



MINUTES

Council -Special Meeting

4:00 PM - Thursday, January 21, 2021

Virtual - Zoom Technology

The Special Session of the Brooke-Alvinston Council was called to order on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 4:00 PM, in the Virtual - Zoom Technology setting 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, Public Works Foreman Jerrett Hodgins, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Kevin Miller, and Fire Chief Steve Knight

Regrets:

1 CALL TO ORDER

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

2 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Any pecuniary interests were requested to be announced at the appropriate time.

3 STAFF REPORTS

a) Presentation of the 2021 DRAFT Budget

The Treasurer presented the draft 2021 budget to Council. All areas of the budget were discussed including the operating and capital portions. A comparative with other Lambton County municipal tax rates as well as a brief education on reserves vs. debt, financial indicators, funding and finding trends and assessments was noted. The draft budget was proposed to raise \$0 more in taxes than in 2020.

Mayor Ferguson inquired if additional funds should be placed in the budget for engineered plans for water & sewer expansion in the municipality.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Council place thought into the presentation and at the next regular session of Council, discuss if additional money should be placed in reserves hence increasing the budget by a potential 1-2% or more.

4 ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Deans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Clerk-Administrator

Mayor