

MADOC TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m.

January 6, 2016

Present – Reeve R. Sager, Deputy Reeve T. Bruce, Councillors L. Blackburn, R. Rowe, C. Smith

Also attending – Road Supervisor (A) – B. Rogers

- Fire Chief J. Gear
- Treasurer C. Mitchell
  
- Ms. Krista Paranuik

Delegation – Mrs. Karen Bailey

Reeve Sager called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Smith- Blackburn – that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

Rowe-Bruce – that the minutes of the two Public Meetings and the regular council meeting held in December be approved as presented. Carried.

Treasurer Mitchell was called upon to present her report for the month.  
Presented were two claims for Livestock compensation due to wildlife loss

Smith-Blackburn – that the application submitted by R. Sparrow be approved for Livestock loss.  
Carried.

Blackburn-Smith – that the application for wildlife damage submitted by Chamberlain be denied based upon the report of the Livestock Valuer and the incompleteness of the application. Carried.

Bruce-Blackburn – that the Township pay the remaining holdback to Coco Paving for paving on St. Lawrence St. W. Councillor Rowe requested a recorded vote.

In favour – Sager, Bruce, Blackburn Smith

Opposed – Rowe

Motion carried.

The Treasurer reported that the streetlighting replacements had been completed and, in spite of an unruly performance by the second light north of Highway 7 on the Cooper Road, scheduled for repair, the project is complete; and payment of holdback is recommended.

Blackburn-Smith – that the holdback from the streetlighting replacement be paid. Carried.

The voucher for the month was presented in the amount of \$95,840.87.

Blackburn-Smith - that the account of the municipality for the month of December be paid in the amount of \$95,840.87. Carried.

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Bill Rogers, acting Road Supervisor attended to respond to Council. He advised that there are a number of "Cattle Crossing" road signs that are virtually unreadable and asked whether they should be replaced or removed. Council suggested he review whether or not there are situations where the signs may still apply and, if so, replace rather than remove them. He indicated that the individual in charge of removal of nuisance beaver would like his fee increased this year. This issue was referred to the Human Resources Committee.

Smith-Rowe – that the Township issue a Request for Proposals for a wheel loader for the Roads Department. The current loader is 20 years old. Carried.

Blackburn-Bruce – that the Roads Department repair or replace mailboxes that have come into direct contact with the snowplowing equipment; others damaged for other reasons will not be repaired. Carried.

Bruce-Rowe – that the Township place an advertisement in the local newspaper to allow people to be aware of the mailbox damage policy. Carried.

Rowe-Smith – approve the report of the Animal Control officer as presented. Carried.

Rowe-Bruce – to approve the report of the Chief Building Official as circulated. Carried.

Smith-Blackburn – that the report of the By-law Enforcement Officer be approved as presented. Carried.

Fire Chief Gear attended Council to report on his activities. He indicated that there are some changes to the legislation for our tiered response agreement but we will continue with the current agreement which he reviewed with (acting) Chief J. O'Donnell of Quinte EMS. He advised of his concern recently when a volunteer fireman witnessed an accident; called it in, and, assisted the OPP at the scene. The Chief is concerned that the OPP officer (who was alone), asked the volunteer firefighter to secure the scene while she left to process the individuals involved in the accident. The Chief is concerned about the liability this may create for the Department – particularly since this is not the duty of a volunteer firefighter – another OPP officer should have been summoned. He advised he would discuss this with the Detachment. He recommended that the Township of Madoc sign off on the tiered response protocol.

Blackburn-Bruce – that the Township purchase 2 new firefighting nozzles. Carried.

Mrs. Karen Bailey attended Council as a delegation.

She advised that she was attending further to the current debate on the funding of the arena. Mrs. Bailey said that she was "disappointed" that the two municipalities could not get together to resolve the issue. She wondered aloud how often Council members attend the arena. She advised the employees do a great job. She proceeded with a brief history of the arena. Mrs. Bailey advised that she and her husband had been involved in minor hockey for over 35 years in the area. The Bruce Lee House League

currently has 27 members from Centre Hastings and 32 from Madoc Township, plus six more children since the original list.

Mrs. Bailey hopes that the dispute between the two municipalities is not an effort to close the arena. She asked Council, in light of their conversation about the possibility of a new salt shed and loader and water softener and so on, how the youth of the community would not be worthy of some expense considering these other costs. She indicated that no one had ever asked her or her husband to serve on the Arena Board which, she said, was a mistake to dissolve. She asked whether Madoc Township had anything further to add to the issue at this time or, should she just "stay tuned". Council suggested that she do that. Mrs. Bailey invited members out to the arena on Thursday or Friday to watch house league. Council thanked Mrs. Bailey for her comments and she took leave of the meeting.

Blackburn-Rowe – that the Township of Madoc support the Madawaska Valley resolution to restore support to find doctors for communities. Carried.

Sager-Blackburn – that Council support the resolutions from the City of Kingston regarding a basic income guarantee. Carried.

Blackburn-Smith – that the applications for consent B75/15 and B76/15 submitted for a registered right-of-way be approved but, in addition to the normal conditions of a consent, the property severed and that to which it is added be zoned site specific to permit the use of a recreation base camp that does not meet the basic requirements and a Building Permit for the structure be obtained from the Chief Building Official for the camp. Carried.

The Clerk referred to the correspondence from County Farm Supply and indicated that, rather than merely contact TSSA for a permit, it would be prudent to improve the fuel tanks to meet new legislative requirements prior to such inspection.

Blackburn-Bruce – that the Clerk proceed to determine the costs of such improvements to the fuel storage tanks. Carried.

Councillor Rowe indicated he would like the By-law Enforcement Officer to investigate the former Eldorado Cheese property to remedy the increasing inventory of "waste" that is appearing on the property including a couch and chair.

Rowe-Blackburn - that Council adjourn. Carried.