

Minutes

Special Meeting of Council
Township of the North Shore
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017
7:00 PM
Municipal Office, Algoma Mills

ATTENDANCE

Council: Randi Condie- Mayor
 Brenda Wilson - Councillor at Large
 Barbara Barton- Councillor Ward 2
 Sandra Kilfoyl- Councillor Ward 1
 Joyce Robitaille- Councillor Ward 3

Staff: Mary Lynn Duguay- Clerk/Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Condie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He apologized to the gallery and Council regarding the Council meeting of Jan. 25, 2017. He also reviewed the Mayor's responsibilities at council meetings as well as the rules governing question period.

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Condie requested those members present to declare any pecuniary interest with matters appearing on the agenda.

There were none

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Moved By: Sandra Kilfoyl
Seconded By: Joyce Robitaille

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adds to the agenda as follows:

4. Call to Township lawyer Gord Acton with questions.

PRESENTATION/DELEGATION

1. Call to Township Lawyer

Township counsel Gord Acton, of Wishart Law Firm, was contacted and put on speakerphone for advice on sending a mail out in townships Tax Bills regarding the proposed quarry. His response was for council to take a balanced stance regarding this issue as he has seen councils get into ugly situations when emotional division takes place. He advised using municipal resources was not a position that council should entertain as they would be perceived to be dragged into the argument.

Councilor Wilson stated that the quarry group had been inquiring if they could have access to a mail out list of our residents. Gord responded that this may violate MFIPPA rules.

Councilor Kilfoyl asked if council can send out notices stating simple facts. As well she felt that a referendum vote could be held. Gord cautioned once again as to using municipal resources in order to further one side of the quarry argument. He will look into what kind of license they are applying for as any appeals for a pit and quarry go to the OMB while any appeals for an aggregate license would go before the mining commissioner.

Councilor Barton questioned what to do if any members of council have already stated their position. Caution was stressed yet again about taking a position regarding the quarry issue.

Does Council have to ask permission from anyone to hold a referendum vote? No, but there is a lengthy process to go through.

2. Tom Shreve - map interpretation.

Tom Shreve gave his interpretation of the maps and documents regarding the quarry issue in order to further council's education. He encouraged Council to verify all information for themselves.

INTRODUCTION, READING AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

There were none

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none

QUESTION PERIOD

Rhea Makala questioned the awareness that Pronto road and the tailings from the mine are a sensitive area.

Rhonda Kirby mentioned the fact that contaminated material is underneath Pronto road. Also she questioned whether information regarding the quarry can be put on the website.

Tom Shreve mentioned that they are asking council to handout factual information. Randi agreed with the need for consistent information regarding the quarry when questions are posed to municipal staff. It was suggested that there be some general information put together for the benefit of staff when it comes to answering residents questions when they contact the Township office.

Council will make a decision regarding hiring Glenn Tunnock to be the Municipal Advisor on quarry issues.

Moved By: Brenda Wilson
Seconded By: Barbara Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in regards to the mail out letter, Council is deferring the matter until the council meeting of Feb. 8, 2017.

BY-LAW

Moved By: Joyce Robitaille
Seconded By: Sandra Kilfoyl

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 17-04 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its meeting held Feb. 1, 2017 be read a first, second and third time, enacted and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Sandra Kilfoyl
Seconded By: Joyce Robitaille

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the next regular meeting of the Council of the Township of the North Shore be held at the municipal office in Algoma Mills, on Wed. Feb. 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Mayor and this meeting be adjourned.

"CARRIED"

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Randi Condi, Mayor

Mary-Lynn Duguay, Clerk Treasurer