

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2011**

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

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

Some members of the audience were: Dave and Marjorie Hobbs, Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman, Lynda Howse, Carol Batchelor, and Lanny Dennis.

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

The following declarations of pecuniary interest were made with regard to items on the agenda:

- Glynn Robinson – Item #13 - Cheque #26322
- Merv Mulligan – Item #11 – Request to review Road Maintenance Bylaw re: Oline Street

2011-220 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council accept the minutes of the Council meeting held October 3, 2011. Carried

Delegations:

Carol Batchelor and Lynda Howse, representatives of the Sprucedale Senior Friendship Club, were welcomed to the table. Reeve Glynn Robinson outlined a proposal of Council to declare the school house and property it lies on as surplus and offer the property to the Sprucedale Seniors Friendship Club for a nominal price. The Club would then have ownership of the building until such a time occurred that the Club no longer required said building and would return ownership to the Township. Carol Batchelor stated that they will bring this proposal to their general meeting and report back to Council.

David Hobbs was welcomed to the table. Mr. Hobbs stood up and reported that the issue regarding the East Bear Lake Cemetery had been resolved and no further discussion with Council was required.

Lanny Dennis was not present at this time to discuss the request to build a driveway on a road allowance to gain access to property on Horn Lake. Council reviewed the proposal briefly.

Department Staff:

Jim Jenkins, Roads Foreman attended and reviewed his monthly report. Some items of discussion were: beaver work, brushing, ditching and culverts, applying gravel on Bourdeau Road, compactors installed at landfill site and awaiting the electrical connections, ballfield repairs, tree stand found on landfill site property to be taken down, application for septic system (holding tank) at landfill site to be submitted.

2011-221 Armstrong/Scott

That Council authorize the submission of an application to install a holding tank system at the Landfill Site. Carried

There were two bids received for the snow plow duties at the Bear Lake Fire Hall.

John McAughey – 1,000 plus HST

Marshall Construction – 1,000 plus HST

Council directed staff to send letters to the above two people and request them to re-submit a bid since their bids were identical.

There was one bid for the surplus Chevrolet Van 20.

John Murphy - \$801.00

Council allowed item #6.5 and #11.2 to be discussed at this time. Council members were invited to attend the Joint Meeting that the Town of Kearney and Township of Perry are having on November 18th, 2011. Councillor Zemnicky wished to discuss the possibility of having a shared services agreement for Fire Department similar to the agreement our Township has with the Township of Perry's Building Department.

There was a brief discussion on the Pumper 501 pump test. Council directed that a mechanic inspect the truck.

Cheryl Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer reported on the following: municipal website, capital investment plan, internet survey, computer and software upgrades.

Lanny Dennis arrived and was welcomed to the table. His clients have proposed a development on the south shore of Horn Lake in Monteith Township. Mr. Dennis had submitted a request to ask permission to create a driveway on the road allowance initially instead of a roadway to a "guaranteed standard" as stated in resolution 2011-150. The number of the concession needs to be corrected to show concession 4 and not 3.

No supporting resolution was passed. Council directed staff to seek a legal opinion on the use of road allowances.

2011-222 Zemnicki/Scott

That Council accept the bid from John Murphy in the amount of \$801.00 for the Squad Van of the Fire Department. Carried

2011-223 Mulligan/Scott

That Council authorize entering into an agreement with Brooklin Signs to erect a promotional sign with advertising spots at the Community Centre. Carried

2011-224 Armstrong/Scott

That Council authorize Munisoft to complete the transfer of the taxation software to the newer version and to install the two new computers required for this conversion. Carried

2011-225 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council authorize the closing of the Township Office on Thursday, December 8th and Friday, December 9th, 2011 for training on the new taxation software. Carried

Correspondence:

There was discussion on the correspondence received from Rick Hunter regarding the proposed Round Lake Island development. Reeve Glynn Robinson questioned whether a public meeting should be scheduled or to wait until the Ontario Municipal Board hearing date. A letter of request was sent to the applicant's for a meeting date however there has been no response yet.

Council directed staff to purchase a wreath from the Kearney Legion for the Remembrance Day Ceremonies and that Councillor Mulligan will attend.

2011-226 Zemnicki/Scott

That Council acknowledge the following Committee/Board meeting minutes:

- Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged Board – September 28, 2011,
- Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee – October 14, 2011,
- District of Parry Sound Social Services Board – September 8, 2011,
- Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Public Library Board – September 21, 2011,
- Park to Park Trail Committee E-Newsletter – Fall, 2011,
- Recreation Committee – October 17, 2011,
- EPS Steering Committee - October 27, 2011, and
- Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee – September 15, 2011.

Carried

The Ministry of Natural Resources has sent a survey to see if there is any interest in preparing some workshops for Council members. Any interest on their selected topics should be sent to their office by November 30, 2011.

Reeve Glynn Robinson called for a 10 minute break.

Business Carried Forward:

Reeve Glynn Robinson reported that he has almost completed installing the glass above the boards. Councillor Armstrong reported that she is attempting to gather quotes for the required rangehood system for the Community Centre's kitchen.

The compactors have been delivered. This project is being partially funded through the Continuous Improvement Funding program.

The Trail Head Sign has been delivered and will be erected when time permits. The Kiosk and panels are being drafted. The kiosk will be erected at the Information Centre in Emsdale.

2011-227 Scott/Zemnicki

That we share in costs to purchase a Trail head Kiosk through Discovery Routes on a 50% basis with the Township of Perry. Carried

Staff is meeting with Jeff Buell of Blue Sky Networks to review proposed costing of the Geographical Information System (GIS).

Bylaws - None

2011-228 Armstrong/Mulligan

That Council enter into a closed session at 9:27pm in order to discuss employee as per section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001. Carried

2011-229 Scott/Zemnicky

That we come out of a closed session at 9:55pm. Carried

Council members reported on the following committee meetings attended; Park to Park Trail Committee, Almaguin Highlands Economic Development, Almaguin Highlands Health Centre and proposed meeting on December 12th for information on available funding.

Council Concerns: Discussion on a request for Oline Street to be winter maintained. Councillor Mulligan had declared a conflict of interest and left the room during discussion and decision.

2011-230 Zemnicky/Armstrong

That Council initiate the process to amend Oline Street to be amended from maintained from May 31 to October 21 to read maintained from January 1st to December 31st. Defeated

Reeve Glynn Robinson requested a recorded vote. Yays: Zemnicky and Armstrong – Nays: Scott and Robinson. Tie votes are considered lost/defeated.

Reeve Robinson and Councillor Scott reported on a handmade tree remembering the veterans in our area which is located on a ratepayer's property. Tony Clements office will be contacted again to see if they can forward more sheets to be able to list the names of our veterans.

Councillor Armstrong and Zemnicky had a concern over the amount of tax arrears. Staff was instructed to file the appropriate documents to register Tax Arrears Certificates on title of properties that are permitted under the Municipal Act whereby the owners would have one year to make full payment. This direction will be completed and reported back to Council at the December Council meeting.

Councillor Mulligan reported on the Kearney Perry Business Association pamphlet. An advertisement will be circulated requesting volunteers for the Library Board and Cemetery Committee. The Rink Caretaker job opportunity has been circulated and interviews will be scheduled. Some members of Council will be attending.

The phone at the hall will be looked into to see where the connection is located.

2011-231 Scott/Zemnicky

That Council accept the Accounts for Approval Report for the month of October, 2011 in the amount of \$105,062.18. Carried

2011-232 Mulligan/Scott

That Council adjourn this meeting at 10:56pm until Monday, December 5th, 2011. Carried

Reeve, Glynn Robinson

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

Minutes not approved until accepted by Council.