

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

DATE: April 13th 2010
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Prince Township Community Centre
Council Chambers
CHAIR: Reeve L. Madonna
PRESENT: Councilor R. Amadio
Councilor K. Lamming
Councilor R. Williamson
Councilor D. Yanni
STAFF: B. Coughlin, CAO/Administrator
K. Ervin, Roads Superintendent
M. Mousseau, Volunteer Fire Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Madonna called the meeting to order.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 2010-57

MOVED BY Councilor R. Amadio
SECONDED BY Councilor D. Yanni

Resolved that the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 13th 2010 be approved as submitted.

CARRIED

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilor Lamming asked that section 8a) of the minutes be changed with the following amendment: "Councilor Lamming discussed the change of a property from rural residential to rural agricultural designation; Mr. Wierzbicki agreed."

Resolution No. 2010-58

MOVED BY Councilor D. Yanni
SECONDED BY Councilor R. Williamson

Resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 23rd 2010 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

5. QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Councilor Lamming asked the Administrator when Council would receive the report from the Planning Consultant regarding the Official Plan. She noted that a report would be placed on the next agenda.

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

7. REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

a) Administrator – Boston Variance

The Administrator presented Council with a report regarding the Consent Application for Terrance and Jennifer Boston previously approved through the Committee of Adjustment. She noted that permission had been received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing to pass a resolution rather than proceed with the lengthy process of an Official Plan amendment.

Resolution No. 2010-59

MOVED BY Councilor K. Lamming
SECONDED BY Councilor D. Yanni

Resolved that severance outlined in application B2/2010, as granted by the Committee of Adjustment February 23rd 2010, be deemed to conform with the intent of the Official Plan and is hereby approved by the Council of the Township of Prince.

CARRIED

b) Administrator – Garbage Collection Quotations

Council briefly discussed the various quotations brought forward for the collection of garbage in the Prince Lake area during the summer months. Council discussed the potential costs, the timing and the possibility of providing the service with municipal employees.

Resolution No. 2010-60

MOVED BY Councilor D. Yanni
SECONDED BY Councilor K. Lamming

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Prince accept the Administrative Report regarding garbage collection as information, and approve the service to be delivered by the municipality.

CARRIED

c) Administrator – Preliminary Budget

The Administrator presented Council with a preliminary budget for 2010 for review and suggestions. Mr. Ervin and Mr. Mousseau were also present to answer questions regarding their respective departments. The following items were discussed by Council:

Capital Expenditures

Council discussed the estimated capital expenditures for the municipality as a whole. The Roads Superintendent explained the plans for resurfacing Walls and Deans Roads and milling Hill Road, as well as roads equipment.

The Fire Chief explained the estimates for capital equipment for the Fire department, including a fire pumper, communications and fire suppression equipment. Council discussed the potential need for portable radios and the possibility of a 4x4 truck to be purchased in the years ahead.

The Administrator noted the final share of the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund project for the Community Centre, and an allotment for a possible Ontario Trillium Grant project for parks equipment. Council also discussed the purchase of a generator and the possibility of maintenance items for the hall, which would fall under the ISF project.

General Government

Council discussed the estimated costs for property assessment and solicitor fees, as well as the purchase of computer equipment under the Office Supply section.

Fire Department

Questions were asked regarding the estimated costs of vehicle repairs and apparatus/equipment repair. Council also discussed the inclusion of emergency spill kits and emergency prevention costs, as well as training, fire station and fire hydrant allotments. Council also discussed the growth of the fire department and the possible purchase of uniforms by the Firefighters' Association.

Roads Department

Council discussed the estimated costs of the roads vehicles, safety devices and garbage collection. Council also discussed preventative measures such as emergency spill kits.

Social/Family

The Administrator noted that the DSSAB levy was lower than previous years due to the uploading of costs to the Province.

Recreation/Culture

Council discussed the summer day camp program as well as the funding needs for Library and Museum Boards.

Council also discussed paying off the last of the fire debenture, and the inclusion of money into reserves.

Revenue

Council discussed the reduction in the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund grant and the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund grant.

Taxation

Council then discussed the tax rate and various options for the tax ratios. Council agreed to proceed with the Administrator's suggestion regarding the alternative tax ratios.

The Administrator then noted that she would include the above tax ratios into the preparation for the final budget and would have the document, along with associated by-laws, ready for the next Council meeting.

8. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None.

9. BY-LAWS

- a) By-Law 2010-08, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief.

Resolution No. 2010-61

MOVED BY Councilor K. Lamming
SECONDED BY Councilor D. Yanni

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Prince hereby approve By-Law 2009-08, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief for the Volunteer Fire Department.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Karen Vallee – Update re: Prince Township Parent/Child Resource Centre
b) Sault Ste. Marie Humane Society – User Fees
c) Township of Burpee and Mills – Resolution re: Land Claims Agreement

Resolution No. 2010-62

MOVED BY Councilor R. Williamson
SECONDED BY Councilor R. Amadio

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Prince endorse the resolution submitted by the Township of Burpee and Mills regarding land claims agreements.

11. MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a) Prince Township Public Library Board – March 3rd 2010 Minutes

12. NEW BUSINESS

Reeve Madonna, Councilor Amadio and Councilor Yanni discussed a meeting they had attended put on by the Ontario Power Authority, noting that it may be possible to place solar panels on the roof of the Community Centre for a twenty year project. That Administrator stated that she would speak with Mr. Steve Kent to gather more information.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2010-63

MOVED BY Councilor K. Lamming
SECONDED BY Councilor R. Williamson

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Prince hereby go into closed session to discuss matters relating to:

1. Information subject to solicitor-client privilege;
2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and

Further be it resolved that should the closed session be adjourned, Council may reconvene in closed session to continue to discuss the same matter without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

CARRIED

Council then came out of closed session.

Resolution No. 2010-64

MOVED BY Councilor D. Yanni
SECONDED BY Councilor R. Amadio

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Prince hereby come out of closed session.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2010-65

MOVED BY Councilor R. Williamson
SECONDED BY Councilor K. Lamming

Resolved that the Council of the Township of Prince hereby adjourn until April 27th 2010 or the call of the chair.

CARRIED