

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY, JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:30p.m. inside the municipal office/fire hall in Sprucedale.

Present were Reeve, Glynn Robinson, Councillors: Mervin Mulligan, Carol Armstrong, Lynn Zemnicky and Tina Scott.

Members of the audience were: Jim Kiers, Deputy Fire Chief, Angela Barnes, Murray O'Halloran, Lloyd Nelson, Dave and Marjorie Hobbs, Ken Nixon, Fire Chief, MaryBeth Hartill, and the families of the recipients of the Dr. Richardson Bursary.

Reeve, Glynn Robinson presented the Dr. Richardson Bursaries to our resident graduating students. Lucas Hendrickson and Jessica Lawrensen (absent) who have graduated from Evergreen Heights Education Centre. We have not received the information from Land of Lakes School. It was announced that Council has initiated a bursary for a graduating student from Almaguin Highlands Secondary School who has registered to attend college in the next term. The recipient for this bursary is Jessica Maki. Congratulations to the graduating students. Once the office receives the information from Land of Lakes School a presentation will be scheduled for the meeting in August.

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

Reeve Glynn Robinson declared a conflict with cheque #25850 on the Accounts for Approval Report because he purchased a drill bit and was reimbursed.

**2011-159**     Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council accept the minutes of the Council meetings held June 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Carried

**Department Staff:**

Fire Chief, Ken Nixon attended to discuss the minutes of the Joint Meeting held in Kearney. The discussion of a paid position for the Fire Department will be held in closed session later in the meeting.

Landfill Site Attendant, April Stockfish attended to review with Council what has been happening at the Site. Ms. Stockfish has requested that a board be installed on the side of the building for the purpose of Community advertisements. Merv Mulligan reported that there is electronic recycling occurring at Strong Township Landfill Site. Staff will investigate. Ms. Stockfish also wished to discuss the newly hired assistant in closed session to be held later in the meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer, Cheryl Marshall reported that there was a sighting of Giant Hogweed which is an invasive species with some serious side effects. Apparently, the plant has been removed. There was also reports about scheduling the Open House for the new Community Centre, internet tower near Fourth Avenue and cell tower in Bear Lake.

**2011-160**     Scott/Zemnicky

That Council permit public advertising at the Landfill Site on a 4' by 8' sheet on the side of the Attendant's Building. Carried

**Correspondence:**

**2011-161**     Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council acknowledge the following Committee/Board meeting minutes:

- Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged Board - May 25, 2011,
- District of Parry Sound Social Services Board – May 12, 2011,
- Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Public Library Board – May 18, 2011;
- NBPS District Health Unit Board – May 25, and
- SEPS Steering Committee - May 19, 2011.

Carried

**Business Carried Forward:**

Glynn Robinson reported on items required for the new Community Centre: roll down doors have been ordered and awaiting delivery and installation, working on boards and glass, new garden in front donated by Sprucedale and Area Horticultural Society. A thank you letter will be sent. Glynn Robinson wondered if we should price some stone for a retaining wall around the new garden.

The Notice of Decision of Approval for the Axe Lake Subdivision was discussed. A subdivision agreement will need to be entered into between the applicant's and the Township.

Reeve Glynn Robinson called for a 10 minute break.

**2011-162 Armstrong/Scott**

That we go into a closed session regarding employee matters. Carried

**2011-163 Zemnicky/Scott**

That we come out of a closed session at 10:17pm. Carried

Council reviewed the proposed budget. There will be an additional \$19378 requested from taxpayers this year which represents a 1.9% increase.

**2011-164 Mulligan/Scott**

That Council adopt the 2011 budget showing a 1.9% increase over 2010. Carried

**Bylaws**

**2011-165 Mulligan/Scott**

That Council accept first and second reading of bylaw 13-2011 setting the tax rates for the year 2011. Carried

**2011-166 Armstrong/Zemnicky**

With permission of Council, we accept third and final reading of bylaw 13-2011 adopting the estimates and setting the tax rates for 2011. Carried

**2011-167 Armstrong/Scott**

That Council delegate the authority to advertise and select a candidate for part-time assistance at the landfill site. Carried

Reports were given on the following meetings attended by Council members: Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee meeting, Almaguin Highlands Health Centre meeting, Provincial Offences Act Meeting.

Council Concerns: Youths digging up soccer field – no trespassing order issued for all youths involved, report of rent to own solar panel.

**2011-168 Zemnicky/Scott**

That Council accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of June, 2011 in the amount of \$235,544.87. Carried

Staff was directed to inquire about the results of the graduates from Land of Lakes and the Dr. Richardson Bursary for those students will be presented at the August Council meeting.

**2011-169 Scott/Zemnicky**

That Council adjourn this meeting at 11:00pm until August 2, 2011 or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

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Reeve, Glynn Robinson

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Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

Minutes not approved until accepted by Council.