THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN MINUTES July 4, 2017

The regular meeting of Council was held on July 4th, 2017 at the Jocelyn Township Office. In attendance was Reeve Mark Henderson, Councillor Ken Ward, Councillor Janet Callahan, Councillor Brian Dukes and Councillor Ches Wallace. Also in attendance was the Deputy-Clerk.

17-70 Moved by Ken Ward

Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we do call this regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Cd.

17-71 Moved by Brian Dukes

Seconded by Ches Wallace

Resolved that we do adopt the minutes of the June 6, 2017 meeting as presented. Cd.

Council welcomed delegate Doug Clute, Vice President of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 374. Mr. Clute wanted to advise Council of a special project being developed by the Legion involving the temporary placement of flags on the St. Joseph Island Bridge. There are 56 names inscribed on the cenotaphs within the catchment area of Branch 374. The project called "Bridge of Heroes" will symbolically recognize the fallen and increase public awareness of Remembrance Day leading up to November 11th. Mr. Clute would like Council's support with letters being written to the Corridor Management Officer for the Ministry of Transportation and to the Ministry's consultant responsible for the Environmental Assessment Study for the Rehabilitation of the bridge. The following resolution was passed.

17-72 Moved by Brian Dukes Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that the Township of Jocelyn endorses the Canadian Legion Branch 374 "Bridge of Heroes" project on the Bernt Gilbertson St. Joseph Island Bridge and directs the Clerk to forward a letter of support to the Corridor Management Officer Ministry of Transportation to advise of Council's support.

And that the Township also corresponds with the Ministry's consultant responsible for the Environmental Assessment Study for the Rehabilitation of the bridge requesting that any new design for the bridge railings incorporate provision for the placement of flags to meet the objective of the Legion's Bridge of Heroes project.

Cd.

Vouchers were presented.

17-73 Moved by Ches Wallace Seconded by Janet Callahan Page 2 Minutes July 4, 2017

Resolved that we approve Recreation Voucher No. 2017-06 in the amount of \$1190.74, paid out of Recreation funds.

Cd.

17-74 Moved by Ken Ward

Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we approve Township Voucher 2017-06 in the amount of \$138,193.47. Cd.

Committee reports were given.

Tree removal, patching and road repairs continue to be done in order to be ready for surface treatment later in July. Councillors Ward and Dukes will meet with the contractor to go over the roads to be surface treated. Additional work had been done on the road side cutter.

The St. Joseph Island Museum will be hosting their Heritage Tea Day on Sunday, July 9th and the Teddy Bear Picnic on Sunday, July 23rd. For further information go to www.stjoemuseum.com.

The landfill had been pushed and covered and directional signage installed. There was discussion about the large quantities of yard sale items coming to the Share Shed at one time. The Share Shed cannot handle large amounts at once due to limited space and staff time. It was suggested that a few usable items are still welcomed to be donated. Council thanks all those who have supported the Share Shed and Island Food Bank. Generally the items are brought to help raise funds for the Food Bank, but broken and excess items end up being dumped at the landfill.

Recreation's Canada Day supper had a smaller attendance this year, but the Jocelyn Fire Department did an amazing job with the fireworks display. The next event for Jocelyn Recreation Committee is Harvest Festival and planning for that is underway.

17-75 Moved by Ches Wallace Seconded by Brian Dukes

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

Cd.

Council reviewed the 2017 Municipal Budget, including roads and fire. The budget as presented resulted in an increased levy of approximately \$5789 over 2017 and a 0.0% increase to the municipal tax rate. As a result of the reassessment, the tax rate will go down approximately 4.75%. Highlights as noted in the June Council meeting minutes include the following:

- 1)OCIF funding was increased in 2017 to \$50000 (from \$25,000) this will assist in completing roads surface treatment projects
- 2) the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund also increased by \$10,900 this is the municipal operating grant

- 3)Gas Tax Funds have been set in reserve for two years and are included in the 2017 budget
- 4) Roads operating costs have increased due to material costs increasing as well as contracting costs for patching and other maintenance tasks
- 5)A significant cost savings occurred by changing consulting firms for the Landfill in 2016, the municipality put out a tender and agreed to change from Kresin Engineering to Pinchin at a cost savings of \$11,000.
- 6) Social Service costs increased by \$16,000 in 2017
- 7) OPP this resulted in a significant increase of \$18,969 bringing the 2017 policing costs to \$84,711.00
- 8) Guide Rail project the 10th Side Road project cost total is \$110,000 and is being funded at 90% by OCIF (grant of \$99,000 received).

Based on \$100,000 in assessment the 2017 taxes will be \$1146.38. The 2016 taxes would have been \$1199.15. There has been a significant shift in assessment between residential in land property, shore property, bush lots and industrial property. From the Ontario Property Tax Analysis (Ministry of Finance) report of Tax Impact on Median/Typical property, the following has been noted.

Single Family home – 1.85 percent reduction in taxes
Seasonal Recreational dwelling - .8 percent reduction in taxes
Farm House – 11.3 percent increase in taxes
Farmland – 15.2 percent increase in taxes
Managed Forest – 14.82 percent increase in taxes
Small Retail Commercial Property – 9.58 percent increase in taxes

These are averages only – individual property assessments will fluctuate.

The following By-Laws were passed regarding taxation and the 2017 Municipal Tax Rates.

17-76 Moved by Brian Dukes Seconded by Ken Ward

Resolved that we pass By-law No. 2017-1377, being a by-law to exit the tax capping program for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes for the year 2017 and for subsequent taxation years.

Cd.

17-77 Moved by Brian Dukes Seconded by Ches Wallace

Resolved that we pass By-law No. 2017-1378, being a by-law to provide for the adoption, the estimates for the year, and the adoption of tax rates for all property classes for 2017 and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2017.

Cd.

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The annual Energy Conservation and Demand Plan was presented for Council consideration.

17-78 Moved by Ches Wallace Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we do accept the Energy Conservation and Demand Plan – Jocelyn Township- based on 2015 data.

Cd.

A request was received from the Municipality of West Grey to support their resolution regarding the changes to the Conservation Act. The following resolution was passed.

17-79 Moved by Janet Callahan Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we do support Durham area municipalities with their concern regarding proposed amendments to the Conservation Act. where the Conservation Boards would have a composition of 50% of members with scientific backgrounds.

Cd.

17-80 Moved by Ken Ward Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we pass By-law No. 2017-1379, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting held of Council on July 4, 2017.

Cd.

17-81 Moved by Brian Dukes Seconded by Ches Wallace

Resolved that we agree to adjourn and meet again August 1st, 2017 or at the call of the Reeve. Cd.

Reeve	Mark Henderson
Deput	y-Clerk Myra Eddy