

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LA VALLEE

The Special Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2015 with Reeve Ken McKinnon and Councillors Dennis Allen, Irwin Hughes, Lucille MacDonald and Murray Witherspoon in attendance.

Also present were Sylvia Smeeth, Clerk/Treasurer and Patti McDowall, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

Conflict of Interest: None

Council Discussion:

Budget

83. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Special Meeting Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

84. HUGHES/WITHERSPOON: That we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk.

CARRIED

Reeve

Clerk

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The Special Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 25, 2015 with Reeve Ken McKinnon and Councillors Dennis Allen, Irwin Hughes and Lucille MacDonald in attendance. Murray Witherspoon was absent.

Also present were Patti McDowall, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

Conflict of Interest: None

Council Discussion: Applications for the Clerical Assistant position were short-listed and interviews scheduled.

81. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that we accept the Special Meeting Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

82. ALLEN/MACDONALD: That we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk.

CARRIED

Reeve

Clerk

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The Regular Meeting of the Township of La Vallee was held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2015 with Reeve Ken McKinnon and Councillors Dennis Allen, Irwin Hughes, Lucille MacDonald and Murray Witherspoon in attendance.

Also present were Sylvia Smeeth, Clerk-Treasurer, Patti McDowall, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and Terry Beadle, Road Superintendent.

Conflict of Interest: None

Delegations: Dwight Becker attended the meeting to discuss the budget. He is in favor of raising taxes so oiling can be done on all roads. He suggested surcharges as a way of collecting revenue. Council thanked him for his input.

Fire Department Report: Joe Bobczynski was absent. Terry Beadle gave a report to council. Call-outs for grass fires have kept them busy. Department had a training/practice that went well. They filled an old house on McTavish Road with smoke. Still have to purchase a few suits and sort out the expired ones. The fire truck repair is complete. An electronic control module had to be replaced.

Road Department Report: The daily activity report was reviewed. Someone from Strongco is coming next week to discuss the bill for grader. Council reviewed the road tour notes. Road sign supply was discussed and Terry reported that we have a good supply. The landfill lack of recycling was discussed.

Council Discussion: Fridge at hall has quit. We will get a few quotes on a replacement. Summer students were discussed. It was discussed that the Roads employees should also be trained as fire dept. volunteers. Budget meeting has been set for Wednesday, May 27th at 4:30 p.m.

Council Reports: Dennis reported that he felt the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) conference was disappointing. No attention was given to the concerns of our area. Lucille gave a report on the meeting over Fire Chief Services.

Resolutions:

65. HUGHES/MACDONALD: That we accept the Agenda and Agenda Addendum as presented. CARRIED

66. HUGHES/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee designates the Devlin Slo-Pitch League's Annual Gus Lindberg/Kingsley Downs Memorial Tournament on July 15th to 19th, 2015 as a Community Festival. The Devlin Slo-Pitch League shall take full responsibility for all events that take place during this tournament, shall provide the municipality with proof of their Party Alcohol Liability Insurance coverage prior to commencement of the event and have one bartender with a Server Intervention Program Certificate present at all times. And further that the Devlin Slo-Pitch League shall be responsible for clean-up of the entire grounds immediately following the closure of this designated event. CARRIED

67. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the April 8, 2015 Council Meeting and the April 16, 2015 Special Meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

68. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that payroll items numbering from 155 to 195 in the amount of \$71,842.18 for May 13, 2015 be passed and paid.

CARRIED

69. ALLEN/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts the April 30, 2015 Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

70. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee appoint Ken McKinnon to the Fire Chief Recruitment Committee.

CARRIED

71. MACDONALD/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that we now go in-camera at 8:40 p.m. for Personnel Matters regarding an identifiable individual, including employees.

CARRIED

72. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that we now close our in-camera session at 9:40 p.m. and continue with the regular meeting of council.

CARRIED

There was in-camera discussion regarding personnel matters with respect to staff and correspondence from the Township of Emo.

73. HUGHES/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby accepts Sylvia Smeeth's resignation as Clerk/Treasurer effective May 31, 2015.

CARRIED

74. MACDONALD/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that Mike Hyatt be appointed Road Superintendent for the six month temporary position commencing June 1, 2015 with the understanding that he can return to his regular job in the event that either party is not satisfied.

CARRIED

75. HUGHES/MACDONALD: BE IT RESOLVED that effective June 1, 2015, Patti McDowall has bank signing authority and corporate visa and that Sylvia Smeeth be removed effective that date.

CARRIED

76. ALLEN/WITHERSPOON: BE IT RESOLVED that Patti McDowall be appointed Clerk/Treasurer for a six month temporary position commencing June 1, 2015 with the understanding that she can return to her regular job in the event that either party is not satisfied.

CARRIED

77. HUGHES/ALLEN: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Rainy River Vet Services Committee and that the .35 cents per capita fees in the amount of \$330.05 be paid.

CARRIED

78. ALLEN/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee hereby supports the Township of Madawaska Valley's resolution calling on Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to prevent hydro rates from increasing and for the Province of Ontario to be encouraged to do something to bring these rates down to a reasonable level and to do so as quickly as possible. CARRIED

79. MACDONALD/HUGHES: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of La Vallee supports the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association's efforts opposing the sale of Hydro One and agrees to forward a resolution to Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance and Northwestern Ontario MPPs. CARRIED

80. HUGHES/MACDONALD: That we adjourn to the next regular meeting or the call of the clerk. CARRIED

Reeve

Clerk