

The minutes of the inaugural meeting of Dawson Twp Council held on Wednesday December 5th 2018 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor B Langner. Councillors: D Hartnell, B Jodoin and B Sands. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt/Fire Chief Randy Asselin.

OATH The Clerk-Treasurer administered the Declaration of Office to each member of Council that were present and declared these members sworn in. The Mayor welcomed all members of Council. The Clerk-Treasurer lead a short orientation discussion related to the duties of Council members and relevant legislation, as well he outlined committees and council operations, including duty to declare interests in matters.

MINUTES **#18-85** HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held November 7th 2018, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS **#18-86** HARTNELL & SANDS & CARRIED that the accounts in the amount of \$177,264.41 which representing disbursements for the month of November, be approved for payment. **COUNCILLOR JODOIN declared an interest on the payment to her spouse as a volunteer fire fighter.**

GPS **#18-87** HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that the Council authorize renewal of our contract for GPS services with RAM Global on a month to month basis and subject to satisfactory resolution of their mapping issues.

TAXES **#18-88** HARTNELL & SANDS & CARRIED that pursuant to the Minutes of Settlement and Section 357 applications, the following tax write offs be approved: General \$1765.00 and Education \$360.17 for a total of \$2125.19.

CHRITSMAS **#18-89** SANDS & HARTNELL & CARRIED that Council authorizes a \$75.00 gift certificate from Beaver Mills Market for a Christmas Bonus for Randy, Cliff, Dave, Larry & Patrick. And further that Council authorizes \$150.00 for the fire fighters Christmas gathering.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on the roads including equipment maintenance, hand brushing on River Rd. On the Fire Department everything has been quiet. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on various items including, a budget update, information on retail cannabis stores, the Ontario Main Street funding should be received shortly, tax sale notices and reminders notices were sent out, the interim audit was completed last week, OMERS changes were highlighted, the orientation package from RR Library was distributed and NWHU package will be emailed. A news release on Rainycrest services was received. OMEX letter updating on our participation and position in the former insurance reciprocal was received & reviewed. The Clerk-Treasurer advised that our drainage engineer has been working on the Campbell Drain report and will try to have a draft report out in the near future and he is also going to work on the Rempel Drain. Council also wants to move forward on an appointment of an engineer for the Colonization Rd culvert replacement. Council decided it will not opt out of allowing cannabis retail stores in

the municipality. MMAH letter about amending the municipal reporting requirements was received. MFOA membership will be shared with Lake of the Woods. The Mayor has appointed members to various committees and boards and the Clerk-Treasurer is to bring forward a resolution for passage at the next meeting. A thank you is to be sent to former Councillor Drennan to acknowledge her service to the community. Council discussed a recognition policy for long serving employees.

ADJOURN #18-90 HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m. And the next meeting will be on January 9th 2019.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk