

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies

Minutes of the meeting of the Gillies Council of the 2006/2010 term held on October 13, 2009 at 7 PM in the Gillies Municipal Office.

Present: Reeve - Rick Kieri
Councillors - Rudy Buitenhuis
William Groenheide
David Smelow
Linda Turk
Administration - Karen Caren, Clerk-Treasurer
Roads – Raymond Cook, Roads Maintenance
Coordinator

Reeve Kieri called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2009

Resolution 09/207:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Gillies Council held on September 28, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Visitors and Deputations

There were no visitors or deputations.

4. Finances and Accounts

4.1 Accounts Payable – Approval

Resolution 09/208:

Moved by Linda Turk

Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list of accounts 09/09 for the period from September 15, 2009, through October 13, 2009, including cheque numbers 1984 to 2029 (exclusive of payroll cheques), for a total of \$61,754.35; and

Schedule 'A' Electronic Payments for a total of \$1,084.55 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

There was discussion of the high electric bill for the fire hall. Without objection, the Roads Maintenance Coordinator was directed to call in the meter readings to Hydro One.

4.2 Payroll Accounts – Approval

Resolution 09/209:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Run #207 for the period from September 1 through September 30, 2009, including cheque numbers 2001 to 2008 for a total of \$7,905.62 be passed for payment.

CARRIED

4.3 Revenue Received – Report

A report of revenue received in September 2009 was received and filed.

4.4 Taxes Receivable – Report

A report of Taxes Receivable as of October 1, 2009 was received and filed. The report indicated that the amount of taxes receivable has increased over the prior year, and the Clerk-Treasurer outlined the steps being taken to collect arrears tax payments. An updated Taxes Receivable report will be presented at the Council meeting of November 9th, 2009.

5. Reports

Road's Department Report

The Roads Department Report for the month of September 2009 as submitted by the Roads Maintenance Coordinator was received and filed.

Without objection, staff were directed to contact staff in the Town of Red Rock to inquire about a surplus garbage truck.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

The Clerk-Treasurer Report on the status of ongoing matters was received and filed.

General Advisory Committee

The General Advisory Committee minutes of October 5, 2009 were received and filed.

Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference Report

A verbal update of the presentations at the NWORC was received from Reeve Kieri.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Turk Family – Plot Ownership Transfer

Resolution 09/210:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT cemetery plot numbers 585 and 586 be hereby transferred to the name of Linda Turk.

CARRIED

6.2 LRCA Minutes – August 26, 2009

The information was acknowledged and filed.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Roads Garage Furnace

Due to the entering of the heating season, the need for additional insulation and other energy efficient efforts, and the timing required to apply for energy efficiency grants, the Roads Maintenance Coordinator was directed to hire a

contractor to perform maintenance on the garage furnace. The quotes for new heating units will be kept on file for grant application purposes.

7.2 Well Decommissioning

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to send a letter to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority requesting requirements for well decommissioning and information on available grants for well decommissioning.

7.3 Tire and E-waste Collection

Deferred pending information from Pack Pros Plus.

8. New Business

8.1 Fire Hall Energy Assessment

The Fire Hall Energy Assessment report as prepared by the Chief Building Official was received.

Without objection, the Roads Maintenance Coordinator was directed to hire a contractor to perform maintenance and testing on the propane heaters and the ventilation system at the fire hall, and to inquire about the possible recall of the ventilation system.

It was suggested that regular maintenance schedules be created for all equipment for efficiency and safety reasons.

8.2 Charitable Taxes Forgiveness

Resolution 09/211:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by William Groenheide

WHEREAS Section 361(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 provides that every municipality shall have a tax rebate program for eligible charities for the purposes of giving them relief from taxes on eligible property they occupy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Gillies wishes to give tax relief to the following properties for the 2009 taxation year:

Gillies Community Centre Roll #06005	\$49.55 (\$47.22 tax and \$2.33 penalty)
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Hymers Museum Roll #28400	\$220.58 (\$210.39 tax and \$10.19 penalty)
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CARRIED

Without objection, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to draft a policy on the Municipal Tax Rebate Program that would authorize financial staff to give tax relief to eligible charities each year.

8.3 2008 Consolidated Financial Statements

Resolution 09/212:

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis

Seconded by Linda Turk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2008 Consolidated Financial Statements be accepted.

CARRIED

9. Upcoming Matters

The following matter was identified for discussion at an upcoming meeting:

- Update on NWO Immigration Portal.

Councillor Groenheide informed the members that the Volunteer Firefighter's Association is once again becoming active to provide for fundraising activities for the Gillies Emergency Services Team.

The Clerk-Treasurer informed the members that the date for the Customer Service Accessibility Training has been rescheduled from October 27th to October 30th. There is now no need to have the office closed on the afternoon of the 27th, and since the 30th is a Friday, the office is already closed. The appropriate staff have been notified of the date change.

10. Adjournment

Resolution 09/213:

Moved by David Smelow

Seconded by William Groenheide

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:45 PM., we do now adjourn the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Gillies.

CARRIED

Reeve _____

Clerk _____