there is a high risk for everyone, the fire chief, Ontario Fire Marshall's Office, Town of Gore Bay, and other Townships.

Ron asked if it could be drafted jointly with the two municipalities as they form the joint Municipal Fire Board. Mike agreed to review the document and prepare a draft for the Fire Board to review and make a recommendation to council.

Schedule A should include the following locations: 3 Water Street in Gore Bay, the Nursing Home on Main Street, and Manitoulin Transport on Highway 540B. All costs to be shared equally.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the minutes of the July 29, 2014 meeting be adopted as presented.

4. Business Arising out of the Minutes

i) Clean up of 7 Gore Street

By-law Officer, Delroy Prescott provided an updated report indicating that the contractor has completed the work and invoice will be attached to tax roll. The Committee suggested to highlight the changes since the last report the next time an update is presented.

ii) Joint/Bulk Purchasing - Tabled

iii) Marina Gas Prices

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

WHEREAS Council passed resolution #13597 establishing policy for gas prices to be eight cents above cost;

AND WHEREAS the Committee reviewed staff reports prepared that indicate that cost should be higher;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we recommend to Council that resolution #13597 be rescinded;

AND FURTHER THAT we recommend to Council that the gas/diesel prices be set 15 cents above cost to be reviewed and set each Monday by municipal office staff.

Carried.

iv) Welcome Sign

Three signs were proposed with various lighting options. The committee instructed staff to research the electrical requirements for both solar and electric and to get costs from lighting companies. Committee will review information when received.

5. Correspondence

i) Minor Hockey Association Email

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Jack Clark

WHEREAS a request was received from Minor Hockey to assist with the financial burden for the purchase of new hockey nets for the Arena;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we recommend to Council that we provide a \$500.00 credit to Minor Hockey for ice rental to help offset the cost of the nets.

Carried.

ii) Rob White Request

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

WHEREAS a request was received from Rob White to rent the three bays at the Old Fire Hall for the winter season;

AND WHEREAS the Town uses one Bay for winter storage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we recommend to council that we extend the lease agreement with Rob White until April 2015 at a rate of \$300 per month subject to the Town having access to the use of one Bay November 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015.

Carried.

6. In Camera

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee enter an in camera session at 9:21 p.m. to discuss the following:

i) Staff

Carried.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee come out of in camera session at 9:40 p.m.

Carried.

Staff will arrange interviews for the Arena Manager position for Wednesday September 3, 2014 starting at 3:00 p.m. Pam will confirm schedule with members.

7. Other

No items to discuss.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Ron Lane

THAT the General Government Committee adjourn at 9:42 p.m.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Bond, Treasurer