



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR

COUNCIL MINUTES

SESSION #4

OPERATING BUDGET MEETING

Electronic Meeting
February 25, 2021
3:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of Council was held Thursday, February 25, 2021 electronically at 3:00 p.m. with the following people present:

S. Arnold	Mayor
S. Miller	Deputy Mayor
R. Atkins	Councillor
P. Brown	Councillor
J. De Gurse	Councillor
T. Kingston	Councillor
B. Myers	Councillor

Staff:

J. Rodey	CAO
J. Baranek	Clerk
C. Quenneville	Treasurer
G. Lozon	Deputy Treasurer
B. Black	Director of Public Works
W. Anderson	Fire Chief
K. Lindsay	Director of Community Services
C. Westbrook	Coord. of Operations (Water)
D. Neely	Coord. of Operations (Roads)
P. DaSilva	Coord. of Engineering

AGENDA:

1. In-Camera

Municipal Act - Section 239 (d) To discuss a potential new Crew Leader Position

2. Opening Remarks

John Rodey, CAO
Charlie Quenneville, Treasurer

3. Operating Budget

- a) FIRE DEPARTMENT
- b) COMMUNITY SERVICES
- c) PUBLIC WORKS, WATER AND SANITARY
- d) ADMINISTRATION

e) CAPITAL, DONATIONS REVIEW, RESERVES

4. **New Business**

5. **Adjournment**

Mayor Arnold called the meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.

1. **In-Camera**

Moved by J. De Gurse

Seconded by B. Myers

Motion 1 Be it resolved the meeting enter an in-camera session under Section 239 (2) (d) of the Municipal Act to consider the introduction of a Crew Leader position for Community Services.

CARRIED

Mayor Arnold declared the meeting back into open-session and asked for any forthcoming motions.

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by B. Myers

Motion 2 Be it resolved that a non-union Crew Leader position be created for the Department of Community Services with a salary range of \$61,377.67 to \$76,722.09.

CARRIED

2. **OPENING REMARKS**

The budget for 2021 is impacted by many factors including the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 felt deeply by lack of revenue at Township campgrounds given they were not open for transients. The Township is fortunate to have \$193,855 in assessment growth which will be observed for 2021 to offset the \$414,204 proposed increase for the 2021 Operating Budget.

3. **OPERATING BUDGET**

Fire Department

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion 3 Be it resolved that the Fire Department Operating Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Community Services Department

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 4 Be it resolved that Community Services Department Operating Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Public Works Department

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded

Motion 5 Be it resolved that the Tree Trimming Budget be capped at \$100,000.

(no seconder, therefore this motion was defeated) DEFEATED

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by R. Atkins

Motion 6 Be it resolved that the Public Works Operating Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Administration Department

Moved by S. Miller

Seconded by P. Brown

Motion 7 Be it resolved that the Administration Department Operating Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Capital, Donations Review, Reserves

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by S. Miller

Motion 8 Be it resolved that the Township limit the annual donation to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 to offset their operating costs to \$6,000 and that the Legion confirm that they applied for grant funding prior to additional funding requests to be considered.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Brown

Seconded by R. Atkins

Motion 9 Be it resolved that projects 2021-307 Bunker Ave. Streetlights and 2021-114 Beckwith Street Streetlights be funded from the OCIF grant and not from reserves as approved during Capital Budget meeting.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Myers

Seconded by J. De Gurse

Motion 10 Be it resolved that the Capital Budget be confirmed and the Donations and Reserves be approved as presented subject to the removal of the annual grants to the Lambton Farm Safety Association and to the St. Clair River Run.

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

Seeing no other business to conduct:

Moved by J. De Gurse

Seconded by T. Kingston

Motion 11 Be it resolved that the 2021 Operating Budget be approved subject to the motions contained herein.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by T. Kingston

Seconded by B. Myers

Motion 12 Be it resolved that the meeting do hereby adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Mayor - Steve Arnold



Clerk - Jeff Baranek

