

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - December 1st, 2009
KERNS MUNICIPAL Office

Present: Reeve: Terry Phillips
Councillors: Carter Seymour, Mark Lenover, Terry Willard, Stephen Aitchison

Staff: Clerk-Treasurer: Michel Lachapelle
Roads Superintendent: Guy Godmaire

Others: Steve Acland - Kemp Elliott & Blair

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

1- Call meeting to order & Adoption of Agenda

2009-190 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of December 1st, 2009.
"CARRIED"

2009-191 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Terry Willard**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
"CARRIED"

2- Adoption of Minutes:

2009-192 **Moved: Terry Willard** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 3rd, 2009, as circulated.
"CARRIED"

3- Declaration of pecuniary interest
None

4- Delegations/Presentations

Steve Acland, our municipal auditor presented an Independence Letter and the Engagement Letter. He informed Council that the engagement letter needs to be signed by all members of Council. Also, the cost of doing the audit has been increased by \$200. He explained to Council that he needs to enter the opening entries for the Capital Asset, that will require sometime, there will be a one time fee of \$1,500. If he spends less time to do the transfer, it will cost less.

5- Payments of Accounts - Vouchers No. 2009-11

2009-193 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Road Voucher 2009-11 in the amount of \$164,166.26
"CARRIED"

2009-194 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the General Administration Voucher 2009-11 in the amount of \$92,231.51.
"CARRIED"

2009-195 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Terry Willard**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Fire Department Voucher 2009-11 in the amount of \$461.62.
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6- Reports from Staff and Others

a- Roads

The Roads Superintendent reported that the proposed work at the Cemetery is all done. A new gate was installed last month; the chain has been installed. The only thing left to be done is the sign.

Repairs were performed on the Hillcoat Municipal Drain and others. The rock on Highland Rd will be covered with gravel.

b- Fire

The Fire Chief reported that there was no fire call last month. An old house was burnt last month as a fire practice. The Hudson Fire Department did attend the practice with them.

c- Others

2009-196 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt and accept the following reports/minutes, and that it be filed:

1. District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board - Minutes of October 14, 2009
2. Board of Health - Minutes of October 7, 2009
3. Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2009

“CARRIED”

7- Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

- a- Township of Frontenac Islands - Closing of Prison Farms in New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta
- b- Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services - Annual Compliance with the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997
- c- Ministry of Transportation - Bridge Inspections
- d- MIS Municipal Insurance Services - Insurance Renewal Proposal

2009-197 **Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do support the Township of Frontenac Islands' resolution requesting the Minister of Correction Services Canada, to keep the six prison farms, that are scheduled to close, open.

“CARRIED”

2009-198 **Moved: Terry Willard Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the quotation in the amount of \$19,204.00 plus applicable taxes, from Municipal Insurance Services Ltd. regarding municipal insurance for the year 2010.

“CARRIED”

8- Correspondence for Council's Information:

- a- Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs - Drainage Project Queue Notification
- b- AMO - 2010-2014 Federal Gas Tax Fund Extension Update
- c- Ontario Heritage Trust - Heritage Matters
- d- City of Temiskaming Shores - POA payment
- e- Ministry of Culture - Public Library Operating Grant Program 2009-2010
- f- Hon. Michael Gravelle - Proposed Growth Plan for Northern Ontario

9- Other business:

- 1- Hall update

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The hall renovations are well under way. They should be finished by Christmas. The tables and chairs were ordered last month; we should received them in mid December.

2- Admin and Roads Superintendent Services for 2010

2009-199 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That a meeting be set up with the Township of Harley to discuss the Administrative and Roads Superintendent Services for the year 2010.

“CARRIED”

3- Accessibility Policy and Procedure

The Clerk presented a revised copy of the proposed Accessibility Policy and Procedures. This document needs to be in place by January 1, 2010. The Council agreed with the policy. A by-law will be passed later in the agenda to adopt the policy and procedures.

4- Petition for Drainage Works - Ben Thomas

A Petition for drainage works by owner was received to drain the N1/2 of Lot 11, Concession I, Township of Kerns. The owner requires drainage for his 10 acres land. The land already has drainage on the north side of the property. The owner is scared that his land will flood in the spring because of the debris that lie into the ditch. The Clerk informed Council that he does not have enough signature on the petition to initiate the process for a municipal drain.

The Council agreed to remove the debris from the ditch (cut brush and cut trees)that the landowner is concerned about, which he believes will cause proper drainage. This will be done only if we get permission from the landowner of the S1/2 of Lot 11, Concession II, Township of Kerns. A Municipal Agreement Drain should be entertained, so that all landowners that use the drain should share the cost of maintaining the drain.

The Council directed the Clerk to correspond with Mr. Thomas of our decision.

5- Office hours during Holidays

2009-200 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to close the Municipal Office during the Holiday Season which is from December 25 to January 4, 2010. This resolution is conditional to the approval of the Townships of Casey, Harley and Hudson.

“CARRIED”

Councillor Willard declared pecuniary interest on the following item and he abstained himself from the discussion and decision.

6- Neil Beaudry M. Drain, Lot 5, N ½ Con 4

The watershed of this drain is on the west side of Milberta Rd. on Concession IV. The actual drain is on the East side of Milberta Rd. The water is not going fast enough during the spring or after a major rainfall. It lays for at least two weeks, the farmer is losing five acres of crop every year.

The Council agreed to have the Drainage Superintendent investigate the problem and report back to Council.

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10- By-laws:

a- By-law No. 2009-09 Air Compressor Agreement with other municipalities *[three readings]*

2009-201 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison Seconded: Terry Willard**
That **By-law 2009-09**, being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The City of Temiskaming Shores and other municipalities for the joint maintenance of an Air Compressor, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2009-202 **Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-law 2009-09**, being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between The City of Temiskaming Shores and other municipalities for the joint maintenance of an Air Compressor, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the By-law book.
“CARRIED”

b- By-law No. 2009-17 To adopt an Accessibility Policy and Procedures Plan *[third reading]*

2009-203 **Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**
That **By-law 2009-17**, being a By-law to Adopt an Accessibility Policy and Procedures Plan for the Township of Kerns, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the By-law book.
“CARRIED”

11- Resolution to move to a closed session
No Closed Session

12- Adjournment

2009-204 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Terry Willard**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adjourn the Public Meeting at 10:15 p.m. and will meet again on January 5th, 2010 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Reeve

Clerk-Treasurer