

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN

MINUTES

October 6, 2020

Regular meeting of Council was held at the Jocelyn Township Hall on October 6, 2020.

Attendance: Reeve Mark Henderson, Councillor Janet Callahan, Albert Crowder, Brian Dukes, and Greg Gilbertson, and Clerk Janet Boucher.

20-80 Moved by Greg Gilbertson
 Seconded by Albert Crowder
Resolved that we do call this meeting of Council to order.
Cd.

20-81 Moved by Janet Callahan
 Seconded by Brian Dukes
Resolved that we adopt the minutes of the August 4th meeting of Council.
Cd.

Township Vouchers:

Reeve Henderson declared a conflict of interest and vacated his seat as Reeve for the approval and payment of Recreation Voucher 2020.08(B) on the basis that his spouse is an owner of Kentvale Store.

The following vouchers were presented as adopted.

20-82 Moved by Greg Gilbertson
 Seconded by Janet Callahan
Resolved that we approve *Township Voucher 2020.08 (A)* in the amount of \$82,222.51 and 2020.09 (A) in the amount of \$268,253.03.
Cd.

20-83 Moved by Albert Crowder
 Seconded by Greg Gilbertson
Resolved that we do approve *Recreation Voucher 2020.08 (A)* in the amount of \$1179.42 and Recreation Voucher 2020.09 (A) in the amount of \$774.35 paid out of Recreation funds. Cd.

Councillor Dukes took over the chair for the adoption of the Recreation Voucher 2020.08 (B).

20-84 Moved by Janet Callahan
 Seconded by Greg Gilbertson
Resolved that we approve *Township Voucher 2020.08 (B)* in the amount of \$41.72, paid out of Recreation funds. Cd.

Further to the Agenda, a public meeting was held in accordance to By-Law 2018-1395, being a by-law establishing a policy for shore road allowance sales.

a) SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE PURCHASE APPLICATION 2020.01

Subject Property: Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of broken Lot 8, Concession 7, also being in front of lot 17, Registered Plan M-401, Township of Jocelyn, on St. Joseph Island, in the District of Algoma – identified as Part 1, Plan 13674)

The Corporation of The Township of Jocelyn proposes to enact a By-law to stop up, close and sell a portion of the shore allowance for the road set out and described as follows: Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of broken Lot 8, Concession 7, also being in front of lot 17, Registered Plan M-401, Township of Jocelyn, on St. Joseph Island, in the District of Algoma – (identified as Part 1, Plan 13674)

Public Notice of the proposed closing, stopping up and sale was provided to all property owners within 400 feet of the subject properties, as well as posted publicly. Any member of the public who felt that their land would be prejudicially affected by the sale was provided the opportunity to submit their objection to this meeting. No letters of opposition were received regarding the application. Hearing no further comments, Council adopted the by-law to proceed with the sale of the subject property.

20-85 Moved by Brian Dukes
Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law No. 2020-1460 being a by-law to stop up, close and sell that part of the original shore road allowance set out and described as follows:
Part of the original shore road allowance in front of broken lot 8, Concession 7, also being in front of lot 17 Registered Plan M-401 , Township of Jocelyn, on St. Joseph Island, in the District of Algoma. (Part 1, Plan 13674)
Current Owner: David James Wishman and Louise Jeanne Wishman
Cd.

The Clerk’s Report was adopted as presented.

20-86 Moved by Albert Crowder
Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we do adopt the Clerk’s Report and accompanying reports as presented.
Cd.

Correspondence was received from the St. Joseph Island Planning Board regarding Consent Application #3/20, and the applicants being Brian and Connie Figures. The purpose and effect of the subject application for consent to permit the severance of Lot 1, Concession L, in the Township of Jocelyn into two parcels. The parcel proposed to be severed consists of an area of about 11 hectares (27 acres) with about 274 metres (900 feet) of frontage on A Line Road., and is proposed to be used for recreation purposes (ie hunting). The parcel would also have frontage on the K Line road right of way. The parcel to be retained consists of about 29.4 hectares (73 acres) of land with about 731.5 metres (2400 feet) of frontage on A Line Road, and has an existing residence and outbuildings thereon. Council considered the application, and had no objections providing the following terms and conditions be met, as set out in the resolution below.

20-87 Moved by Greg Gilbertson
Seconded by Albert Crowder

Whereas Consent Application #3/20 was received from the St. Joseph Island Planning Board, applicants being Brian and Connie Figures
And whereas Council has no objections to the application as submitted providing the following standard conditions be met:

- 1) Access to the portion to be severed shall be off of the A Line, being a maintained road. Location of the entrance is to be at a location, agreed upon by Jocelyn Township Representatives and the landowners;

- 2) Up to 5% cash in lieu of parkland be remitted to the municipality
- 3) Taxes on the subject property be paid in full prior Cd.

Correspondence was received from the Township of Tarbutt regarding support of the agricultural industry. The following resolution was adopted.

20-88 Moved by Albert Crowder
Seconded by Brian Dukes

WHEREAS the farming industry in Ontario has become increasingly threatened with the growth of industry and Urban sprawl; and
WHEREAS as according to Ontario Farmland Trust, Ontario continues to lose 175 acres of farm land daily; and
WHEREAS between 1976 and 2016 Ontario lost 20% of its farmland; and
WHEREAS this loss of land is some of the most productive land in the province and such loss is unsustainable; and
WHEREAS Ontario’s agri-food sector is the largest economic sector in the province, employing more than 820,000 Ontarians along the supply chain and annually contributing over \$39 billion to the province’s GDP (Gross Domestic Product); and
WHEREAS In rural areas, the agri-food sector is even more important, as roughly 12% of the GDP and 10% of rural jobs are associated with agriculture; and
WHEREAS Agricultural land is the base of the agri-food sector, and it is a finite resource with only 0.5% of Canada’s agricultural soil is classified as Class 1, and about half of the entire country’s Class 1 soil is found in Ontario; and
WHEREAS most of the lost agriculture land is in southern Ontario; and
WHEREAS northern Ontario has seen an unprecedented growth in agriculture in recent years; and
WHEREAS northern Ontario is well on its way to being the future bread basket for Ontario; and
WHEREAS the growth in northern Ontario agriculture is virtually unsupported by Federal and Provincial funding, yet all benefit from the growth in agriculture in northern Ontario; and
WHEREAS to continue to shoulder the burden of feeding the province and growing the agriculture sector in northern Ontario, certain infrastructures and financing opportunities need to be in place; and
WHEREAS the agriculture sector has seen a constant decrease in the availability of farm workers;
THEREFORE the Council of Jocelyn does hereby request that significant steps be taken to provide Broadband service to all of northern Ontario to permit the use of technological advancements such as Robotic Milkers for dairy farmers in the absence of finding and retaining farm help, and;
FURTHER that appropriate funding to match the crisis that the decline in agriculture is facing be established for farmers and that such funding be sustainable to allow for planning and growth; and
FURTHER THAT this resolution be forward to the FONOM; the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines; the Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs; Minister of Infrastructure; Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada; Central Algoma Municipalities and Huron North Community Economic Alliance.
Cd.

Various committee reports were provided verbally. Roads matters discussed included a draft construction/surface treatment plan for 2021 and 2022. Onsite meetings were requested to further review the proposed work. In addition, an onsite meeting is scheduled for next week regarding the Huron Line drainage project that is ongoing.
The 2020/2021 plow season was considered and a contractor’s meeting will be scheduled.

Landfill issues were discussed. Adjusting of landfill hours was considered, with the intent to maintain landfill hours with the consideration being given to employee safety and the landfill being open during daylight hours. This matter will be discussed further at the November Council.

Fire matters were discussed. Council wishes to acknowledge, with much regret, the passing of Deputy Fire Chief Carl Thomas. Carl has been on the Jocelyn Fire Department for many years and just recently was appointed as Deputy Fire Chief. Carl’s input, volunteerism and commitment to community were exemplary and he will be sorely missed.

Other items of correspondence received included the following:

- 1) St. Joseph Island Food Bank – thank you for 2020 contribution
- 2) CEMC – note from teleconference with Algoma Public Health Unit.
- 3) Municipality of Huron Shores – Community owned broadband update
- 4) Township of Hilton – Notice of Passing of By-law No. 1025-11 (defining shipping containers and permitted uses)
- 5) Township of Tarbutt – Closure of short line railway between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury
- 6) Trefry Centre – thank you for the 2020 contribution
- 7) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Housing Supply Action Plan (increasing the supply of housing)
- 8) OPP – 2021 Annual Billing Statement Package – represents a very small decrease from 2020

20-89 Moved by Greg Gilbertson
Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we pass By-Law No. 2020-1461, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council on October 6, 2020.
Cd.

20-90 Moved by Albert Crowder
Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we agree to adjourn and meet again on November 3, 2020 or at the call of the Reeve.
Cd.

Reeve

Clerk