

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council

June 6, 2023

6:00 PM

### JOCELYN TOWNSHIP OFFICE

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The regular meeting of Council was held on June 6, 2023 at the Jocelyn Township Office.

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

Staff:                    Janet Boucher, Clerk Treasurer  
                              Myra Eddy, Deputy Clerk Treasurer

#### **Call to order**

23-088

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Faye Stevens

Resolved that we do call the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:00 PM.

Cd.

The minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting were presented for adoption.

23-089

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do adopt the minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 meeting of Council as presented.

Cd.

The following resolution was adopted to accept the addendum, as presented.

23-090

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Faye Stevens

Resolved that we do adopt the addendum as presented.

Cd.

Prior to the regular meeting of Council, a closed session was held for the following purpose. The landowner and his agent were in attendance to go into closed session with Council.

**B. Closed Session**

1. Meeting with Landowner Ken Ward and John Boyle (agent) regarding 10<sup>th</sup> Side Road Acquisition of Land – Ward transfer to Jocelyn Township
  - 239(2)(c) Acquisition or disposition of land

23-091

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Be it resolved that Council proceed into Closed Session at 6:00 PM in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act in order to address matters pertaining to:

- 239(2)(c) Acquisition or disposition of land

Cd.

23-092

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Be it resolved that Council does rise from Closed Session at 6:50 PM.

Cd.

Action arising from the Closed Session by item:

- A) The Clerk was instructed to contact legal counsel to draft an agreement to address the following: The terms that have been agreed upon regarding the acquisition of a portion of land abutting the 10<sup>th</sup> Side Road hill for future improvement. The owner of south east part of Lot 10, Concession Q (K. Ward) would like to transfer a portion of land from the said parcel to the municipality – the portion to be transferred would be approximately 1320 feet long by 33 feet wide – running parallel to the 10<sup>th</sup> Side Road, and extend from the 2<sup>nd</sup> last utility pole south to the rock cairn just past the road locally described as the haul road.

**C. Delegations:****1. North Shore Health Network Doctor Recruitment – Brian Dukes- info attached.**

Brian Dukes, the municipality's representative on the Doctor Recruitment Committee, was in attendance to update Council on recent matters regarding Emergency Room closures at neighbouring hospitals, as well as difficulty with the doctor and locum shortages in our area. Staff shortages, expiration of available funding programs, as well as the disparity in remuneration between rural sites and urban areas are creating challenges for our small rural hospitals. Mr. Dukes requested that the Council support the Municipality of Huron Shores in their efforts to petition the Minister of Health to address the current health crisis.

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23-093

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Albert Crowder

"WHEREAS the North Shore Health Network has temporarily closed the Emergency Department at the Thessalon site on May 24th, May 25th, May 29th, and May 31st, due to physician shortages;

AND WHEREAS having no primary care physicians to help service area hospitals in our catchment area is concerning;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Jocelyn support the Municipality of Huron Shores in their efforts to petition the Minister of Health to address the current health care crisis occurring in rural and Northern Ontario;

AND THAT the letter be circulated to all Northern Ontario municipalities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, and Northern Ontario MPP's;

AND THAT the letter be posted on the Municipal website and social media accounts.

AND THAT the letter be circulated to Matthews Memorial Hospital Association.

Cd.

## **2. Zach and Hollie Lefebvre – Alternative Access Proposal – Gulley Road**

Mr. and Mrs. Lefebvre were in attendance to discuss the Gulley Road access and to request consideration for an alternative solution to this access, utilizing the Haul Road, located on Mr. Ward's property and a portion of the Lefebvre property. Mr. Ward was not in agreement to the proposal. in attendance. There was a discussion regarding the requirement for a public meeting to inform ratepayers of future plans for development of the 10<sup>th</sup> Side Road Hill. It was indicated that the need for a public meeting would be deferred to municipal counsel for comment.

Mr. and Mrs. Lefebvre expressed their confusion of how the section of the road with a property identification number (PIN) on documents associated with the property, including title search documents obtained by the landowner and the municipality, could be in the wrong spot. These documents do not provide the exact location either by legal survey or by metes and bounds measurements, and it is possible it is located there erroneously.

### **D. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Reeve Henderson filed the appropriate declaration regarding payment of the 2023.04 B Recreation Voucher as his spouse is the co-owner of Kentvale Merchants. Councillor Gilbertson filed the appropriate declaration regarding payment of the 2023.05 C Township Voucher as he has an interest in Gilbertson Enterprises.

**E. Vouchers**

23-094

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Albert Crowder

Resolved that we approve Township Voucher 2023.05 (A) in the amount of \$122,363.21 (Administration overhead - \$26,638.39, Algoma District Social Services - \$24,486.08, Asset Management Plan update - \$11,524.86 Building - \$493.81, Fire - \$5,231.53, Landfill Expenses - \$6,783.25, Legal – tax arrears/shore road allowance/other - \$23,841.76, MPAC - \$4165.45, Policing - \$14,453.00, Roads - \$4745.08).

Cd.

23-095

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we approve Township Voucher 2023.05 (C) in the amount of \$379.05. (Roads),

Cd.

Councillor Crowder took over the position of chair for the approval of the following Vouchers.

23-096

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we do approve Recreation Voucher 2023.05 (B) in the amount of \$3206.39 paid out of Recreation Funds. (Fundraising expenses- \$2049.42, non-fundraising expenses - \$328.09, overhead expenses - \$828.88)

Cd.

23-097

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Faye Stevens

Resolved that we do approve Township Voucher 23.04 (B) in the amount of \$164.14. (Fire expense - \$13.62, roads - \$150.52).

Cd.

Reeve Henderson resumed chairing the meeting.

**F. Previous business**

The 2023-2027 snow removal and patrol contracts were considered. Two tenders were received and the lowest tender was supplied by Stobie Mechanical, at a price of \$195.00 per hour for 2023, \$200.00 for 2024, \$205.00 for 2025, \$210.00 for 2026 and

\$215.00 for 2027. A fuel surcharge was also provided, ranging from \$9.75 - \$58.50 per hour, depending on the fuel costs over \$2.00 per litre.

The hourly rate provided by Karhi’s Contracting started at \$244.99 per hour and at the end of the term would be \$264.49 per hour. There was no fuel surcharge included.

Patrol costs for Stobie Mechanical was \$90.00 per hour and the cost for Karhi’s was \$99.99 per hour, with annual increases.

This matter was actively debated, with additional information regarding plow hours over the last 18 years being provided as well as a summary of 2022 diesel fuel prices, to provide perspective regarding the fuel surcharge. The fuel surcharge was provided as an option on the contract, however it was only considered in the Stobie Contract.

Councillor Callahan requested a recorded vote.

23-098

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that the report from the Clerk Treasurer dated May 31, 2023 be received;

And that Council adopt the snow removal and patrol contract provided by Stobie Mechanical for the term of November 1, 2023 to April 30, 2027.

Recorded Vote:

M. Henderson – no

G. Gilbertson - yes

J. Callahan – yes

F. Stevens - yes

A. Crowder – no

Cd.

**G. Committee Reports and Updates**

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|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Roads    | 5. Tenby Bay Cemetery | 9. Recreation   |
| 2. Museum   | 6. Fire Department    | 10. Health Care |
| 3. Planning | 7. Building           | 11. Trefry      |
| 4. Landfill | 8. Clerk              |                 |

Several verbal updates were provided. The following resolution was adopted to accept the Clerk’s Report.

23-099

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Janet Callahan

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

Cd.

Items included in the Clerk's Report:

- An onsite meeting was scheduled with Pinchin for the following week
- The landfill would be pushed and covered as well - this date was to be determined.
- An update on electronic recycling was noted with potential improvements to that program provided as an option.
- The metals had been recycled by AIM Recycling and that included all metal goods, including fridges and other items from the comingle area that could be recycled as metal.
- The report on the Tax Sale of 6057 was included for Council information. Any proceeds from the tax sale over the outstanding taxes and legal and associated fees must be provided to the Superior Court.

#### H. New Business

##### 1. Senior of the Year

Council sought nominations for Senior of the Year and several were received for one municipal ratepayer. Council adopted that following resolution, congratulating and thanking Bernie for all of her contributions.

23-100

Moved by Greg Gilbertson

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Whereas June of every calendar year is Senior's Month;

And Seniors are recognized locally as well as provincially;

Whereas this year's recipient continues to give of her time to several causes and we recognize her contributions to the community's social, cultural and civic life;

Therefore, Jocelyn Township would like to recognize and honour Bernie Crosby as Jocelyn Township's Senior of the year.

Cd.

##### 2. Reeve's request of the Sault Naturalists

A copy of Reeve Henderson's email to the Sault Ste. Marie Naturalists was enclosed. It requested the group attend the Otter Lake Road alternative access to Otter Lake and to provide recommendations to Council. No response had been received

The amended plan for the Otter Lake trail to Otter Lake was received. There was considerable discussion and concern was expressed that there should have been a surety of a confirmed acceptable access included in the agreement. The provision of the 50 metre swath was included in the agreement but a confirmation of a viable path to the water was not.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Callahan.

23-101

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we acknowledge receipt of the draft survey for Part 1 and 2 – being a 50 metre swath off Otter Lake Road, and advise the municipal lawyer that we have no objection to the draft.

A motion to defer was requested.

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Faye Stevens

Resolved that we defer the adoption of the draft survey for Part 1 and 2 – 50 metre swath off of Otter Lake Road, until confirmation is received that an acceptable access to the lake can be secured.

Recorded Vote:

M. Henderson – no

G. Gilbertson - no

J. Callahan – yes

F. Stevens - yes

A. Crowder – no

Motion defeated

The main motion was read.

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we acknowledge receipt of the draft survey for Part 1 and 2 – being a 50 metre swath off Otter Lake Road, and advise the municipal lawyer that we have no objection to the draft.

M. Henderson – yes

G. Gilbertson - yes

J. Callahan – no

F. Stevens - no

A. Crowder – yes

Cd.

**Correspondence**

1. Harry Stewart, Welcome Friend Association request for Council to consider flying the Pride Flag.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted, accepting the correspondence as information.

23-102

Moved by Faye Stevens

Seconded by Janet Callahan

Resolved that we acknowledge receipt of correspondence from Welcome Friend Association, with regards to a request for Jocelyn Township to consider flying the Pride flag at the municipal office in June.

Cd.

**Correspondence – Information**

1. Melanie Dorscht – disappointed with Bill 5 response by Council – at the request of the writer, Councillor Callahan read the letter at Council.

2. Lanark Highlands RE: Support for Bill 5-Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders

23-103

Moved by Albert Crowder

Seconded by Greg Gilbertson

Resolved that we adopt By-Law No. 2023-1539, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Jocelyn to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on 2023 06 06.

Cd.

**F. Adjournment**

23-104

Moved by Janet Callahan

Seconded by Faye Sevens

Resolved that we agree to adjourn and meet again on 2023 07 11 or at the call of the Reeve.

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Reeve Mark Henderson

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Clerk Treasurer Janet Boucher