

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5:30 p.m..

Council Members Present:

Mayor Christine Ellis,

Councillors Jason Cottrell, Kelly Elik, John Newstead, Merlyn Snow.

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest:

Delegations:

Marjorie Robinson, CMA,MBA attended the meeting to review the 2011 Budget with Council.

Guests in the audience included.

Discussion Items:

Lillian & Brian Thornborrow completed a Pre-Consultation application for a severance on their property located at 225 Chapman Strong Road. The severance application will create one new lot 200 ft frontage(6.06 acres), in a Rural zone. The application was reviewed and a resolution passed.

2011 Budget – The 2011 Budget was presented and reviewed by council. To assist council in determining the tax rate increase for 2011 the budget package included Highlights of the Budget, Reserves and Obligatory Reserve Funds report, Tax Impact on Average/Typical Property report, Tax Rate Calculation Comparison 2010-2011. A resolution was passed accepting the budget with a 2% increase. The necessary by-laws will be prepared for the June 14, 2011 meeting.

The Northeastern Municipal Planning Technical Workshop –October 18 to 20, 2011 information was provided to council. The Clerk is to book to hotel rooms for members to attend.

Comment Form from R. Corkett expressing concern with the increase in fireworks displays along the shores of Lake Bernard. The Clerk/Treasurer has been instructed to respond to this concern.

Comment Form from Tim Bryson regarding the lack of landfill fees for tandem axle dump trailers and denial of access to the landfill site. The Clerk/Treasurer has been instructed to respond to this concern.

The Barbecue at High Rock was discussed. Sandy and Wilf Hall will perform again this year.

The Dimestore Fisherman Project was discussed by council. Promotional ideas were discussed.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2011-163 Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the May 10, 2011 meeting as circulated. **Carried**

R2011-164 John Newstead – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including May 24, 2011 in the amount of \$97813.72

And hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same.

Carried

R2011-165 Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong has reviewed the pre-consultation application for a severance presented by Brian and Lillian Thornborrow. Council accepts this pre-consultation application in principle and it may proceed to the Central Almaguin Planning Board for consideration.

Carried

R2011-166 Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have approved Adoption of the 2011 Estimates; which represents a 2% increase.

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. As amended

Carried

R2011-167 Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby provide Seasonal Workers benefits up to \$ 250.00 per employee per season upon presentation of receipts.

Carried

R2011-168 Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support hosting the AMCTO Zone 7 Spring 2012 (May 2,3,4, 2012) meeting with a donation of \$1000.00.

Carried

R2011-169 Jason Cottrell – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support sending 3 representatives to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing Northeastern Ontario Planning Technical Workshop October 18 to 20, 2011 in Sudbury. **Carried**

R2011-170 Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby support Charity and Stephanie Thompson in the goals to attend the Miss Teen Canada Globe Pageant with a donation in the amount of \$100.00 each.

Carried

R2011-171 Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve charging a \$10.00 refundable deposit fee for Tax Registration Tender Packages. **Carried**

R2011-172 Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read and approve By-law 2011-017 being the Procurement By-law, Policies and Procedures having given the by-law the required readings;

And that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2011-173 Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have read the concerns expressed by The Corporation of the Town of Thessalon regarding installation of ground mounted solar systems within residential and commercial areas in municipalities;

And that the Township of Strong forward our support requesting the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure reconsider the provisions of the Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009 and to address the provisions having regard for the negative impact created by installation of ground mounted solar systems within residential and commercial areas in municipalities. **Carried**

R2011-174 Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong support the proposal presented by the Central Almaguin Economic Development Association to hire an Economic Development Officer to represent the municipalities of the Village of South River, Village of Sundridge, Township of Joly, Township of Machar and the Township of Strong and budget \$10,000.00 as our share of this venture for the 2011 budget year.

Carried

R2011-175 Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the 2011 Joint Building Committee Budget in the amount of \$ 243,034.00 **Carried**

R2011-176 Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong have reviewed the Acknowledgement and Consent forms signed by property owners of Lot 5, Plan M-61 and Part of Lot 6 as Part 1, Plan 42R18599 Plan M-61 regarding the application by Steven and Lori Drouin to purchase the shore road allowance;

And that the adjoining property owners and applicant have agreed on the direction the lot line shall follow to the water's edge;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong shall agree to the sale of the shore road allowance in principle as set out in the Acknowledgement And Consent Forms submitted. **Carried**

R2011-177 Merlyn Snow – John Newstead

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong do hereby adjourn at 8:47 p.m. until the next regular meeting on June 14, 2011. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer