

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN

Minutes of the Council Meeting

March 9, 2023

3:30 P.M.

Jocelyn Township Office

The special meeting of Council was held on March 9, 2023, at the Jocelyn Township Hall.

Present: Reeve Mark Henderson Councillor Faye Stevens
 Councillor Albert Crowder Councillor Greg Gilbertson

Staff: Janet Boucher, Clerk Treasurer

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Janet Callahan

Call to order

23-045

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Notwithstanding the municipality's Procedural By-Law requirements, resolved that we do call this special meeting of Council to order at 3:30 PM.

Cd.

The Procedural By-law requires a minimum of 48 hours notice for a meeting.

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

There were no disclosures.

Closed Meeting of Council

The purpose of the meeting was to address two agenda items with legal counsel.

2(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employee – Tax Matter – Real Tax File #AAJO22-01

~And~

2(f) advice that is subject to solicitor – client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Road Development – 10th Side Road

The discussion with Wishart and Partners was done by teleconference and in closed session.

23-046

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Be it resolved that Council proceed into closed session at 3:30 PM in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act in order to address matters pertaining to

2(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employee

~And~

2(f) advice that is subject to solicitor – client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Cd.

23-047

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Be it resolved that Council does rise out of closed session at 5:15 PM.

Cd.

As a result of the closed session regarding item 2(b), Council adopted the following resolution.

23-048

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Whereas the (Clerk) Treasurer provided information to Council regarding tax sale processes at the February 7th, 2023 Council meeting;

And whereas the (Clerk) Treasurer has legislated duties to follow under the Municipal Act and the regulation regarding Municipal Tax Sales;

And Whereas Council desires to update the tax collection procedure the municipality uses;

Therefore, Council directs the (Clerk) Treasurer to stay the proceedings as it relates to property located at Concession P, Lot 7, Real Tax File # AAJO22-01.

Cd.

Council discussed several sections of the Municipal Act regarding Tax Collection and the need to update and include provisions in our Collection Policy, including section 319. This section of the Municipal Act requires a municipality to pass a by-law providing for deferrals or cancellation of, or other relief in respect of, all or part of a tax increase for 1998 and subsequent years on property in the residential property class for persons assessed as owners who are, or whose spouses are low income seniors or low income persons with disabilities as defined in the bylaws of the municipality. Samples of such deferral policies were provided to Council for information.

Two staff reports were presented by the Clerk Treasurer regarding the above noted matter. The first report was regarding the delegation of tax appeals under 357(1) (d.1) to the Assessment Review Board. The second report was regarding the specifics of tax collection and the Real Tax File #AAJO22-01.

23-049

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do adopt the Clerk's Report 2(a) as presented Re: Delegation of Tax Appeals under section 357 (1) (d.1) of the *Municipal Act*.

Cd.

23-050

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do adopt the Clerk's Report (3) as presented Re: Statement to Council.

Cd.

No action item arose from the closed session regarding item 2(f).

Confirmation By-law

1. By-Law Adoption – 2023-1527 – Confirmation By-law
23-051

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we do adopt By-Law 2023-1527 being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Jocelyn to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 9, 2023.

Cd.

Adjourn

23-052

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we agree to adjourn and meet again, on 2023 04 04 or at the call of the Reeve.

Cd.

Reeve Mark Henderson

Clerk Janet Boucher