

The Corporation of the Village of Oil Springs Water/Sewer Budget Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 5, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Village of Oil Springs Council Chambers
4591 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs, ON

Council Members Present: Ian Veen, Mayor
Andrea Burns-Antoine
Rick Powell
Matt Strangway
Larry Wagner

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Turk, Clerk-Treasurer
Karen Cook, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Call to Order

Mayor Veen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

No declaration was made by any one member of Council at this time. Mayor Veen requested Council members to make the appropriate declaration if necessary throughout the business of the meeting.

Delegation(s)

None.

2016 Water/Sanitary Sewer Budget

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Karen Cook, presented the proposed 2016 Water/Sanitary Sewer Draft Budget.

Mrs. Cook presented an overview of Fixed Expenses to the Oil Springs Water System as well as the estimated and actual revenues and expenditures for 2016. Examples of different levels of water consumptions with the proposed 2017 rates were presented to Council outlining the cost of a water/sewer bill for residential and multi-residential.

Mrs. Cook presented an overview of Fixed Expenses and Variable Expenses to the Oil Springs Sanitary Sewer System as well as the estimated and actual revenues and expenditures for 2016. Examples of different levels of water consumptions with the proposed 2017 rates affecting sewer rates, were presented to Council outlining the cost of a water/sewer bill for residential and multi-residential.

Staff reminded Council that there are a lot of expenses that the Village cannot control which makes it difficult to lower rates when the Village has no control. A lot of expenses have to do with the cost of water, buying from Enniskillen Township and maintenance and repairs to the reservoir. Enniskillen in turns buys their water from Town of Petrolia. There are 291 households that receive a water/sewer bill that contribute to the system.

The Clerk and Deputy-Clerk explained to Council that the 40 year debenture on the sewer frontage ended in 2016, and that the \$15,000 revenue will not be present in the 2017 rates in order to offset the expenses, having an impact to the sewer rates for 2017.

Motion #1 – Wagner/Strangway: That the water/sewer budget for 2016 as presented be noted as received and approved by the Village of Oil Springs Council. Carried.

Motion #2 – Wagner/Burns-Antoine: That the 2017 water/sewer rates, with rates effective December 16, 2016, be noted as received and approved by the Village of Oil Springs Council:

- Water Flat Rate - \$68.00, increase of \$8.00
 - Sewer Flat Rate - \$40.00, increase of \$10.00
 - Water Reserve Charge - \$18.00, increase of \$0.00
 - Sewer Reserve Charge - \$9.00, increase of \$0.00
 - Water Consumption Rate - \$2.05 per cubic meter, increase of \$0.00
 - Sewer Consumption Rate - \$0.95 per cubic meter of water consumed, increase of \$0.25
- Carried.

Clean Water Wastewater Fund

Discussions took place regarding the said fund. The Clerk put in an application for the reservoir expenses for 2017 as presented by the Township of Enniskillen. Enniskillen also put in an application for the said expenses. Each municipality's application was for \$100,000 each which would result in a \$200,000 capital joint project. For each municipality, the breakdown is as follows:

- \$75,000 from Federal Government
- \$50,000 from Provincial Government
- \$25,000 from the municipality

Motion #3 – Wagner/Powell: That the \$25,000 for the Clean Water Wastewater Fund for capital expenses for the Oil Springs/Oil City Reservoir be transferred from the Water Reserves should Oil Springs be successful in attaining the \$75,000 from the CWWF grant. Carried.

Adjournment

Motion #4 – Wagner/Powell: That the Water/Sanitary Sewer Budget Meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Adjournment of the Water/Sewer Budget Meeting took place at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk