



MINUTES

Council Meeting

4:00 PM - Thursday, February 25, 2021

Virtual - Zoom Technology

The Council of the Brooke-Alvinston was called to order on Thursday, February 25, 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, Fire Chief Steve Knight, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Kevin Miller, Administrative Assistant Darlene Paolucci, and Public Works Foreman Jerrett Hodgins

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 at the appropriate time.

3 MINUTES

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2021

Councillor Armstrong stated that he did not make the motion to amend the January 28, 2021 meeting minutes.

RESOLUTION-2021-058

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Minutes from the February 11th Council meeting be approved as presented without any errors or omissions. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5 DELEGATIONS & TIMED EVENTS

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Information Only

RESOLUTION-2021-059

Councillor Jeannette Douglas made a motion that the information only correspondence be received and filed. Councillor Wayne Deans seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) Canadian Union of Postal Workers - Delivering Community Power

RESOLUTION-2021-060

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that Council supports the resolution from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers to confront climate change, promote better access to expanded services, bring financial inclusion to unbanked and underbanked communities and address other social inequalities. Councillor Wayne Deans seconded the motion.

Carried

7 STAFF REPORTS

- a) Mayor's Comments: ROMA

Mayor Ferguson submitted his attendee comments from the ROMA 2021 virtual conference.

- b) Councillor Armstrong's Request - Newspaper article

There was no discussion on the article(s).

- c) **Clerk-Administrator's Report:** Binary Explosives

RESOLUTION-2021-061

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that this report be received and filed. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- d) **Clerk-Administrator's Report:** Surplus Dwelling-8418 LaSalle Line

RESOLUTION-2021-062

Councillor Jeannette Douglas made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston approve the use of the existing dwelling at 8418 LaSalle Line by Tyler and Britt Foster for an 8 month period beginning June 1, 2021 while a new dwelling is being constructed; and that a security deposit of \$500 be remitted to the Municipal Office prior to the issue of the building permit; and that the security deposit be held by the Municipality until the construction is complete, the demolition permit obtained and occupancy issued. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

- e) **Clerk-Administrator's Report:** Johnson-Symington Drain - Section 78 Request

RESOLUTION-2021-063

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that the request dated Feb. 18, 2021 be referred to as a section 78 request; and that R. Dobbin Engineering Inc. be appointed to prepare a report on the Johnson-Symington Drain. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- f) **Clerk-Administrator's Report:** Section 4 Drainage Request(s)

RESOLUTION-2021-064

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that Council accepts the petition(s) from Bill Douglas and Barbara McNeil under Section 4 of the Drainage Act and appoints R. Dobbin Engineering Inc. to determine the validity of the petition, and if a valid petition exists, that R. Dobbin Engineering Inc be appointed to prepare a report to address the drainage problem; and that Council send notice to the Petitioner in regard to Council's decision on the petition; and that Council further send notice to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority in regards to Council's decision on the petition. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

- g) **Public Works Manager's Report:** Gravel Tender Results - 2021

RESOLUTION-2021-065

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that the lowest tender(s) received for the Granular M from Bill Blane Trucking for the price of \$16.90 + tax / tonne be accepted; and that the lowest tender for the Domolite from McKenzie & Henderson for the price of \$25.40 + tax / tonne be accepted. Councillor Wayne Deans seconded the motion.

Carried

- h) **Public Works Managers Report:** 2021 Large Item Event

RESOLUTION-2021-066

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that one municipal large item disposal event be held June 7-11 2021 and that the large item disposal event procedure as outlined be approved. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

- i) **Parks & Recreation Supervisor's Report:** Alvinston Senior Hockey Team Proposal

RESOLUTION-2021-067

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that Council direct staff to continue contact with Mr. Dickey on progress in formulating this team; and advise the PARC of this potential development and report back to Council as team develops. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

- j) **Parks & Recreation Supervisor's Report:** Consideration of re-installation of ice

RESOLUTION-2021-068

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that due to the time of the year, costs associated with ice installation; uncertainty of the pandemic, various teams cancelling their season as well as no guarantee the arena will be used due to other arenas offering discounted ice fees; that Brooke-Alvinston not reinstall ice. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- k) **Fire Chief's Report:** Agreement with Lambton College for Truck/Service exchange

RESOLUTION-2021-069

Councillor Jeannette Douglas made a motion that the Mayor and Clerk Administrator be authorized to sign the attached agreement for the sale of the 2003 tanker / pump truck in return for training through Lambton College. Councillor Jamie Armstrong seconded the motion.

Carried

- l) **Treasurer's Report:** Accounts Payable Listing - January 2021

Staff responded to questions from Council on the accounts.

8 BY-LAWS

- a) Elliot Tait Drain - third & final reading

RESOLUTION-2021-070

Councillor Wayne Deans made a motion that By-law 44 of 2020 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 25th day of February, 2021. Councillor Jeannette Douglas seconded the motion.

Carried

9 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Mayor Ferguson stated that he has been attending the 2021 O.G.R.A. virtual conference this week and noted some innovative technologies and practices.
- b) Councillor Armstrong inquired if the Municipality was applying for the Healthy Communities grant. He spoke on behalf of the Optimist Club stating that if the Municipality was not applying, the Optimist Club would be. The Clerk Administrator advised that staff attended a webinar on the fund and are intending to submit an application.
- c) Councillor Douglas noted the Canada Day Committee was successful in their grant application of \$5000 and requested that the Optimist Club contact her if they wish to participate / run the beer tent again and if able. Councillor Armstrong stated he would present to the club when meetings start up again.
- d) Councillor Deans inquired if the Rodeo would be happening in 2021
- e) Councillor Deans inquired when the new employee would be starting. He was advised that Dustin McNaughton would begin work with the Municipality on March 15th.
- f) Councillor Armstrong inquired about revisiting municipal procedures in dealing with Councillor investigations with the Integrity Commissioner. The Clerk Administrator noted the differences between the procedural by-law and the municipal code of conduct and noted the section in the Municipal Code of Conduct that speaks of Council seeking advice from the Integrity Commissioner.
- g) Mayor Ferguson commented on the proposed vaccination clinics for COVID-19
- h) In response to a question received from Councillor Deans on the timing of snow removal and routes, Mayor Ferguson spoke on the snow removal route used.
- i) Councillor Deans requested information on previous submissions to the Integrity Commissioner in 2020.

10 CLOSED SESSION

11 RISE AND REPORT

12 BY-LAW CONFIRMING PROCEEDINGS

- a) Confirming By-law

RESOLUTION-2021-071

Councillor Jamie Armstrong made a motion that By-law 10 of 2021 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 25th day of February 2021. Councillor Wayne Deans seconded the motion.

Carried

13 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Clerk-Administrator

Mayor