THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN MINUTES June 16, 2020

Regular meeting of Council was held at the Jocelyn Township Hall on June 16, 2020. Attendance: Reeve Mark Henderson, Councillor Janet Callahan, Albert Crowder, Brian Dukes, and Greg Gilbertson, and Clerk Janet Boucher.

20-41 Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do call this meeting of Council to order.

Cd.

Reeve Henderson welcomed everyone back to the table.

Township Vouchers:

Reeve Henderson declared a conflict of interest and vacated his seat as Reeve for the approval and payment of *Township Voucher 2020.03 (B)* and *2020.05 (B)* and *Recreation Voucher 2020.05(B)* on the basis that his spouse is an owner of Kentvale Store, as well as a request for a Conditional Permit as he is the contractor for the applicant.

The following vouchers were presented as adopted.

20-42 Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we approve *Township Voucher 2020.03 (A)*, 2020.04 (A), and 2020.05 (A) in the amounts of \$116,402.16, \$45,875.64 and \$85,006.59.

Cd

20-43 Moved by Brian Dukes

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do approve *Recreation Voucher 2020.03-2020.05 (A)* in the amount of \$1742.83 paid out of Recreation Funds.

Cd.

Councillor Dukes took over the chair for the adoption of the *Township Voucher 2020.03* (*B*) and *2020.05* (*B*) and *Recreation Voucher* 2020.05(B) and approval of a Conditional Permit for the owner of Plan M230, Lot 24.

20-44 Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we approve *Township Voucher 2020.03(B)* and 2020.05(B) in the amount of \$114.74 and \$236.01.

Cd.

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20-45 Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we approve Recreation Voucher 2020.03-05(B) in the amount of \$376.97 paid out of Recreation Funds.

Cd.

20-46 Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Whereas the following owner of Plan M230, Lot 24 has requested a conditional building permit from the Township of Jocelyn, and whereas a zoning application has not been finalized;

And Whereas the Chief Building Official has no objections to the application for such a conditional permit;

Therefore, the municipality agrees to the owner's request to issue a Conditional Permit for a gazebo on the above noted property.

Cd.

The Reeve resumed the chair as head of Council.

A second conditional permit resolution was passed.

20-47 Moved by Brian Dukes

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Whereas the following owner of Plan M230, Lot 18 PCL 8173 ACS 4 has requested a conditional building permit from the Township of Jocelyn, and whereas a zoning application has not been finalized:

And Whereas the Chief Building Official has no objections to the application for such a conditional permit;

Therefore, the municipality agrees to the owner's request to issue a Conditional Permit for a garage on the above noted property.

Cd.

The Clerk's Report was approved as presented.

20-48 Moved by Brian Dukes

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do adopt the Clerk's Report as presented.

Cd.

Two appointment by-laws were presented for Council consideration. Council acknowledges the considerable time commitment by our volunteer fire department and acknowledged with regret the resignation of David Belsito as Fire Chief in 2019. The following individuals have been on the Fire Department for a number of years and offered to let their names stand for appointment. Rick Sirvio will be appointed as Chief and Carl Thomas will be appointed as Deputy Chief, with the adoption of the following two by-laws.

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20-49 Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2020-1451, being a by-law to appoint a deputy fire chief (Carl Thomas). Cd.

20-50 Moved by Brian Dukes

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2020-1452, being a by-law to appoint a fire chief (Rick Sirvio).

Various verbal committee reports were provided. Due to Covid – 19, many groups, boards and committees have not met.

A clean up session was held at Tenby Bay Cemetery. Brush, painting, and tidying up of the site occurred.

Roads matters were discussed in conjunction with a budget review. The 5th Side Road from the 2nd Concession to the 4th Concession and a small portion beyond that on the 5th from Jocelyn Drive for 300 metres, will be under construction and resurfaced. A time line for the resurfacing has not been confirmed but it is anticipated that it will be in August. Ratepayers are advised that in preparation, this road will be gravel for much of the summer and construction will be taking place. We apologize in advance for the inconvenience this will cause and remind motorists to drive for the conditions, be patient with the construction crews and slow down.

Council discussed at length the impacts of COVID-19 on our community. Considerable increases were noted in the budget this year, including policing costs (\$11,866), Algoma District Social Services (\$6108), the reduction of the municipality operating grant of \$6500, a commitment to the St. Joseph Island Food Bank (\$2600), Algoma Health Unit (\$808) and COVID-19 expenses (undetermined). The net effect of the increases are approximately \$27,000 which would result in a 3% increase.

The budget was presented as requested, without this increase. This was done by taking \$27,000 from the Efficiency Fund Reserve, provided to municipalities in 2019.

The following information is provided through OPTA (Online Property Tax Analysis). The shift in assessment in the residential class, even with showing a .1 percent tax increase, was significant.

^{*373} properties would have an average increase of \$31.00

^{*11} properties would have an average increase of \$135.00

^{*274} properties would have an average decrease of \$28.00

^{*11} properties would have an average decrease of \$123.00

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A sample assessment confollows:	nparison based on the	e current proposal would appear as
A property valued at \$100,	000 in 2019 would ha	ave raised \$1077.61 in taxes
A property valued at \$100,000 in 2020 would raise \$1034.25 in taxes		
The adoption of this budget will occur at the July 7, 2020 meeting of Council.		
20-51 Resolved that we pass By Council held on June 16, 2	•	
20-52 Resolved that we do adjou	Moved by Greg Gilb Seconded by Janet or Irn and meet again or Cd.	
		Reeve
		Clerk