

TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Council Meeting

Meeting Title: Regular Council Meeting Date: Wednesday April 5, 2006

Place: Municipal Council Chambers Start Time: 1:00 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Meeting

- i) Zoning Amendment - Lot 497, Plan 126 – Cobden – Resmer
 - ii) Zoning Amendment – Pt Lot 10, Conc 2 – Ross – Law
 - iii) Zoning Amendment – Pt Lot 22, Conc 7 – Ross – Van Lindenberg
1. Call to Order
 2. Prayer
 3. Roll Call
 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
 5. Adoption of the Agenda
 6. Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting
 7. Adoption of the Accounts
 8. **Delegation**
Renfrew County Plowing Match - Delegation
 9. **Departmental Reports**
Monthly reports from Waste Management, Treasurer, Fire Department, Roads, Water & Sewage, By-law Enforcement
 10. **Committee Reports**
 - i) Water and Sewer Committee - Update
 11. **Bylaws**
 - a) 06-03-233 Procedural Bylaw
 - b) 06-03-234 Zoning Amendment - Lot 497, Plan 126 – Cobden – Resmer
 - c) 06-03-235 Zoning Amendment – Pt Lot 10, Conc 2 – Ross –Law
 - d) 06-03-236 Zoning Amendment – Pt Lot 22, Conc 7 – Ross – VanLindenberg
 12. **Misc Correspondence**
 1. Letter of Appreciation - Smith
 2. Letter of Response – Twp of Laurentian Valley
 3. Provincial Roads and Bridges Funding - Announcement
 13. **New/Unfinished Business**
 1. Notice of Public Meeting – Official Plan Policy Review - Information
 14. **Closed Meeting to discuss litigation, potential litigation, labour relations, and the security of the property of the municipality.**
 15. **Adjournment**

Public Meeting

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2006-377 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region convene into a Public Meeting in connection with a Zoning By-law Amendment.

1. **Zoning Amendments - Lot 497, Plan 126 - Cobden - Resmer**
2. **Zoning Amendments - Pt Lot 10, Conc 2 - Ross - Law**
3. **Zoning Amendments - Pt Lot 22, Conc 7 - Ross - Van Lindenberg.”**

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

1. Zoning Amendment - Resmer

Clerk reviewed notice requirements.

Mr. Bernie Lapierre was present and wanted to know what the building height and parking requirements were.

Chief Building Official, Jacques Benoit responded by stating that these items will be dealt with at the Building Permit stage.

Council had no comments.

2. Zoning Amendment - Law

Clerk reviewed notice requirements. Public and Council had no comments.

3. Zoning Amendment - Van Lindenberg

Clerk reviewed notice requirements. Public and Council had no comments.

Adjournment

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Ron Lowe

2006-378 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Public Meeting dated March 1, 2006 be hereby adjourned at 1:15 p.m.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Present: Reeve Donald Rathwell, Deputy Reeve Ron Lowe, Councillors - Jack Ferguson, Jim Labow, Daryl McLaughlin, Jacob Rook, Joey Trimm and Beulah Wright.

Councillor Art Cobb was absent

Staff Present: Dean Sauriol

Prayer was recited

Clerk conducted Roll Call

Conflict – None Reported

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2006-379 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopt the agenda dated April 5, 2006 for the Regular Council Meeting as submitted.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Ron Lowe

2006-380 “Be it Resolved that the minutes of the previous Regular Council Meeting dated March 15, 2006 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Adoption of Accounts

Moved by Ron Lowe, Seconded by Jacob Rook

2006-381 “Be it Resolved that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approve the attached schedule of Accounts for the period March 1 - March 31, 2006, in the amount of \$1,323, 811.51 in general purposes and \$30,005.74 for Water Purposes and that the above accounts be paid.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Delegation - Renfrew County Plowing Match

Delegation: Mrs. Donna Campbell, Glenda McKenzie, and Marg Crozier.

They were present to review and update the proposed Renfrew County Plowing Match, being held September 16, 2006, to be hosted in the Township of Whitewater Region.

They wanted to thank Council for its contribution to date. (i.e. Flag, Garbage costs)

They would like Council to give permission to Fire Departments to run the Gate and Parking.

Chairman Trimm commented that the Roads Department will work together with the group.

Departmental Reports - Reports were reviewed and discussed

Department - Waste Management

March 2006

Excavator was down for the first few days in March. Required a new alternator (warranty) and a recharging of the batteries. Seems to be holding a charge now.

As discussed at Waste Management Committee Meeting (March 1st), there will be no Free Bulky Waste

disposal event. Also, the tipping fee for brush, leaf & yard waste has been eliminated. Westmeath Landfill Site Annual Operations Report for 2005 has been prepared and mailed to MOE, Ottawa District Office on March 30th. Included in the report is the topographic survey and the water quality monitoring report.

Beginning the 2005 Datacall survey for Waste Diversion Ontario. Data input determines blue box funding. The snow was removed from new roads at the Ross Landfill mid month in an effort to allow them to dry before April 1st. Roads checked March 31st – they are still quite soft in places. We will likely have some vehicles stuck on April 1st.

There will remain a stockpile of roughly 300 – 400 scrap tires well as 50 – 60 refrigerated appliances at the Westmeath Site upon closure. These items will be removed at a later date.

The Waste Management Department took possession of the 97 Chev ½ ton previously used by the Water Department.

Staff attended CPR, First Aid and WHMIS training on the 28th.

March 29th was the last day open to the Public at the Westmeath Site. It was a fairly busy day. March 30th was the last day receiving yellow bags hauled by the contractor.

Friday, March 31st – Building and Excavator floated to the Ross Site. Last minute clean-up and compacting carried out prior to this Thursday evening. Intermediate cover required at the Westmeath Site as soon as possible.

The Westmeath Site is closed.

Department Head Signature.....Steven Hodson

Department: Treasurer

March 2006

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Payment to School Board and County

The first installment of the County and School Board levies has been paid, \$486,900.00 to the County and \$447,647.29 to the School Boards. We did not need to borrow any money to finance these bills.

Education Tax Rate

The Education Tax Rate for 2006 has been reduced from 0.296 to 0.264. Based on 2006 Residential Assessment with last year's rate we would have raised \$1,033,656.95. With 2006 Residential Assessment with this year's rate we will raise \$921,910.25, a difference of \$111,746.70. A property with assessment of \$100,000 will pay \$32.00 less in education taxes this year.

Roads Funding

We have received a one time funding from the Province of Ontario in the amount of \$277,081.- for roads and bridges.

OMPF (Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund)

We have received the first payment of the OMPF in the amount of \$300,083.-.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Department Head Signature.....Randi Keith

Department: Fire Department

March 2006

Fire Chief: Wayne Heubner

CHIEF / DEPUTY CHIEF'S MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Mar	1/06	Chief Heubner attends Council & later Cobden practice
Mar	5/06	Chief's Heubner/Moore conduct emergency house inspection in Westmeath
Mar	6/06	Deputy Chief Moore attends Westmeath Station practice x4
Mar	8/06	Chief's Heubner/Moore finalize budget report.
Mar	11/06	Chief Heubner/Moore visit Haley's and view new truck
Mar	15/06	Chief Heubner attends Cobden practice
Mar	23/06	Chief's Heubner & Moore, along with Captains Terry Moore, Trevor Johnson, and acting Captain Jonathan McLaren attend Northeastern Fire Conference in North Bay
Mar	28/06	Chief's Heubner & Moore met with chair and vice chair.

TOTAL EMERGENCY (STATION) RESPONSES FOR MARCH

STN	#1	HALEY'S
Mar	13/06	(Chimney Fire) 243 Olmstead/Jeffrey Lake Road
STN	#2	COBDEN
STN	#3	FORESTERS FALLS
STN	#4	BEACHBURG
STN	#5	WESTMEATH
Mar	5/06	(Inspection) 24 Rapid Road, Westmeath

TRUCK/HALL REPORT

HALEY'S	STN	1	New truck #9625 delivered and training has begun on it. Christie & Whalter installed radio in new Pumper/Rescue.
COBDEN	STN	2	Cobden Pumper 9633 and 2 leaf springs replaced
F. FALLS	STN	3	No Report
BEACHBURG	STN	4	Tanker had brake work done
WESTMEATH	STN	5	Truck #'s 9639 & 9844 both serviced.

RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD:

With the number of younger staff in Westmeath Stn. and with some continuing their education I recommend that 2 more staff be added to this hall. I have also instructed the Deputy Chief to send out a Memo to all stations, that all new firefighters and any firefighter who is not instructed, or signed off on the proper entry procedures not be allowed to any interior attack.

Department Head Signature.....Wayne Heubner

Department: PUBLIC WORKS

MARCH 2006

Monthly Activities:

This month we had 24 weather responses.

At the beginning of the month we did a lot of proactive work pushing back ditches uncovering catch basins and opening culverts in the historically worst areas of the Municipality preventing many problems. This has proven to be valuable in that the other areas could be dealt with as they arose.

The Frost heaves and potholes were exceptionally bad this year; we have been cold patching and grading where possible since the 20th of the month.

We will be preparing our sweeping equipment, and will start sweeping streets within the first two weeks of April (providing we do not get more snow).

We had a water break this month, the break was in the 4"cast main on Sullivan St. Haley Town site.

We had a sewer blockage on Simpson Streets 10"main that required the services of Sewer Matic to unblock it; because this line is a repeat blockage we also had the line videoed. The video revealed a bad repair (clay pipe pushed inside clay pipe) that is collapsing. This will require that the street be dug up and a proper repair made. This repair is being scheduled.

Department Head Signature.....Hal Johnson

Department: Water & Sewage

MARCH 2006

Monthly Activities:

Normal operation and maintenance activities for the month of March included the following:

The turbidity analyzer recorder at the Cobden Water Treatment Plant began running backwards due to a faulty timer motor. The manufacturer indicated that parts were no longer available as the unit was obsolete. A repair was managed only to be followed by a malfunction of the analyzer itself which in turn was discovered to be obsolete with no parts available. MacViro Consultants was contacted in order to determine the make of analyzers to be installed with upgrades and to determine if we could purchase one ahead of time. A new analyzer was subsequently ordered and installed.

One of the low lift pump starters self destructed with a small explosion. Valley Automation was contacted to install a new contactor and overload protection.

Water is still seeping under the generator room wall and onto the floor at the Beachburg Water Treatment Plant. A section of eave trough has been installed along that section of roof to try to correct the problem. A problem with a high lift pump control was traced to a faulty temperature sensor in the pump motor. Valley Automation was contacted to make a repair.

A Compliance Inspection Report based on the January 10, 2006 Haley Plant inspection has been received. The three Regulatory Actions Required consist of issues to be addressed with plant upgrades. Best Practice issues contain nineteen recommendations which will be examined and replied to.

A Best Practices Recommendation regarding the use of CT (chlorine Residual/contact time) calculations and application has been included in past water plant inspection reports. It has previously been replied that this practice is of no real value until plant upgrades have been completed. However due to the recurrence of this recommendation a procedure complete with the necessary tables is being prepared for inclusion in the plant operating manuals and will be put into practice next month.

A ground fault alarm at the Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant was traced to a power cable on a submersible sludge pump that had worn through. The cable was removed, shortened and resealed with epoxy in the pump housing.

A frozen sample line on the chlorine analyzer was replaced with a temporary line until the line could be thawed.

The 2006 annual budget was prepared and submitted for the four plants.

The new Dodge truck has been delivered and outfitted. This model has increased space behind the seat over previous models which will be adequate to hold various test equipment and the like.

Department Head Signature.....David Simmons

DEPARTMENT: Building and By-law Enforcement

March 2006

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

-Doing some building inspections and answering many calls pertaining to proposed building permits.

-Issued 9 Building Permits at a value of \$ 678 000.00 in total. 3 new single family dwellings, 2 addition/renovation to existing dwellings, 2 commercial renovations and 2 commercial demolitions.

I received confirmation from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing that I was successful in passing 2 exams written in February and earlier in March. The exams are "Complex Buildings – 2003 Building Code" and "Building Services" – 2003 Building Code". These exams are part of the new Building Code Act requirements.

-Hosted our local Chapters Ontario Building Official Association meeting here in our Council Chambers and met with all the local building inspectors. We had a presentation by Ross Monsour from the Ready Mix Concrete Producers Association. He explained their role in the building industry and gave us a power point presentation

on Concrete Construction Troubleshooting Tips.

-Went to Mississauga from February 27 to March 3 for a course put on by MMAH on Building Services. This is a new type of course but on by the MMAH to prepare you for their Provincial Exams. I wrote the exam on March 7 and was successful.

RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD:

None

Department Head Signature.....Jacques Benoit

Committee Reports - Water and Sewer Committee - Update

Chairman Lowe updated Council on the issues surrounding the Tendered Water Plan Projects for Beachburg and Cobden. He stated that a Committee meeting was being scheduled in the near future to finalize the tender award.

By-Laws

Procedural By-law

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Beulah Wright

2006-382 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law governing the proceedings of Council and Committees for the Township of Whitewater Region and the said by-law be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 06-04-233 be signed by the Reeve and clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the by-law book this 5th day of April, 2006.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Zoning Amendment - Resmer

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2006-383 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to amend the Cobden Zoning By-law Lot 497 Plan 126 - Cobden - Resmer and the said by-law be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 06-04-234 be signed by the Reeve and clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 5th day of April, 2006.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Zoning Amendment - Law

Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2006-384 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to amend the Ross Township Zoning By-law Pt Lot 10 Conc 2 - Ross - Law and the said by-law be read a first, second and third time, and that the said by-law be numbered 06-04-235 be signed by the Reeve and clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 5th day of April, 2006.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Zoning Amendment - Van Lindenberg

Moved by Jim Labow, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2006-385 “Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region enact a By-law to amend the Ross Township Zoning By-law Pt Lot 22 Conc 7 - Ross - Van Lindenberg and the said by-law be numbered 06-04-236 be signed by the Reeve and clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-law Book this 5th day of April, 2006.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

Misc. Correspondence

1. **Letter of Appreciation - Smith** - Letter acknowledged as received
2. **Letter of Response - TWP of Laurentian Valley** - Information given

3. Provincial Roads and Bridges Funding - Information given

Adjournment

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Moved by Beulah Wright, Seconded by Jack Ferguson

2006-386 “Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Regular Council Meeting dated April 5, 2006 be adjourned at 2:15 p.m.”

Carried
Donald Rathwell
Reeve

REEVE

CAO/CLERK