THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN MINUTES

May 1, 2018

The regular meeting of Council was held on May 1, 2018 at the Jocelyn Township Office. In attendance was Reeve Mark Henderson, Councillor Janet Callahan, Brian Dukes, Ken Ward and Jim Waycik as well as the Clerk.

18-40 Moved by Brian Dukes

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we do call this regular meeting of Council to order at 6:50 p.m.

18-41 Moved by Ken Ward

Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we do adopt the minutes of the April 1st, 2018 meeting as presented.

The Township and Recreation Vouchers were presented for payment

18-42 Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we do approve Recreation Voucher 2018-04 in the amount of \$921.99 paid out of Recreation Funds.

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18-43. Moved by Jim Waycik

Seconded by Mark Henderson

Resolved that we approve Township Voucher 2018-04 in the amount of \$51 736.65.

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Additional agenda items were acknowledged and received and the following addendum was accepted.

18-44 Moved by Jim Waycik

Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we do adopt the Agenda Addendum for May 1, 2018.

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Numerous reports and documentation were provided for Council adoption through the Clerk's report. Many of the items were in relation to the upcoming municipal election in October 2018.

18-45 Moved by Ken Ward

Seconded by Jim Waycik

Resolved that we do accept the Clerk's Report as presented, including the following:

- 1)2017 Financial Report and Statements from BDO
- 2)Report/Policy on the use of corporate resources
- 3) Report and Policy on Conflict of Interest
- 4) Report and Policy on Delegation of Lame Duck Authority
- 5)Policy on Election Signage.

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Councillor Ward reported on road issues. A summary of plowing/sand usage for 2017/2018 was submitted to Council for review.

The 2018 amalgamated tender results were received. Councillor Ward and Councillor Dukes will meet with Duncor to review last year's surface treatment projects. There appeared to be a significant amount of gravel left on the roads surface treated. Consideration was given to the time of year this work was completed, the weather at the time of application as well as the gravel type and its properties. Duncor submitted the successful tender for 2018. Roads to be completed this year will be K Line from the Huron Line to the shore as well as a portion of the P Line hill.

18-46 Moved by Ken Ward Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolved that we do accept the Amalgamated Surface Treatment tender from the East Algoma Road Superintendents for 2018 in the amount of\$2.74 per metre square plus .21 for polymer per metre square (\$38 940.00) and double of \$5.47 per metre squared plus .42 for polymer per metre square (\$19 155.50) (DUNCOR).

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Other committee reports were discussed.

The next large event for Jocelyn Recreation Committee is the Mountain Maple Trail Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run on Sunday May 27th, 2018. For more information or to register go to www.Jocelyn.ca.

Council reviewed the municipal budget for 2018 in preparation for its adoption at this meeting. As noted in the previous minutes, there will be a 3.9% increase in taxes this year. There are a number of factors contributing to this:

- 1) The Ontario Municipal Partnership fund has decreased \$12 000 this year
- 2) There is a municipal election this year. Funds have been set aside annually for this but additional funds will be required to offset the expenses of an election
- 3) Landfill closure costs will be incrementally increased over the next few years to ensure there are sufficient funds in place to cover this. The municipality has been setting aside \$4000 a year for a number of years and this amount will be increased to \$6000 for 2018
- 4) Algoma Public Health increase of \$2752 from 2017
- 5) Housing and Land Ambulance increased by \$10709
- 6) Policing cost increase of \$5730
- 7) An additional \$5000 was added to the fire budget for training and other essentials

These items total \$38,191.00. The budget presented includes a 3.9% increase, as noted, which translates to an increase of \$30808. New growth in assessment of \$397 956 was experienced from building additions and improvements that occurred in 2016 and equals \$7 900.06 in additional taxes raised. The assessment increase due to the phase in of MPAC's 2016 assessment update is on average of 5.42 percent for 2018. This fluctuation in assessment results in tax impacts as noted below, with the discussion of median and typical property tax increases.

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The median or typical property in each group represents a property with an assessed value at or near the midpoint or median for the group. Noted below are the percent increases by group.

Median property tax impacts in Jocelyn Township are as follows: Single family homes - 1.87% increase Seasonal Recreation Dwelling – 2.75% increase Farm House – 12.66% increase Farmland – 15.54 % increase Managed Forest – 15.27 % increase

The median property tax impacts are calculated through Ontario Property Tax Analysis, also known as OPTA, a program funded by the Ministry of Finance and operated by Reamined Systems.

Based on \$100 000 in assessment, taxes in 2017 were \$1146.38. Based on \$100000 in assessment, taxes in 2018 will be \$1131.88. The tax rate has decreased as a result of the assessment growth in 2018.

Council also considered a funding opportunity called the Main Street Revitalization Initiative. Potential projects were considered that would be in keeping with the eligibility requirements. The grant is estimated to be around \$37 000.00.

The following by-laws were passed.

18-47 Moved by Jim Waycik

Seconded by Ken Ward

Resolved that we pass By-Law No. 2018.-1398, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of Rules of Procedure for the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Jocelyn and its committees; to adopt a Code of Conduct for Members of Council; and to repeal and replace By-Law No. 2007-1136.

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18-48 Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Brian Dukes

Resolve that Council pass By-Law No. 2018-1399, being a by-law to delegate Council's authority, as per Section 275 (3) of the Municipal Act to the Clerk Treasurer for the period between Nomination Day (July 27, 2018) and the commencement of the Council Term.

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18-49 Moved by Ken Ward

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we do pass By-Law No. 2018-1400 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of the estimates for the year 2018 and the adoption of tax rates for all property classes for 2018 and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2018.

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Correspondence was received from Ron Prickett of the Sault Ste. Marie Field Naturalists regarding milkweed, food for the monarch butterfly habitat. Council was requested to consider minimal maintenance on the roadside on the A Line between the P Line and the Outlook as there is a significant area of milkweed along the road right of way. Council considered this and passed the following resolution.

18-50 Moved by Janet Callahan Seconded by Brian Dukes

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Resolved that we do acknowledge receipt of correspondence from Ron Prickett, from the Sault Ste. Marie Field Naturalists (Ontario and Michigan), regarding milkweed habitat and preservation of the same as a food source for the Monarch Butterfly, and agree to be mindful of this when doing summer road work and grass cutting.

Correspondence was received from Pinchin Limited regarding the estimated closure costs for the Jocelyn Landfill (\$775,000). The municipality is to set aside these funds in a landfill closure fund. It is estimated that the landfill has a 30 year life remaining. This can change based on the fill rate of the landfill and efforts to recycle items out of the landfill. The following resolution was passed by Council, acknowledging receipt of this estimate.

18-51 Moved by Janet Callahan Seconded by Ken Ward

Resolved that we do acknowledge receipt of correspondence from Pinchin Limited regarding an estimate of closure costs for the Jocelyn Township Landfill Site, and provide this correspondence to BDO Dunwoody, being the auditor for the municipality.

Correspondence received included the following:

- 1.Ernie Hardman, MPP RE: Request to support resolution about the private members bill to give municipalities authority of where landfills can go
- 2.Township of Uxbridge RE: Request to support resolution about municipalities authority over landfilling
- 3.Min. of Government & Consumer Services RE: Birth Certificate with Parental Information
- 4. Ministry of Finance RE: Property tax assessment measures as part of 2018 budget 5.Min. of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs RE: 2018 Premier's Award for the Agri-Food Innovation Excellence are being accepted
- 6. Ontario Assoc. of Property Standards Officers Inc. RE: Ontario Ministry Of Housing will no longer be investigating complaints from residential tenants regarding property maintenance issues
- 7. Northern Ontario *Health Equity Strategy* A plan for achieving health equity in the North, by the North, for the North (copy available upon request)

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| 18-52 | Moved by Janet Callahan | |
| Resolved that we pass By- proceedings of the May 1, | Seconded by Brian Dukes Law No. 2018-1401 being a by-law to 2018 meeting of Council. | confirm the |
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| 18-53 | Moved by Janet Callahan Seconded by Brian Dukes | |
| Resolved that we agree to Reeve. | adjourn and meet again on June 5, 2 Cd. | 018 or at the call of the |
| | Reeve Mark Henderson | |
| | Clerk Treasurer Janet Boucher | |