

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Special Council Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2015

Present: Reeve Peter Hopkins and Councillors Bonnie Beier, Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen and Debbie Zulak

Staff: Clerk Administrator, Shawn Boggs, Fire Chief Ed Bier, Public Work Superintendent Gord Drinkwalter

Reeve Hopkins called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Moved by: Bonnie Beier
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

15-114 That the Township of McKellar hire Mackenzie Taylor to the position of Intern Committee Coordinator as per the attached Schedule 'A'.

Carried

Moved by: Mike Kekkonen
seconded by: Morley Haskim

15-115 That the Township of McKellar hereby go into Committee of the Whole at 12:33 p.m.

Carried

Committee of the Whole was called to review and discuss the initial 2015 budget. Fire Chief Ed Bier reviewed with Council the draft Fire Department budget. Chief Bier indicated that the budget includes a transfer to reserve for the future replacement of Fire Hall #1. Chief Bier also indicated that the oil furnace in Fire Hall #2 needed to be replaced. Chief Bier left the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

The Public Works Superintendent, Gord Drinkwalter reviewed with Council the draft Public Work budget. Mr. Drinkwalter indicated that the major construction projects planned were the sealing of Lakeshore Road and Manitouwabing Estates Road, the repair of guardrails on Grey Owl Bridge, Blackwater Bridge and Moffat Lake Culvert and the reconstruction and paving of the McDougall Township boundary section of Hurdville Road. The Hurdville Road reconstruction project will be cost shared with McDougall Township on a 50/50 basis. Mr. Drinkwalter also indicated that the grader will need replacing in the future and the Township should be budgeting into reserve for this eventuality. Mr. Drinkwalter left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

The Clerk Administrator reviewed with Council the expected revenue sources and the requisitions from the various boards, agencies and committees. There was a discussion regarding the O.P.P. levy and the impact the 50.6% increase in the levy over 2014 would have on the overall budget. The Clerk indicated that the administration budget included amounts for the purchase of a photo copier, a new server and a colour printer. The Building Department budget has been increased due to training costs and wages for the new Deputy CBO. The streetlight replacement program is going ahead and an amount of \$20,000 has been budgeted as a transfer out of reserve to fund this program. The Recreation budget and the Historical Committee budget are expected to be reflected in the next revised budget as figures have not been finalized. Councillor Haskim indicated that the Planning Board budget has not been finalized but to expect an increase in the levy. There was discussion on the hiring of a student for the Public Works department and the Clerk was directed to place this item on the next agenda. The Clerk was directed to make the changes and revisions to the draft budget as discussed. The date of the next budget meeting will be discussed at the April 7, 2015 Council meeting.

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Bonnie Beier

15-116 That the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 4:33 p.m.

Carried

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Moved by: Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

15-117 That the Township of McKellar adjourn to meet again on April 7, 2015 or at the call of the Reeve. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Carried

Reeve

Clerk