

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.

Resolution:

R2012-025

Merlyn Snow – J. D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve the agenda as presented/amended. **Carried**

Amended to include attendance by Road Superintendent Kevin Minor,

Removal of By-law 2013-010 Seasonal Road –held over to a future date

Delegations: Tom Rutledge – The Happy Gang 705

Mr. Rutledge attended the council meeting to discuss a request for municipal support to the Happy Gang 705. The seniors club is funded partially through the Province of Ontario, however, new legislation requires Seniors Group to secure 20% of their net shareable costs from the supporting municipalities. The Happy Gang have reviewed their membership and found that of 160 members approximately 44 are from Strong Township. Their previous year net costs were approximately \$ 3077.00 and they are asking for a contribution in the amount of \$ 1055.00 as Strong Township's share.

A copy of the many events and activities that the group is involved in was also presented to council. A resolution was passed.

Road Superintendent Kevin Minor attended the meeting. Mr. Minor discussed the new plow truck equipment with council and changes that may be required to the equipment. Council discussed Seasonal Staff for the Roads Department and the duties and qualifications required for this position.

Council will prepare a list of suggestions for the 2013 Roads Budget to be incorporated into the overall budget. The final budget will be presented to council for approval.

Roads School courses were discussed and a resolution was passed. Mr. Minor will look into other courses that may be offered at the Township yard for equipment operators.

The Mayor passed on to the Road Department a thank you she had received from a ratepayer regarding snow removal during the recent storm.

Declarations of Conflict/Pecuniary Interest: None Declared

Guests in the audience included. No guest in attendance

Discussion Items:

Staff requested approval to work after hours in the basement to archive the files and sort through old files for record retention. Council approved the extra hours.

Office Cleaning contract – the contract will be placed in the paper and on the website in February to be reviewed in March.

Council reviewed the proposal from the Township of Joly for cost sharing of the Airport. The Clerk was directed to send a response to Joly Township.

The following resolutions were passed:

R2013-026

Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adopt the Minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting as amended:

Amend Resolution 2013-010

A correction to the premium for the Insurance policy to be amended to: \$ 29,452.36 which represents the Municipal portion of the annual premium. **Carried**

R2013-027

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby accept the Accounts Payable as presented up to and including January 22, 2013 in the amount of \$ 152,259.67 and hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue cheques for same. **Carried**

R2013-028

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law No. 2013-004 Being a by-law to provide interest to be charged for overdue payments – Tax Arrears 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**

R2013-029

Kelly Elik – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2013-005 Being a by-law to establish a charge for interest for non-payment of current taxes the required readings;

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

R2013-030

Jason Cottrell – Merlyn Snow:

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2013-006 being a by-law to provide for an Interim Levy and the payment of Interim Taxes for 2013 the required readings;

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

R2013-031

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law 2013-007 being a by-law for Indemnification the require readings;

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

R2013-032

J. D. Newstead – Merlyn Snow:

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-law 2013-008 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meetings for the fourth quarter of 2012 and read 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**

R2013-033

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong have read By-Law No. 2013-009 Being a by-law to authorize the borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year the required readings;

And that the Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. **Carried**

R2013-034

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong approve payment of the annual membership to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association as presented in the amount of \$150.00 **Carried**

R2013-035

Kelly Elik – Merlyn Snow:

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Strong join the South East P.S District Steering Committee with membership fee of \$40.00. **Carried**

R2013-036

Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

The Council for the Township of Strong have seen Policy No. PK09000282 for Bond Coverage for employees in the amount of \$ 1,000,000.00 as per Section 287(1)(b) as per S.O. 2001 c.25. **Carried**

R2013-037

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby approve the wage remuneration to Kevin Minor, Road Superintendant at Level 4 of the Road Superintendant Position in the Township of Strong Pay Equity Plan. **Carried**

R2013-038

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik:

Therefore be it resolved that Kevin Minor is authorized to attend Roads School on May 6-8, 2013. **Carried**

R2013-039

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

Therefore be it resolved the Council for the Township of Strong hereby agree to a donation to the Happy Gang 705 in the amount of \$ 1055.00 for 2013. **Carried**

R2013-040

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:

Therefore the Council for the Township of Strong hereby accepts the proposal from Near North Business Machines for the purchase of a A3Toshiba Estudio 2040c digital copier in the amount of \$ 4195.00 plus taxes, plus the purchase of the Fax kit in the amount of \$ 705.00 plus taxes. **Carried**

R2013-041

Jason Cottrell – J.D. Newstead:

Therefore be it resolved that as provided in the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, Council for the Township of Strong hereby enter into a Closed meeting as per Section 239(2)(B) regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees at 6:36 p.m. **Carried**

The Council for the Township of Strong resumed the regular meeting of Council at 7:10 pm. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

R2013-042

Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead :

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby delegates to the Chief Building Office the power to enter into agreements described in clause (3)(c) of the Building Code Act and may impose conditions or restriction with respect to the delegation. **Carried**

R2013-043

Merlyn Snow – Kelly Elik:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the recommendation of the Joint Building Committee to provide a 2% wage increase to staff effective January 1, 2013. **Carried**

R2013-044

Kelly Elik – J. D. Newstead:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the following recommendations from the South River Sundridge District Airport Committee as follows:

That council supports the recommendation accept that the Flying Club rent the terminal building at \$ 45.00 each time. **Carried**

R2013-045

Merlyn Snow – Jason Cottrell:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the following recommendations from the South River Sundridge District Airport Committee as follows:

That Council supports the recommendation that the administration look into liability for having an air show at the airport and that the Airport Owners agree to hosting an air show in the future. **Carried**

R2013-046

Jason Cottrell – J. D. Newstead:

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby support the following recommendations from the South River Sundridge District Airport Committee as follows:

That Council supports the recommendation of the South River Flying Club and the Airport Committee to host an 80th Anniversary on June 16, 2013 with the Flying Club and the Airport sharing the profit at 50-50 under the auspices of the Airport Committee.

Carried

R2013-047

Jason Cottrell – Kelly Elik

The Council for the Township of Strong hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 8:15 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on February 12, 2013. **Carried**

Mayor, Christine Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Maurer