

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY, JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met on Monday, June 6<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: Ken Nixon, Fire Chief, Murray O'Halloran. Len Elphick, Mike Quinn, Dave and Marjorie Hobbs, Fred and Lynda Howse, Claire Vanden Pol, Dee Renaud, Nancy Osborne, Dori and Degano, Carol Batchelor, Cliff Strickland, Animal Control Officer, Barry Catlin, Angela Barnes, Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman, Lanny Dennis and Dave Reid.

Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by Reeve Glynn Robinson.

Merv Mulligan declared a conflict of interest Correspondence Item 5.12 Burk's Fall Country Jamboree.

**2011-128 Zemnicky/Mulligan**

That Council amend the agenda to include: correspondence from the Lawyer acting on behalf of the owners regarding the subdivision proposal on Axe Lake and the addition of Minutes of the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Almaguin Highlands Economic Development meeting and move Roads Department to after 9pm break, acceptance of minutes after 9pm break and move 5.23 to start of correspondence. Carried

**Delegations:**

Mr. Len Elphick was welcomed to the table. Mr. Elphick wished to request a reduction in the required sideline setback from 10 feet to 2 feet. The proposal is to build a 28 foot by 40 foot garage. Paul Schaefer, Chief Building Official was able to visit the property and his suggestion is to change the direction of the building so that the setbacks could be met. Council asked questions of Mr. Elphick and the decision of Council was that alternate options would allow the building to meet the 10 foot setback.

Claire Vanden Pol of the Sprucedale Seniors Friendship Club requested a reduction in rental fees from \$75 to \$15 per rental so that they could organize monthly Euchre tournaments for the months of June, July and August. She reported that they would not make any profit if they were required to pay \$75. Ms. Vanden Pol also wished to speak to Council about suggesting that a Board be created to administer the Community Centre. She felt that if this was in place a lot more could be done for the Centre. Council thanked her for her suggestion.

**Department Staff:**

Fire Chief, Ken Nixon attended to discuss the budget proposal to purchase a pickup truck, paid position for the Fire Department, new Dispatch Service and Bear Lake Fire Hall. The transfer of Dispatch services is complete and is working. Mr. Nixon was instructed to request quotes for the pickup truck. Mr. Nixon handed out a list of duties he felt that were required. Council will review and report for a future meeting. Mr. Nixon informed Council that there is a lack of drivers for the Bear Lake Station and requested that Council make the residents of Bear Lake aware that all response is from the Sprucedale Fire Hall. An advertisement in the newspaper was suggested.

Angela Barnes and Mike Quinn of the Recreation Committee reported to Council the date for the Highway Cleanup, next meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> for the Summer Event Spectacular, Board on Bleachers need replacing, playground equipment needing sandblasting, and request from a community member to build a wooden bench on East Bear Lake Road if the materials were supplied. Council affirmed that this was okay.

A letter from Chief Building Official, Paul Schaefer was received in regards to the request for a reduction from the required water setback of 66 feet on a property at the end of Patricia Avenue.

A letter was received from a ratepayer regarding concerns of sand sweeping, dog bylaw and not being able to hear members of Council at their meetings. Mr. Cliff Strickland, Animal Control Officer attended to report on the complaint regarding dogs at a house on Stisted Road South. Mr. Strickland reviewed the actions he has taken. The sand sweeping unit has been ordered and expected to be delivered shortly. Members of Council stated that they would try to speak louder and more clear. Staff will prepare a letter in response to the concerns.

**2011-129 Scott/Zemnicky**

With recommendation of our Chief Building Official that Council permit the reduced setback of 20 metres for construction of a dwelling located at end of Patricia Avenue. (Degano) Carried

**2011-130 Armstrong/Mulligan**

That Council permit the Sprucedale Seniors Friendship Club to a reduced rental rate of \$15 for

three Euchre Tournaments for the months of June, July and August, dates to be schedule in conjunction with the Township Office. Carried

Reeve Glynn Robinson called for a 10 minute break.

**2011-131 Armstrong/Mulligan**

That Council accept the Minutes of the Council meetings held May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 including any closed session minutes and the Public Meeting Minutes held May 17, 2011. Carried

**Correspondence:**

**2011-132 Armstrong/Mulligan**

That Council acknowledge the following Committee/Board meeting minutes:

Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged Board April 27, 2011,  
Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee – May 3, 2011,  
District of Parry Sound Social Services Board – April 14, 2011,  
Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Public Library Board – March 16, 2011;  
NBPS District Health Unit Board – March 23 and April 27, 2011, and  
Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee – April 15, 2011 and May 19, 2011.

Carried

Reeve, Glynn Robinson reported that our representative on the Library Board had contacted him to ask about switching our agreement from Burk's Falls to Perry Township Library. At the current time, Council members had no interest.

Roads Foreman, Jim Jenkins attended and reviewed his update report. Some items discussed were: proposal to purchase zero-clearance lawn mower, repairs to landfill gate, sweeper has been ordered, and docks at Bear Lake Boat Launch area to be removed as they are a safety hazard.

**2011-133 Armstrong/Zemnicky**

That Council authorize the purchase of a new riding lawn mower for the Parks Dept. at a cost no higher than \$6500.00. Carried

**2011-134 Zemnicky/Scott**

That Council support the resolution from the Town of Kearney dated May 13, 2011 requesting that the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities adequately fund the East Parry Sound Literacy Council consistent with previous years and that the Federal Contributions to the literacy program be restored and further that this resolution be forwarded to our area's Member of Parliament and Member of Provincial Parliament. Carried

**Business Carried Forward:**

Since one of the applicant's of the Axe Lake Development was attending with his Planner, Reeve Glynn Robinson moved their item up on the agenda.

Council members wished to confirm that any regulations and rules of the agreement would be registered on title. The planner, Lanny Dennis of Wayne Simpson and Associates confirmed that the agreement would be registered on title. Mr. Dave Reid requested time to discuss a different proposal on Horn Lake. A separate meeting is to be scheduled on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:30pm to hear their proposal. Mr. Reid will be responsible to pay the required fee of \$350 for this separate meeting and their proposal is to be forwarded to our office before the meeting so that the members can be copied.

Jim was able to hire someone to help install the steel on the gable end of the Community Centre. The materials required for the roll down doors has been purchased. A donation has been received to initiate the purchase of sound dampening boards.

The application for funding of a compactor system will be sent.

**2011-135 Armstrong/Mulligan**

Whereas Blue Sky Municipal GIS Partnership represents an active partnership of 16 neighbouring Municipalities sharing the costs and benefits of a fully integrated Municipal Geographic Information System; Be it therefore resolved that the Council for the Township of McMurrich/Monteith agrees in principle to participate in the second phase implementation of the Blue Sky Municipal GIS Partnership subject to final review of financial details and other relevant materials. Carried

**2011-136 Scott/Zemnicky**

That Council submit the required information with Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Union Public Library in order to participate in the annual Library Grant. Carried

**2011-137 Scott/Zemnicky**

That Council enter into a closed session at 10:31pm in order to discuss employee matters as per

section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001. Carried

**2011-138 Zemnicky/Scott**

That Council come out of a closed session at 11pm. Carried

**2011-139 Armstrong/Mulligan**

That we go beyond the 11pm curfew. Carried

**2011-140 Armstrong/Mulligan**

That Council direct staff to implement the reports as presented in closed session. Carried

Due to time constraints, the Budget discussion will be re-scheduled for Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**2011-141 Armstrong/Mulligan**

That Council has no objection to Consent Application B-014/11 subject to the Planning Board's conditions and further 5% parkland in lieu fees and confirmation of proposed entrance not causing any safety traffic hazard. Carried

**Bylaws**

Further information is required regarding the bylaw to accept a portion of Little Falls Road since the survey shows the roadway less than the required 66 feet.

**2011-142 Mulligan/Armstrong**

That Council give first and second reading of by-law 10-2011 to enter into an agreement with the Province of Ontario as represented by the Ontario Provincial Police for the provision of 9-1-1 Central Emergency Reporting Bureau (CERB) Services. Carried

**2011-143 Armstrong/Scott**

That Council give first and second reading of by-law 11-2011 to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources for the provision of a Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement. Carried

**2011-144 Scott/Zemnicky**

That Council give first and second reading of by-law 9-2011 to enter into an agreement with Parry sound Ambulance Communications Service for the provision of Fire Dispatch Services. Carried

Cheryl Marshall gave a verbal report regarding the student job application and the RBC Play Hockey application was not approved, have one quote for surveillance camera systems, require a sign for "Whitmell Playing Field" and the suggestions to tidy the community centre of the chairs and tables.

**2011-145 Mulligan/Scott**

That Council give first and second reading of by-law 12-2011 to enter into an agreement with Y&Z Zahavy Holdings Inc. for provisions as set out in the Planning services Agreement regarding the Round Lake Island Development. Carried

**2011-146 Mulligan/Scott**

With special permission of Council, we give third and final reading and pass by-law 12-2011 to enter into an agreement with Y&Z Zahavy Holdings Inc. with provisions as set out in the Planning services Agreement regarding the Round Lake Island Development. Carried

Reports were given on the following meetings attended by Council members: East Parry Sound Steering Committee, Park to Park Committee, Ball Tournament on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**2011-147 Mulligan/Armstrong**

WHEREAS the Township of McMurrich/Monteith has received a bill for internet services that the Township didn't contract for; AND WHEREAS other municipalities in the Almaguin Highlands have received a similar bill; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the council for the Township of McMurrich/Monteith ask the South East Parry Sound Steering Committee to seek a legal opinion regarding the bill; AND THAT cost for this service is to be billed to individual municipalities in proportion to the bill they have received. Carried

**2011-148 Zemnicky/Scott**

That Council accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of May, 2011 in the amount of \$103,922.41. Carried

**2011-149 Armstrong/Mulligan**

That Council adjourn this meeting at 11:46pm until June 20, 2011 at 7:30pm 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.