

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 2010**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Monday, October 4th, 2010 at 7:30p.m. inside the municipal office/fire hall in Sprucedale.

Present were Reeve, Glynn Robinson, Councillors: Mervin Mulligan, David Evans, John Murphy and Tina Scott.

Members of the audience were: Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman, Carol and Jim Armstrong, and Gary Hartford.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Reeve Glynn Robinson.

Murphy/Scott That Council amend the agenda to include correspondence from Sprucedale Seniors Club, Almaguin Highlands OPP and request to tender for municipal auditor services. Carried

Evans/Murphy That Council accept the minutes of the Council meetings held September 3rd, and 27th, 2010 including the closed portions of those meetings. Carried

Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman was welcomed to the table to review his report. Some items of discussion were: Stisted Road North project, culvert purchase, some vandalism to the chimney at the Old Rink Building, and Canada Post has requested to erect a mail box on Municipal property at the Bear Lake Fire Hall.

Scott/Mulligan That Council accept the quote from ES Hubbell and Sons for 36 culverts in the amount of \$3465.52 plus HST. Carried

Correspondence was reviewed.

Mulligan/Evans That Council permit a minor variance to the water setback for L. Walker be approved provided that any new addition not be any closer to water than existing footprint and any required waste disposal system permit be approved. Carried

The request for removal of tree and stump near Lakeview Drive will be completed by Roads Department when time allows. A letter will be sent to homeowner.

Evans/Murphy That Council acknowledges the following Board/Committee meeting minutes:

Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged Board – July 28, 2010,
District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board – July 8, 2010,
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board – June 23, 2010,
Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee – September 16, 2010, and
Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Union Public Library Board – May 19 and June 23, 2010 Carried

The Sprucedale Seniors' Friendship Club has requested the use of the new community centre for their weekly activities. Council has directed staff to gather other Municipality's policies regarding use of Community centres.

Business Carried Forward:

A letter will be sent from Council regarding our Capital Asset Plan not being delivered.

Glynn Robinson updated Council on the progress of our new Community Centre. The paint on the exterior doors needs to be completed, interior flooring needs to be decided upon and completed, steel siding has been delivered, the electrical work is near completion, plumbing and kitchen needs to be completed. The recent storm has blown in some of the insulation and will need replacing. A Councillor suggested if volunteer workers are required that a call into the Correctional Facility may find that they have some workers available.

Staff is waiting on a call from the concrete company that poured the cement for the rink surface to inform us as to how fill in the expansion joints.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant is winding up. The swing set has been ordered, as well as other sporting equipment and more work on the soccer field will be scheduled as time permits.

A public meeting will be scheduled in order to discuss a possible change to the rental fees for the new community centre as well as a discussion on preparing a Waste Recycling Strategy. This meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21st, 2010 at 7:30pm.

Murphy/Scott That Council adopt the Workplace Violence and Workplace Harassment Policies and include them in our Health and Safety Policy. Carried

Staff will request quotes to install a water well at the Landfill Site.

Staff has requested input and suggestions for updating the website. Our Fednor Intern, Krista Hilder has been in the process of creating a new look for our website and is interested in receiving some direction.

Reeve, Glynn Robinson called for a 10 minute break.

Evans/Mulligan That Council tender for Municipal auditor services by Request for Proposals. Carried

Scott/Murphy That Council accept first and second reading of bylaw 10-2010 regarding sale and transfer of ownership of the Sprucedale Community Centre located at 2385 Highway 518 West. Carried

Evans/Mulligan That Council enter into a closed session at 9:18pm to discuss: litigation or potential litigation, and labour and/or employee relations. Carried

Murphy/Scott That Council come out of a closed session at 9:40pm. Carried

Reports:

Council members reported on the following committees/meetings: Park to Park Trail Committee, Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee, Municipal Association Meeting, and North East – Local Health Integration Network meeting regarding the Burk's Falls Health Centre.

Council Concerns: request for caution sign on highway near Whitehall for "Children Playing", specifications for surveillance camera system, council remuneration, scrap metal shipped, address issues and school board geographic areas for Municipal elections.

Evans/Scott That Council request to the Ministry of Transportation to erect a caution sign for Children Playing in Whitehall. Carried

Mulligan/Scott That we accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of September, 2010 in the amount of \$231,955.98. Carried

Murphy/Scott That Council adjourn this meeting at 10:32pm until Thursday, October 21st, 2010 or at the call of the Reeve. CARRIED

Reeve, Glynn Robinson

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

Minutes not approved until accepted by Council.