Minutes of the Regular Meeting

***January 22nd 2020***

The following minutes are comprised of resolutions and the Clerk’s interpretation of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: L. Smith, R. Wigmore, U. Abbott, D. Farrar, D. McClelland

Staff: C. Orchard, G. Martin

Delegation Mayor Mersereau of Johnson Township and CAO Wray of Johnson Township:

Mayor Mersereau presented very preliminary and incomplete information to council regarding the finances of the Desbarats arena. Mayor Mersereau shared the struggle with funding of the arena for the area but made no request for financial support. CAO Wray spoke briefly on the recent presentation that HNCEA made to the Minister for support of Broadband service in the area. CAO Wray also reiterated the provincial encouragement to do more share services. All townships in the area currently do shared services to varying degree and all are committed to doing more when it is in their interest and a benefit to them to do so.

Res: 01-2020 D. Farrar, R. Wigmore

Be it resolved that Council adopts the Minutes of December 18th 2019 as presented. (cd)

Res: 02-2020 D. McClelland, R. Wigmore

Be it resolved that Council approves the Statements for December 2019 as presented. (cd)

Clerks report: Staff will have a list of policies that require annual review for council at the February meeting. We have completed the re-write of the Tax Collection By-Law and will have that for Council in February, copies will be sent out ahead of the meeting to provide council with an opportunity to review. Admin Assistant, Brice will be attending the MNR review of their strategic forestry plan and will have a report for council in February. Deputy Clerk Orchard and I will be attending the Clerk’s forum in Sudbury in March. Staff would like to thank Council for the support they show in allowing ALL staff to attend meetings and workshops outside of the office to provide continuing education and to address concerns of the Township and provincial policies that affect all of us. Staff are prepare for the 2019 audit, we are just waiting on the Auditor to request our files. Council has been provided with their own copy of the latest 10 year roads plan. There are on going issues with the Fire Pumper Truck. Staff recommends sending the truck south for servicing as the issue has not been addressed locally. Staff looking again at the possibility of an MNR Fire Agreement and will make a recommendation to Council after polling other townships to see what the general consensus is.

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Roads Report: Road Super is unable to attend; he reports that there are no issues currently with the roads. Council has his request for the amalgamated tender.

Res: 03-2020 U. Abbott, D. Farrar

Be it resolved that Council approves placing any excess funds from 2019 into Reserve accounts. (cd)

Res: 04-2020 U. Abbott, R. Wigmore

Be it resolved that Council approves the Fire Truck to be taken south to be serviced to rectify on going issues. (cd)

Res: 05-2020 U. Abbott, D. Farrar

Be it resolved that Council provides third and final reading to By-Law 4-2020 being a Trailer By-Law to regulate and allow for the collection of permit fees. (cd)

Res: 06-2020 R. Wigmore, D. McClelland

WHEREAS Canadian Plastics Industry Alliance states that only 41% of municipalities accept Styrofoam (EPS) in their recycling programs; and

WHEREAS Canadian Plastics Industry Alliance further states that in 2018 those municipalities recycled 6.7 million kilograms of EPS, which means approximately 9.6 million kilograms of Styrofoam did not get recycled and ended up in municipal landfills; and

WHEREAS Canadian Plastics Industry Alliance also indicated that in 2018 113.8 million pounds of Polystyrene (EPF) was recycled, which means 164 million pounds of EPF did not get recycled and ended up in municipal landfills; and

WHEREAS EPS and EPF are not biodegradable and persists in the environment; and

WHEREAS there are acceptable alternatives to EPS and EPF, but little to no pressure on businesses and manufactures to use such alternatives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TARBUTT TOWNSHIP respectfully requests that the Province take immediate action to become a leader in the world by encouraging research and development into a biodegradable product to replace Styrofoam and Polystyrene; and FURTHER THAT the province place pressure on manufactures and business or offer an incentive to use biodegradable and environmentally friendly packaging in place of Styrofoam. (cd)

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Res: 07-2020 R. Wigmore, D. McClelland

Be it resolved that Council supports the resolution from the Township of Perry with regard to encouraging the banning of single use wipes due to the damage they can cause to the sewer systems in the province causing municipalities millions in repairs and maintenance. (cd)

Res: 08-2020 D. Farrar, U. Abbott

Be it resolved that Council supports the resolution from the City of Woodstock in seeking to have the Provincial Government place a ban on Single Use Plastic Bags; and

FURTHER the Council of Tarbutt Township supports those Municipalities and Towns that have already initiated Single Use Plastic Ban bans within the boundaries of their authority; and

FINALLY the Council of Tarbutt requests that the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks in development of the new Blue Box program, include discussions on solutions to the Single Use Plastic Bag problem, plaguing our landfills and recycle bins. (cd)

Res: 09-2020 R. Wigmore, D. McClelland

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL submits the following items for the Amalgamated Tender for 2020: Culverts:

2 - 300mm plastic pipes with 6 couplers

2 – 375mm plastic pipes with 6 couplers

2 – 600mm plastic pipes with 4 couplers

Blades:

Boss Pickup V Plow Blades 1 set

Boss Pickup V Plow shoes 3 sets

Boss Pickup V Plow nuts and bolts for blades 10

Grader Blades:

9 - blades 6 feet long, 6 inches high

8 – blades 7 feet long, 6 inches high

7 – ice blades 7 feet long, 8 inches high (1 5/8 tooth, 1 inch gap)

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50 bolts for blades, 2 1/2 x 5/8 with locking washers and nuts

Plow Truck – Tenco Plow

2 – plow shoes 6-7085

4 – plow guards straight – Ps64121

Surface Treatment:

2.3km 16100 square meters (Barr Rd. S.)

1.5km 10500 square meters (Smith Rd. S.)

Dust Control:

6 – bags (cd)

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Res: 10-2020 D. McClelland, U. Abbott

WHEREAS the amount of single use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways is a growing area of concern; and

WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly; and

WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes; and

WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Tarbutt is supportive of a timely, seamless and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Municipality of Tarbutt would like to transition their Blue Box program to full producer responsibility by June 1st 2023

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. (cd)

Res: 11-2020 R. Wigmore, D. Farrar

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 1-2020 being a by-law to set the borrowing limits of the Township for 2020. (cd)

Res: 12-2020 D. Farrar, R. Wigmore

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 2-2020 being a by-law to provide for the issuing of the Interim Tax Levy for 2020. (cd)

Res: 13-2020 D. McClelland, R. Wigmore

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 3-2020 being a by-law to set the Tax Ratios for the Township of 2020. (cd)

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Res: 14-2020 D. Farrar, U. Abbott

Be it resolved that Council approves the Clerk to proceed with clearing up past road allowance and road alignments and transferring those pieces to the abutting owners to ensure correct frontage on a public road. (cd)

Res: 15-2020 D. Farrar, U. Abbott

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 5-2020 being a confirming by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Council. (cd)

Res: 16-2020 D. McClelland, R. Wigmore

Be it resolved that Council adjourns at 8:42PM until the next regular scheduled meeting of Council on February 19th 2020, or at the call of the Mayor. (cd)

Dated: February 19th 2020

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Mayor Lennie Smith

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