The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Regular Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 3, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council met for the Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Complex. Reeve Ken Noland and Councillors Arthur F. Hayden, David Deeg, Kim Middleton and Roger Morrell were in attendance. Gye Taylor, Road Superintendent, Rick Graham, Fire Chief and Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer were also in attendance. Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer recorded the minutes.

- GUESTS: Mike Jakubo, Auditor, Rob Thirkill, Cheryl Burridge, Melanie Blain and Laurie Zahnow.
- REGRETS: Amy McCarley, Bylaw Officer

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Noland at 7 p.m.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Agenda Item 13.1 – Reeve Noland

MOTION: 2024-105

Moved By: David Deeg <u>Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden</u> THAT Council approve the Agenda for the July 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting with the addition of ARB.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2024-106

Moved By: Roger Morrell <u>Seconded By: Kim Middleton</u> THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2023.....carried K.N.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Rick Graham advised the truck is back in service. The Silverwater Chief is retiring. Burpee and Mills will assist in covering Silverwater and if called out, Gore Bay Fire Department will cover Burpee and Mills.

The Ontario Fire Marshall will be in Silverwater on July 8th. David Deeg and Ken Noland will attend with Chief Graham.

The Fire Department's Yard Sale brought in approximately \$500.00.

Training of volunteer firefighters is ongoing.

Bylaw Officer's Report

Reeve Noland advised the Bylaw Officer is now fully certified and is job shadowing with other municipalities.

Road Superintendent's Report

Gye Taylor, Road Superintendent, advised the calcium was distributed on June 20th. A culvert extension on Union Road West has been completed due to a

safety issue. HL3 has arrived and resurfacing should occur in late July or mid August. A quotation has been received for the pressure washing of the municipal buildings. Council suggested this could be done in-house. The grader tires have arrived but still need to be mounted.

Mike Jakubo, Auditor, presented the 2023 Financial Statements to Council

MOTION: 2024-107

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden <u>Seconded By: David Deeg</u> THAT Council approve the 2023 Financial Statements as presented by Mike Jakubo......carried K.N.

MOTION: 2024-108

Moved By: David Deeg <u>Seconded By: Roger Morrell</u> THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of \$31,733.24 be approved for payment......carried K.N.

MOTION: 2024-109

Moved By: Kim Middleton <u>Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden</u> THAT the General Vouchers in the amount of \$158,535.27 be approved for payment......carried K.N.

MOTION: 2024-110

Moved By: David Deeg <u>Seconded By: Roger Morrell</u> THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of \$415.27 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2024-111

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden <u>Seconded By: Kim Middleton</u> THAT Bylaw 05-2024 being a bylaw to set the tax ratios for 2024 be given necessary readings and be passed.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2024-112

Moved By: Roger Morrell <u>Seconded By: David Deeg</u> THAT Bylaw 06-2024 being a bylaw to set the tax rates for 2024 be given necessary readings and be passed......carried K.N.

Reeve Noland had declared a conflict of interest on Agenda Item 13.1 Integrity Commissioner Report and excused himself from the building. Deputy Reeve, Arthur F. Hayden took the chair. The Deputy Reeve read the report provided by Mr. Harold Elston of Barriston Law advising the complaints have been dismissed. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Reeve Noland returned to the meeting and took the Chair.

The Amish Community has submitted a proposal to create a new lot and permit a private cemetery, as well as a rezoning to the Manitoulin Planning Board. The Manitoulin Planning Board has requested comments from the Burpee and Mills Council. A motion has been made as follows:

MOTION: 2024-113

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the Proposal to create a new lot (+/-.04 ha) and permit a private cemetery on Lot 16, Concession 7, Township of Mills as well as a zoning amendment application; Council has no concerns regarding the proposal or the zoning amendment as described......carried K.N.

MOTION: 2024-114

Moved By: David Deeg Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills approves the appointment of Jack Bould, Councillor, for the Township of Gordon Barrie Island, as the new Police Services Board Representative......carried K.N.

MOTION: 2024-115

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: David Deeg

THAT Council withdraws its appeal to the Assessment Review Board to reassess the property located at Burpee Concession 2, Lot 32.....carried K.N.

REPORTS

Roger Morrell advised the new terminal building is nearing Airport: completion. MMA: Reeve Noland advised the Ontario Fire Marshall had attended a meeting to explain the new level of service required by 2026. Reeve Noland advised the Manitoulin Planning Board is MPB: continuing to address issues surrounding a plan of subdivision on Lake Mindemoya. David Deeg advised there are no items to report. No meetings POA: have been held recently. Kim Middleton advised the next CPAC meeting will be held in **CPAC:** September. **Recreation & Wellness:** Arthur F. Hayden explained the Roast Beef Dinner and Dance had gone well. Another event may be coming around the Christmas season. The next meeting of the committee is July 8th. As per Kim Middleton, Library Board Rep, a new board member Library: has been appointed as well as a new worker hired at the Library. Waste Management: Roger Morrell advised that July 20th is Hazardous

Waste Day in Mindemoya. The textile bin is coming for the Burpee and Mills Transfer Station site. **Newsletter:** Roger Morrell will include an explanation in the newsletter regarding the 6% tax increase for 2024.

Manor: Arthur F. Hayden advised the Manor financials are in good shape. It was a clean audit. An open house had taken place for the new courtyard.

MOTION: 2024-116

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden <u>Seconded By: David Deeg</u> THAT the Regular Council Meeting of July 3,2024 be adjourned at 8:26 p.m...carried K.N.

Ken Noland, Reeve

Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer

RESPOND TO: 1 FIRST STREET, SUITE 224, COLLINGWOOD, ON L9Y 1A1

JUNE 26, 2024

The Township of Burpee and Mills 8 Baileyline Road Evansville, ON POP 1EO

Attention: Members Of Council

Dear Sirs and Madam:

Re: Confidential Code of Conduct Complaints

I have been delegated the authority to act as the Township's Integrity Commissioner regarding two complaints filed against Reeve Noland (one on August 4, 2023 and one on August 15, 2023). I have now concluded my inquiries and wish to report the results of my investigations, to you.

BARRISTON

In the course of my investigation I interviewed the two complainants, Reeve Noland and another witness. There was no video recording available.

The complaints did not specify which part or parts of the Code of Conduct were allegedly contravened. I have applied sections 7.1 and 7.2: "Conduct Respecting Others". Those sections read as follows:

- 7.1 Every Member has the duty and responsibility to treat members of the public, one another and staff appropriately and without abuse, bullying or intimidation, and to ensure that the municipal work environment is free from discrimination and harassment. The Member shall be familiar with, and comply with the Municipality's Workplace Anti Violence, Harassment and Sexual Harassment Policy.
- 7.2 A Member shall not use indecent, abusive or insulting words, tone or expressions toward another Member, any municipal staff or any member of the public.

After careful consideration of the testimony I heard, I have determined that Reeve Noland did not treat the complainants abusively, or attempt to bully or intimidate them. I also find that he did not use indecent, abusive or insulting words, tone or expression. Accordingly, I have dismissed the complaints.

Yours truly, BARRISTON

Per: Harold Elston P (705) 792-6910 F (705) 792-6911 Email: <u>helston@barristonlaw.com</u>

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