

The Corporation of the Village of Oil Springs

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Village of Oil Springs Council Chambers
4591 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs, Ontario

Attendance

Council: Mayor Ian Veen
Councillor Connie McFadden
Councillor Matt Strangway
Councillor Adam Veen
Councillor Larry Wagner

Staff: Erkki Pohjolainen, Clerk-Treasurer
Karen Cook, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Darren Morningstar, Public Works Superintendent
Ray Dobbin, P. Eng

Delegation: Charles Fairbank
Joe and Sarah Druiett ***

Gallery Lonnie Barnes
Ben Barnes
Jim Piggott
David Taylor

Call to Order

Mayor Veen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

No member of Council made a declaration at this time. Mayor Veen requested Councillors to make the appropriate declaration if necessary, throughout the business of the meeting.

Delegation

Charles Fairbank expressed concern to Council pertaining to not being informed of things happening that affect his property, stating that he needs to be informed before work is done on his property.

**** Joe and Sarah Druiett entered the chambers at 7:02 p.m. ****

- Mayor Veen countered that Mr. Fairbank had the option to build a berm to stop the inflow of water, adding that the culvert in the area was installed too high.

Mr. Fairbank said the work involved created a ditch that flows onto his property.

- Mayor Veen said the work involved cleaning out an existing ditch.

Mr. Fairbank also expressed concerns about a leaking fire hydrant at the top of the hill on Duryee Street, which he would like to see removed.

- Mayor Veen replied that the hydrant is for fire protection and will not be removed, but it would be fixed.
 - Asked to respond to the matter, Public Works Superintendent Darren Morningstar said the leak was reported by Mr. Taylor and the hydrant was isolated and shut off on the Saturday prior to the meeting. It is anticipated to be a broken valve, which is scheduled for prompt repair.

Mr. Fairbank told Council his wife has arranged an international conference in May pertaining to the World Heritage Site designation he is pursuing for the area.

- Mayor Veen offered any assistance to Village might avail to host the conference.

On the matter of Mr. Fairbank's January 16, 2020 submission of a Petition for Drainage Work by Owner, Mayor Veen called upon Drainage Superintendent Ray Dobbin, P. Eng, to address the matter.

- Mr. Dobbin reviewed the context of the petition and outlined the process as prescribed in the *Drainage Act*. He said that he would work with the Clerk to move this matter forward if Council accepts the petition and appoints him as the requisite engineer.

MOTION No. 1 Moved by Councillor Wagner

Seconded by Councillor McFadden

THAT the Council of the Village of Oil Springs proceed with the drainage work described in the *Petition for Drainage Works by Owners*, submitted to the Clerk by Charles Fairbank on January 16, 2020; and

THAT the Council of the Village of Oil Springs appoint Ray Dobbin, P. Eng., of R. Dobbin Engineering Inc. to respond to the petition.

CARRIED

**** Messrs. Fairbank and Taylor left the meeting at 7:16 p.m. ****

**** Messrs. Barnes and Barnes left the meeting at 7:16 p.m. ****

In addition to their written request on behalf of themselves and their neighbours for municipal approval to install drainage tile along and across Elizabeth Street from Lots 15-23, Joe and Sarah Druiett presented Council a Drainage Agreement providing permission for the drain to traverse Dain Pearson's property.

- Mayor Veen suggested that they use a 10-inch drainage tile rather than the 6-inch tile they proposed and asked Mr. Dobbin to comment.
 - Mr. Dobbin confirmed a wider tile would be less likely to clog and the cost difference would be nominal, as the bulk of the cost would go toward labour and equipment.
- Mr. Dobbin said he would provide a template for the neighbours to undertake a maintenance agreement for the works.
- Councillor Wagner asked if the property owners involved plan to drain their sump pumps into the system, to which Mr. Druiett replied he doesn't think so.
- Mayor Veen suggested it would be a good idea.

MOTION No. 2 Moved by Councillor Veen

Seconded by Councillor McFadden

THAT the Council of the Village of Oil Springs permit the construction of a drainage tile along and across Elizabeth Street from Lots 15-23, as proposed by Joe & Sarah Druiett on behalf of the neighbours; and

THAT Public Works Superintendent oversee the construction.

CARRIED

**** Mr. and Ms Druiett left the meeting at 7:27 p.m. ****

**** Mr. Dobbin left the meeting at 7:28 p.m. ****

Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION No. 3 Moved by Councillor Wagner

Seconded by Councillor Veen

THAT Council of the Village of Oil Springs adopt the following minutes:

- Regular Meeting of Council, January 7, 2020.

CARRIED

Business Arising from Previous Meetings Minutes

None

Public Works Department

Superintendent Morningstar spoke to his written monthly report, discussed matters that arose from the report and answered questions from Council.

- Asked for further clarification about the leaking hydrant Mr. Fairbank spoke on, Mr. Morningstar said the hydrant was isolated and shut off by Ray Piggott from Jacobs and that it should be repaired on Thursday.
- Mayor Veen directed Mr. Morningstar to get quotes for the salt bay, as the quotes from last year will have expired.

MOTION No. 4 Moved by Councillor McFadden
 Seconded by Councillor Veen
 THAT the Public Works Written Report, reviewed by Public Works Superintendent Darren Morningstar, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor McFadden requested that prior to Mr. Morningstar's departure agenda item 7.5, the Optimist Club's request for siting the location of the Pavilion, be discussed. Council agreed and reviewed Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Karen Cook's report. Discussion ensued.

- Mayor Veen and Mr. Morningstar agreed to meet at the park, Wednesday afternoon, to mark off the site being east of the playground equipment with the north end wall of the pavilion being in line with the fronts of the houses east of the park.

**** Messrs. Morningstar and Piggott left the meeting at 8:02 p.m. ****

Staff Reports

Council reviewed reports from Cathy Culnan, Lead Operator with Jacobs.

MOTION No. 5 Moved by Councillor Wagner
 Seconded by Councillor Strangway
 THAT Council of the Village of Oil Springs approve the following reports from Cathy Culnan, Lead Operator with Jacobs:

- Water Distribution System Monthly Operations Report for December 2019;
- Wastewater Treatment System Monthly Report for December 2019;
- Water Distribution System Monthly Operations Report for January 2020; and
- Wastewater Treatment System Monthly Report for January 2020.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the 2019 Building Report for the Village of Oil Springs from Judy Rowland, Building Services County of Lambton.

MOTION No. 6 Moved by Councillor Wagner
 Seconded by Councillor Strangway
 THAT Council of the Village of Oil Springs receive and file the 2019 Building Report for the Village of Oil Springs, submitted by Judy Rowland, Building Services County of Lambton.

CARRIED

Council reviewed a report from Clerk-Treasurer Erkki Pohjolainen regarding a review of Procedural By-law No. 666 of 2015.

MOTION No. 7 Moved by Councillor Wagner
 Seconded by Councillor McFadden

THAT Council of the Village of Oil Springs direct staff to review and draft a new by-law to rescind and replace By-law No 666 of 2015; and

THAT the new by-law be prepared for Council's review and first reading at the April 7, 2020 Regular Meeting.

CARRIED

Council reviewed a report from Clerk-Treasurer Erkki Pohjolainen regarding an amendment to By-law No. 828 of 2019.

- Council reviewed the report and deferred it to the By-laws section of the agenda.

Councillors' Reports

Councillor Wagner reported on the Oil Springs/Enniskillen Fire Board meeting from the prior evening, noting that the proposed 2020 budget is \$138,243.00, which includes a roll-over from the prior year. The funds from the Village of Oil Springs and Township of Enniskillen amount to \$131,415.19, of which the Village is responsible for \$28,911.34.

- The clerk was directed to have a report and motion ready for the March 10 meeting.

Councillor McFadden reported on her and Councillor Wagner's attendance to ROMA, where they met with Ministry of Transportation officials to discuss public transit in the area. Subsequently, she sent email to Minister Mulroney outlining concerns about the lack of rail and bus services in the area.

Committee Meeting Minutes and Reports

Lambton County Regional Trails/Active Transportation Committee Minutes of January 9, 2020.

- MOTION No. 8 Moved by Councillor Veen
 Seconded by Councillor Strangway
THAT Council of the Village of Oil Springs receive and file the Lambton County Regional Trails/Active Transportation Committee Minutes of January 9, 2020.

CARRIED

St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority Meeting Highlights – December 12, 2019.

- MOTION No. 9 Moved by Councillor Wagner
 Seconded by Councillor Strangway
THAT Council of the Village of Oil Springs receive and file the St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority Meeting Highlights – December 12, 2019.

CARRIED

Correspondence—Action Required Items

Gordon Perry, Lambton County Regional Trails/Active Transportation Committee, January 14, 2020 re: Request for regional trail photos and trail information.

- MOTION No. 10 Moved by Councillor Veen
 Seconded by Councillor McFadden
THAT Council of the Village of Oil Springs receive and file the request from Gordon Perry, Lambton County Regional Trails/Active Transportation Committee, for regional trail photos and trail information.

CARRIED

Amy Burkhart, City of Sarnia, January 24, 2020 re: Request for endorsement of resolution regarding Ontario Generation's Deep Geological Repository Project.

MOTION No. 11 Moved by Councillor Vein
Seconded by Councillor Wagner
THAT Council of the Village of Oil Springs receive and file the City of Sarnia resolution in support of the halting of the construction of the Deep Geological Repository in the Bruce Peninsula.

CARRIED

Sheri VanderBent, EarlyON Child and Family Centre, February 3, 2020 requesting use of Youth Centre for pop-up programming.

MOTION No. 12 Moved by Councillor Strangway
Seconded by Councillor McFadden
THAT the Council of the Village of Oil Springs permit the EarlyON Child and Family Centre to conduct a pop-up program at the Youth Centre with the fees for the centre's use to be waived.

CARRIED

Correspondence-Information items

Town of Deep River, January 8, 2020, cc of letter to Premier Ford re: Premiers to Develop Nuclear Reactor Technology.

Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command, received January 10, 2020 re: Thank you for support.

OPP News Bulletin, received January 14, 2020.

Bryan Brooks Stone Mills Township, January 8, 2020 re: Resolution in Support of Conservation Authorities.

City of Quinte West Mayor Jim Harrison, January 15, 2020 cc of letter to AMO president re: Resolution on conservation authorities.

Municipality of Dutton Dunwich Council Resolution No. 23 of January 15, 2020 re: support for conservation authorities.

Ashley Fletcher, St. Clair Conservation Authority, January 15, 2020 re: 2020 Spring Tree Programs.

Jana Thiessen, MPAC, January 16, 2020 re: 2019 Year-end Assessment Report.

Town of Collingwood, January 21, 2020, c.c. of letter to Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks Jeff Yurek re: Conservation authorities.

Township of Perth South, January 22, 2019 re: Enforcement of Safety on Family Farms.

Ruth Alcaindinho, Strathroy-Cardoc, January 24, 2020 re. Strathroy-Cardoc resolution LTVC-Watershed Management Programs.

Emma Jane Woods, Ontario Farmland Trust, January 24, 2020 re: invitation to Ontario Farmland Trust forum on March 26, 2020 in Guelph.

Tracy MacDonald, Town of Orangeville, January 27, 2020 re: Resolution – Environmental Awareness and Action.

The Corporation of the Township of Madoc, January 27, 2020 re: Joint and Several Liability Consultation – Town of Amherstburg Support.

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, January 30, 2020 re: Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy survey notice.

St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority, February 3, 2020 re: invitation to Annual General Meeting.

Brad McDougall, St. Clair Conservation Authority, January 15, 2020 (received Feb. 4) re: 2020 Levy Assessment with approved budget.

Village of Merrickville-Wolford, February 5, 2020 re: Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation.

Township of South Frontenac, February 6, 2020 c.c. of letter to Premier Ford re: Support for Conservation Authorities.

MOTION No. 13 Moved by Councillor Wagner

Seconded by Councillor Veen

THAT the Council of the Village of Oil Springs receive and file the correspondence presented in Sec. 11.1 through 11.13 and 11.15 through 11.19 of the February 11, 2020 agenda, comprising:

- Town of Deep River, January 8, 2020, cc of letter to Premier Ford re: Premiers to Develop Nuclear Reactor Technology.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command, received January 10, 2020 re: Thank you for support.
- OPP News Bulletin, received January 14, 2020.
- Bryan Brooks Stone Mills Township, January 8, 2020 re: Resolution in Support of Conservation Authorities.
- City of Quinte West Mayor Jim Harrison, January 15, 2020 cc of letter to AMO president re: Resolution on conservation authorities.
- Municipality of Dutton Dunwich Council Resolution No. 23 of January 15, 2020 re: support for conservation authorities.
- Ashley Fletcher, St. Clair Conservation Authority, January 15, 2020 re: 2020 Spring Tree Programs.
- Jana Thiessen, MPAC, January 16, 2020 re: 2019 Year-end Assessment Report.
- Town of Collingwood, January 21, 2020, c.c. of letter to Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks Jeff Yurek re: Conservation authorities.
- Township of Perth South, January 22, 2019 re: Enforcement of Safety on Family Farms.
- Ruth Alcainho, Strathroy-Cardoc, January 24, 2020 re. Strathroy-Cardoc resolution LTVC-Watershed Management Programs.
- Emma Jane Woods, Ontario Farmland Trust, January 24, 2020 re: invitation to Ontario Farmland Trust forum on March 26, 2020 in Guelph.
- Tracy MacDonald, Town of Orangeville, January 27, 2020 re: Resolution – Environmental Awareness and Action.
- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, January 30, 2020 re: Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy survey notice.
- St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority, February 3, 2020 re: invitation to Annual General Meeting.
- Brad McDougall, St. Clair Conservation Authority, January 15, 2020 (received Feb. 4) re: 2020 Levy Assessment with approved budget.
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- Township of South Frontenac, February 6, 2020 c.c. of letter to Premier Ford re: Support for Conservation Authorities

CARRIED

- MOTION NO. 14 Moved by Councillor Veen
Seconded by Councillor Strangway
THAT the Council of the Village of Oil Springs supports the Township of Madoc resolution regarding Joint and Several Liability Consultation; and
THAT this support be forwarded to the Township of Madoc; and
THAT cc's of the resolution be sent to MPP Monte McNaughton, Premier Ford, the AMO and MPP Bob Bailey.

CARRIED

New Business

Councillor Wagner spoke on the cleanliness of the Youth Centre.

- Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cook replied that the cleaning staff attend to the Centre before and after every function.
 - Councillor Wagner said he has received comments with respect to the women's washroom vanity, dirty tiles and the kitchen sink
 - Ms Cook said she would speak with the cleaners about these concerns and public works staff to do the work on vents and ceiling fans.

Councillor Strangway spoke on the entrance signs for the Village and suggested the Village consider using solar-powered electronic display signage similar to that used by some of the neighboring communities.

- Clerk-Treasurer Pohjolainen said he would check with the other municipalities on costs for such signs.

Clerk-Treasurer Pohjolainen reported that he attended a WSIB presentation the day prior and that while the premiums are going up, there are programs available to offset the increase with rebates. He offered to provide a report to Council at its March 10 meeting.

Accounts

Village of Oil Springs General Pay List January 8, 2020 to February 11, 2020.

- MOTION NO. 15 Moved by Councillor Veen
Seconded by Councillor Wagner
THAT the accounts, as listed, be approved by the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Oil Springs for payment:
- Village of Oil Springs General Pay List January 8, 2020 to February 11, 2020.

CARRIED

Closed Meeting

The Mayor requested that Council move to meet in-camera to review minutes of the January 7, 2020 in-camera meeting and to discuss the following:

- a. personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – review of minutes and property complaint;
- b. a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board – Insurance.
- c. litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – update on legal proceedings.

MOTION No. 16 Moved by Councillor Wagner
Seconded by Councillor Strangway
THAT the time being 8:51 p.m. Council of the Village of Oil Springs move into an In-Camera Meeting of Council pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the following reason:

- a. personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – review of minutes and property complaint;
- b. a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board – Insurance.
- c. litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – update on legal proceedings.

CARRIED

MOTION No. 17 Moved by Councillor Veen
Seconded by Councillor McFadden
THAT the time being 9:09 p.m. Council of the Village of Oil Springs reconvene its open Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

MOTION No. 18 Moved by Councillor McFadden
Seconded by Councillor Wagner
THAT the in-camera minutes of January 7, 2020 be adopted by the Council of the Village of Oil Springs and remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with the exemptions provided in the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

By-Laws

By-law yet to be numbered, being a by-law to prohibit or otherwise regulate the keeping of certain animals within the Village of Oil Springs.

MOTION No. 19 Moved by Councillor Veen
Seconded by Councillor Wagner
THAT a By-law yet to be numbered, being a by-law to prohibit or otherwise regulate the keeping of certain animals within the Village of Oil Springs be read a first time this 11th Day of February, 2020.

CARRIED

By-law No. 856 of 2020, being a by-law to authorize an amendment to By-law 828 of 2019, being a By-Law to Authorize the Village of Oil Springs to enter into an agreement with Bluewater Recycling Association for the collection of recyclables and waste.

MOTION NO. 20 Moved by Councillor Strangway
Seconded by Councillor Wagner
THAT By-law No. 856 of 2020, being a by-law to authorize an amendment to By-law 828 of 2019, being a By-Law to Authorize the Village of Oil Springs to enter into an agreement with Bluewater Recycling Association for the collection of recyclables and waste; and
THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the said By-Law.

CARRIED

By-Law No. 857 of 2020, a By-law to confirm all Resolutions of the Council Meeting held on February 11, 2020.

MOTION NO. 21 Moved by Councillor Veen
Seconded by Councillor Wagner
THAT By-Law No. 857 of 2020, being a By-Law to confirm all Resolutions of the Council Meeting held February 11, 2020 be read a first time, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed this 11th day of February, 2020; and
THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the said By-Law.

CARRIED

Adjournment

MOTION NO. 22 Moved by Councillor Veen
Seconded by Councillor McFadden
THAT the time being 9:14 p.m., this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned; and
THAT the next Regular Meeting of Council be held Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Ian Veen, Mayor

Erkki Pohjolainen
Clerk-Treasurer