

# **The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills**

## **Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday November 7, 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 Roger Morrell, Kim Middleton, David Deeg and Arthur F. Hayden were in attendance. Gye Taylor, Road Superintendent, Rick Graham, Fire Chief, and Kathy Beck, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer were also in attendance. Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, recorded the minutes.

REGRETS: Amy McCarley

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: David Deeg Item #9 and #12  
Arthur F. Hayden #18a

#### **MOTION: 2024-171**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the November 7, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, as amended.....carried K.N.

#### **MOTION: 2024-172**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2024.....carried K.N.

#### **Fire Chief's Report:**

Vehicle annual safeties are booked. There are new regulations for doing safeties so less people are doing them and they are booked up. Next year Gye will talk to Rick and try and coordinate the road vehicles and fire trucks safeties at the same time.

The amalgamation with SilverWater is going smoothly but there is a great deal of paperwork. Because the average age of their firefighters is 71, over ½ of them are leaving.

Rick would like to purchase approximately \$30,000 worth of equipment etc. David will sit down with Rick and make sure that the Purchasing Policy is followed.

Rick Graham excused himself.

#### **Bylaw Officer's Report:**

Amy McCarley, Bylaw Officer sent her regrets.

Council reviewed the amended Trailer Bylaw and need to discuss it with Amy before passing any changes.

#### **Road Superintendent's Report:**

The Loader and 2 ton have been serviced and are ready for winter operation.

Grading on road edges is completed along Campbell and Union roads and sections on Poplar Road.

Both plow units have had their annual inspections, stickers attached as well as emission testing completed.

5 ton sander unit is not operational. Gye requested a motion to spend approximately \$3500.00 for parts. Only 1 company has these parts so only one quote was presented by Gye. There were no objections to the quote however, it was brought up that it would be better to check winter equipment early in the year.

Garbage was dumped off at the transfer station gate and was cleaned up by staff. Letter to be sent to taxpayer to cease the dumping or Transfer Station privileges will be revoked. Seeking approval for a 2025 Summer student.

**MOTION: 2024-173**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

THAT Council approve the submission of an application to the Canada Summers Jobs program to fund the hiring of a Summer Employee for the 2025 season.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-174**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Council agrees to the purchase of assorted parts for the 5 ton plow . The cost will not exceed \$3,500.00.....carried K.N.

Gye Taylor excused himself.

**MOTION: 2024-175**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of \$16,192.12 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-176**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of \$180,427.95 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-177**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of \$1,330.21 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-178**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: David Deeg

THAT as an abutting Municipality, the Township of Burpee and Mills has no comments or concerns regarding the Zoning Amendment Application from Manitoulin Planning Board File No. 2022-o5ABL-24-007. The purpose of the amendment is to permit a storage building within a Rural Zone on Part Lot 1, Concession IV Robinson Township.....carried K.N.

Employee reviews will be conducted shortly. Kim Middleton will conduct the reviews for the Office staff and Art and David will do the roads.

**MOTION: 2024-179**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Council directs staff to book a staff Christmas party at Waters Edge.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-180**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: David Deeg

THAT COUNCIL approves a tax adjustment for 2024 taxes on Con 8, Lot 2 Mills due to a structure being damaged by fire and demolished.....carried K.N.



**MOTION: 2024-181**

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approve the 2025 Council Meeting schedule.....carried K.N.

New Zoning Bylaw – We will book a separate meeting for an Open House in January 2025.

**MOTION: 2024-182**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council agrees to the purchase of a desktop computer for the Municipal Office. The cost will not exceed \$4,500.00.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-183**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT By-Law No. 2024-09 being a Bylaw to raise money to aid in the construction of drainage works under the Tile Drainage Act be given all necessary readings and be passed.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-184**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Council move to an In Camera Meeting to discuss a personnel matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees of the municipality as required under section 239(1) and (2)(b) of the Municipal Act 2001 at 8:17 p.m.  
.....carried K.N.

Council returned to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Reeve Noland advised that the In Camera dealt with a personnel matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees of the municipality as required under section 239(1) and (2)(b) of the Municipal Act 2001.

Motion resulting from the In Camera session.

**MOTION: 2024-188**

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

THAT Carole McGuinn and Chris Noland be appointed as Volunteer Fire Fighters on a three month probation period with the stipulation that the Township receives a satisfactory criminal record check.....carried K.N.

**REPORTS:**

**Airport** – There are many events coming up at the Airport such as Media Day, Hope Air Charity Day, Spring Grand Opening. The new Manitoulin Transport jet is currently at the Airport. Financially the Airport Commission will be taking approximately \$100,000 from the reserves towards the overages incurred on the Airport project.

**MMA** – No meeting

**MPB** - More discussion on the Lake Mindemoya Planned Subdivision. There are 3 sets of draft proposals.

There was a discussion on Sea Cans in the unorganized Township. Even with a building permit, MPAC is not taxing a property more for the Sea Can. Municipalities will attempt to talk to MPAC to get them taxed. Townships may need to have a bylaw with a permit fee for a site specific permit.

**POA** - There is a new full time manager instead of 3 part-time so this is saving money. Between this, the extra officers writing tickets on the Island and the catch up from Covid backlogs, the POA is projecting a surplus this year. These conditions won't occur next year so there may not be a surplus in 2025.

**Recreation & Wellness** - There was a Halloween Potluck Dinner and Dance . They had a smaller but enthusiastic crowd. There is a Spaghetti dinner on Wednesday November 20, 2024 and a Christmas dance on the first Saturday in December. The next meeting is November 12, 2024.

**Library** – Anya had her 3-month probation review. She had initiated many new initiatives to get more participation at the library. Kim suggested we put an occasional note in the newsletter reminding our residents that they can use the Library resources with a Library card.

**Waste Management** – Roger reported that the new recycling program will probably benefit our Township. In the new year they will contact Roger to negotiate a deal with them because we already have a Transfer Station and won't need them to pick up our recycling door to door. The cost of recycling will be transferred to the producers of packaging which is law. The collection at our Transfer Station will need to be commingle bins. Roger will sit down with Gye and transfer station to discuss this and other things.

**Manor** – The occupancy is full and there is an increase in the waiting list from 35 to 50 people. The financial situation is good and the position of Director of Care is now filled. There have been upgrades in the kitchen and dining rooms. Tree of Lights, the major fundraiser for Manor improvements, starts in December.

**MOTION: 2024-189**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

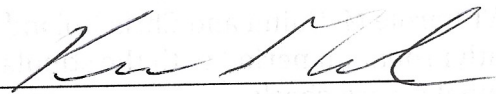
THAT Council appoints Roger Morrell to attend a meeting in December to discuss future Phragmites control work.....carried K.N.

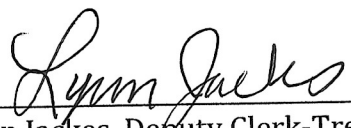
**MOTION: 2024-190**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

THAT the Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:09 p.m.....carried K.N.

  
Ken Noland, Reeve

  
Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer