



MINUTES

Council Meeting

4:00 PM - Thursday, February 11, 2021
Virtual - Zoom Technology

The Council of the Brooke-Alvinston was called to order on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 4:00 PM, in the Virtual - Zoom Technology, with the following members present:

Council Present: Mayor David Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek, Councillor Jeannette Douglas, Councillor Jamie Armstrong, and Councillor Wayne Deans

Staff Present: Clerk Administrator Janet Denkers, Treasurer Stephen Ikert, Public Works Manager Randy Hills, Administrative Assistant Darlene Paolucci, Fire Chief Steve Knight, and Parks and Recreation Supervisor Kevin Miller

Regrets:

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Ferguson requested that any pecuniary interests be declared when appropriate.

3 MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2021

Councillor Armstrong requested that the minutes be amended to record that he did speak about the Brooke Municipal Code of Conduct, not the Municipal Code of Conduct.

RESOLUTION-2021-047

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that the Minutes from the January 28, 2021 be approved as amended. Councillor Wayne Deans seconded the motion.

Carried 3-2 (opposed: Mayor David Ferguson and Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek).

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5 DELEGATIONS & TIMED EVENTS

a) Optimist Building Committee: Andy Triest, Les Douglas

Mr. Douglas and Mr. Triest were present to request several points of clarification on the agreement between the Optimist Club and the Municipality. Each area of concern was addressed and answered. They anticipate construction in late March.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Information Only

RESOLUTION-2021-048

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that the Correspondence Information be received and filed. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) Lambton County Trails

RESOLUTION-2021-049

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that an invitation be extended to Mr. McAlpine of the Sarnia Lambton Grandfondo to request further discussion with Council on the event and offer general support of the initiative. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) Asphodel Norwood - Community Safety & Well Being Plan - Extension Request

RESOLUTION-2021-050

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that the request from Asphodel Norwood be received and filed. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- d) OPSEU Local 317 - Save the Ontario Fire College

RESOLUTION-2021-051

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that the request for support from OPSEU Local 317 be tabled until further information is received. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

7 STAFF REPORTS

- a) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Municipal Conflict of Interest

Councillor Armstrong noted that in his opinion the municipal code of conduct supersedes and interlinks the provincial code of conduct and the public inquiry submitted at the January 28th meeting should have been addressed as per the procedures in the municipal by-law.

The Clerk Administrator requested clarification as to the process when a letter addressed to Council (and signed) is received.

Councillor Armstrong requested to view the information sent to the Integrity Commissioner and questioned why Council was not notified of the Integrity Commissioner's email prior to the Council packages being delivered.

RESOLUTION-2021-052

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that the report provided by the Clerk Administrator be received and filed. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) Truck Replacement

Councillor Armstrong requested a written timeline of the truck incident to supplement the Public Works Managers verbal report of the incident.

RESOLUTION-2021-053

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Public Works Managers

report titled Truck Replacement be received and filed. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) **Treasurer's Report:** 2021 Updated Draft Budget

RESOLUTION-2021-054

Councillor Jeannette Douglas made a motion that Council adopt the 2021 budget with a 1.5% tax increase and authorize \$45,000 to be placed in reserves. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried 3-2 (opposed: Councillor Jamie Armstrong and Councillor Wayne Deans).

8 BY-LAWS

- a) Noise By-law

RESOLUTION-2021-055

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that By-law 8 of 2021 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 11th day of February 2021. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

9 NEW BUSINESS

- a) The Clerk-Administrator reported that a subsequent application for a Minor Variance was received after the agenda packages were prepared and that the Public Hearing will take place February 23, 2021. The property is 8418 LaSalle Line.
- b) The Public Works Manager asked for clarification from Councillor Armstrong on the requested information involving the truck incident
- c) Councillor Douglas reported that she has secured Lambton Meats as the provider of the Canada Day chicken dinner.
- d) Mayor Ferguson requested staff to prepare a report on the firing of explosives for Council discussion and information.
- e) Councillor Deans questioned if the costs of the Integrity Commissioner will be public. He was advised that they would be listed with all other payables when received.
- f) Councillor Deans inquired if in the next municipal flyer, a excerpt on the municipal requirements of pool fences could be included.

10 CLOSED SESSION

- a) Personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees

RESOLUTION-2021-056

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that Council move into closed session to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual including employees. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

11 RISE AND REPORT

The Clerk Administrator reported that a closed session was held to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual including employees. She reported that staff were directed to proceed as outlined in closed session.

12 BY-LAW CONFIRMING PROCEEDINGS

- a) Confirming By-law

RESOLUTION-2021-057

Councillor Jeannette Douglas made a motion that By-law 9 of 2021 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 11th day of February 2021. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

13 ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Armstrong made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Clerk-Administrator

Mayor