

Council of the Corporation of
The Township of Billings
January 15, 2018
Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Mayor Austin Hunt, Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack, Nora Bath-Haring, Barbara Erskine and Brian Parker

Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent; Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kathy McDonald, Clerk Treasurer/CAO

Media: Tom Sasvari

Member of the General Public

2018-01 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council be opened with a quorum present at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Hunt presiding.

Carried

2018-02 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the January 15, 2018 regular meeting of Council be accepted as amended.

Carried

Removed from the agenda was 8. New Business d) Properties eligible for Tax Sales

2018-03 Erskine – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the December 18, 2017 regular meeting as presented.

Carried

Councillor Bath-Haring reported on Manitoulin Secondary School Awards Night held December 18, 2017. She presented the Billings Township bursary to Lacey Fownes.

Councillor Bath-Haring reported on the January 6, 2018 meeting of the Museum Board.

Councillor Erskine reported on the Canada 150 Committee meeting.

Councillor Erskine reported on the Recreation Committee meeting.

Councillor Parker advised those present that he donated the snow blower for the ice rink.

2018-04 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2018-01, being a by-law to enact a Strategic Plan be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

Discussion regarding adding new committees and realigning some of the existing committees. No decision was made.

2018-05 Bath-Haring – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk Treasurer explore possible companies and playground equipment plans that are suitable for Billings Township beach front development, up to \$60,000 installed and approved.

Carried

Discussion regarding staffing levels. The Clerk Treasurer/CAO presented Council with a report outlining job description changes she felt needed to be made due to changes in legislation, reporting requirements and discussions during the Strategic Plan process. It was decided to go in camera at the end of the meeting to discuss individual employees and how they would fit into the restructuring.

The last update the Clerk Treasurer/CAO had received, from Chief Superintendent Labelle's office, advised her that a December 18, 2017 meeting was scheduled, at which they were supposed to discuss the November 22, 2017 letter sent by the township. They were to advise her of the outcome of the meeting. The Clerk Treasurer/CAO has not yet received a response. The Clerk Treasurer/CAO is to contact Staff Sergeant Webb and invite him to a council meeting.

Councillors Erskine and Parker updated Council on how successful the ice rink has been this year.

2018-06 Bath-Haring – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council instructs the Clerk Treasurer to hire Fred Dean to conduct a Councillor Training Session on November 12, 2018. All Council members elected in the 2018 municipal election are required to attend this afternoon 4 hour session.

Carried

The Clerk Treasurer/CAO advised Council of the legislation regarding the Fire Department having a boot drive and requested confirmation from Council to proceed with the by-law. She was told to go ahead and complete the by-law for the next meeting.

2018-07 Bath-Haring – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that the Economic Development Officer is to receive a salary increase as outlined in the application to Fednor for funding. The increase will be \$2500 per year starting February 24, 2018.

Carried

2018-08 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township will pay for Kathy's Municipal Law, Unit 2 as well as Units 3 and 4 providing that they are successfully completed.

Carried

2018-09 Bath-Haring – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk Treasurer contact OCWA to proceed with the water tower RFP relining project for Billings Township.

Carried

2018-10 Bath-Haring – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that Council has no suggestions, information, or conditions to be added to Planning Board File B21-17.

Carried

2018-11 Parker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council has no suggestions, information, or conditions to be added to Planning Board File B22-17.

Carried

2018-12 Alkenbrack – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council has no suggestions, information, or conditions to be added to Planning Board File B23-17.

Carried

2018-13 Bath-Haring – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that Billings Township forward \$290 to Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command for ad.

Carried

2018-14 Alkenbrack – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the following accounts for payment:

General Accounts \$255,513.91

and that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to sign cheques number 4884 to 4936 as described in the attached register.

Carried

2018-15 Erskine – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 239(2)b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. Chapter 25, this Council proceed to a Closed Session at 9:20 p.m. in order to discuss a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board.

Carried

2018-16 Bath-Haring – Parker

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adjourns from this in camera session at 10:03 p.m. and resumes our regular meeting.

Carried

2018-17 Erskine – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Clerk Treasurer to draft a restructuring plan for Township administrative positions and prepare evaluations of tasks within each position.

Carried

2018-18 Alkenbrack – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2018-02, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

2018-19 Parker – Erskine

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adjourns from this regular meeting at 10:07 until the next regular meeting of Council on February 6, 2018, or Call of the Chair.

Carried

Austin Hunt, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, Clerk Treasurer/CAO

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These minutes have been prepared but are not considered official until approved by Council at a subsequent meeting.