

The minutes of the regular meeting of Dawson Township Council held on Wednesday February 3rd 2021 at 7 pm in the Municipal Office, the January meeting was cancelled due to Covid.

- PRESENT** Mayor B Langner. Councillors: D Hartnell, B Jodoin, C Larocque & B Sands. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles. Road Supt/Fire Chief absent.
- CONSENT** A Public meeting was held to review the consent application 34B2001 I & M Janzen. The Clerk-Treasurer reviewed the application, the public notices and the staff report on the file.
- #21-01 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that Council grants provisional approval to consent application 34B2001 Isaac & Margareth Janzen subject to the attached 5 conditions.
- MINUTES #21-02 HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held December 2nd 2020, be approved as printed.
- ACCOUNTS #21-03 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amounts of \$666,901.89 & \$98,557.87 representing disbursements for the months of December 2020 & January 2021 be approved for payment.
- BY-LAW 439 #21-04 HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED** that By-law No 439 being the Tax Ratio & Tax Capping By-law, be enacted.
- FIRE PERMIT #21-05 SANDS & LAROCQUE & CARRIED** that Council authorizes the Fire Chief &/or the Clerk-Treasurer to arrange for the purchase and installation of an electronic fire permit system. The supplier is Fluent Information Management Systems Inc and we are purchasing 5000 credits for \$500.00 and the cost is to be shared with the Twp of Lake of the Woods.
- DRAIN SUPT #21-06 SANDS & JODOIN & CARRIED** that Council authorizes an application for drain superintendent grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the fiscal year 2021/2022.
- INTERNET #21-07 LAROCQUE & JODOIN & CARRIED** that Council authorizes a letter of support for the proposal by Grand Council #3 and Bell Canada to develop applications to the Improving Connectivity in Ontario and the Universal Broadband Fund to improve the fire optic broadband infrastructure for communities in the Treaty #3 territory.
- WAGES #21-08 HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED** that pursuant to our Human Resources Policies and the recently published CPI for Dec 2019 to Dec 2020 which shows a 0.7% increase, effective January 1st 2021 the wages and salaries be increased by 0.7%.

INCLUSIVE #21-09 HARTNELL & LAROCQUE & CARRIED that Council support the application under the Inclusive Community Grants for improvements to connectivity with and within our community, including web site construction.

RRFDC #21-10 SANDS & HARTNELL & CARRIED that Council approves payment of the per capita levy from Rainy River Future Development Corporation for 2021 in the amount of \$2534.00 based on a population of 362.

OTHER The Rd Supt was absent due to social distancing for Covid 19. Council discussed the implementation of an electronic fire permit system and there will be no fee for online applications however permits processed by the office or Fire Chief will cost \$10.00. The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on the budget showing the 2020 surplus, the draft fire board 2021 budget, grant application updates including the denial of the Seniors Grant, on tax collections one property was collected by the collection agency and Council wants the other accounts either sent to collections or tax sale process commenced, thank you from Thunder Bay Regional Foundation, receipt of 2nd Covid 19 and 1st OMPF funding. The laptops have arrived and are being loaded with office programs and will be ready for circulation soon. Council took no action on various resolutions. The 2021 residential education rates are the same as 2020 and the BET rates decreased from .98% to .88%. Financial indicators from MMAH were circulated to Council for review. Draft financial statements were received for review. The library grant application, the annual freedom of information, the T2 return and other year-end reports and applications have been filed.

ADJOURN #21-11 HARTNELL & JODOIN & CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk