

TOWNSHIP OF CASEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of May 13th, 2020
Held at the Casey Council Chamber

Present: **Reeve:** Guy Labonté
 Councillors: Jacques Fortin, Marc Robillard, Janet Little, Suzanne
 Boucher
 Clerk-Treasurer: Jordan Kemp
 Road Superintendent: Nicolas Côté

Others: Michel Lachapelle, Consultant
 René Côté, R.J. Contracting

Meeting started at 7:30 p.m.

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council

2020-070 **Moved:** **Jacques Fortin** **Seconded:** **Suzanne Boucher**
That we the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby; open the Regular Meeting of Council of May 13th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Agenda

2020-071 **Moved:** **Janet Little** **Seconded:** **Suzanne Boucher**
That we the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby; accept the agenda as amended.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

- a. Councillor Fortin made a Declaration of Pecuniary/Conflict of Interest on Agenda Item # 11 c. Summer Student.

4. Adoption of last Council Meeting Minutes

2020-072 **Moved:** **Marc Robillard** **Seconded:** **Jacques Fortin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 8th, 2020, as amended.
“CARRIED”

5. Discussion of any Business arising from the Minutes of last Meeting

- a. None

6. Delegations/Presentations

- a. None

7. Payments of Accounts: Vouchers 2020-04

2020-073 **Moved:** **Janet Little** **Seconded:** **Suzanne Boucher**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, approve the Payment of Accounts as presented:

Roads	\$	17,605.89
General	\$	11,817.25
Fire	\$	3,395.39
Sewer	\$	168.01
Dump	\$	0.00
Recreation	\$	1,928.43
Drain	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Total Voucher 2020-04	\$	34,914.97

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8. Reports from Staff and Others:

a- Roads

The Road Superintendent reported that Mathew Bailey had ditching done next to his field on Maybrook Road in order to better drain water in his field. Mathew Bailey has requested the township cover some of the cost of this ditching.

Truck #8 is in rough shape; it most likely will not pass safety due to major rusting of the body and frame. The Road Superintendent has recommended buying a new truck.

The Road Superintendent along with René Côté inspected Ouellette Bridge in order to determine what kind of work needs to be done based on K.Smart Associates Annual Bridge Report dated November 2019, and quickly realized that the work required was outside of their ability. The Road Superintendent recommends the township to schedule another inspection by K.Smart to determine the price of fixing it correctly as well as remind several local farmers of the 10-tonne weight restriction even though signage is posted. The Road Superintendent will provide a list of local farmers to the Municipal Office for the purpose of issuing notices.

There were a lot of beaver dams on Marsh Road during the month of April; The Road Superintendent called Denis Rondeau to trap. In the month of May, efforts will be concentrated on sweeping the village roads and sidewalks and grading roads when the temperature is adequate.

b- Fire Department

The Fire Chief reported that there was a false fire call near the Quebec border that turned out to be flashing lights at the border; it was very poor visibility that day.

The Fire Department received a call to Hilliardton for grass burning.

c- Recreation

No updates given COVID-19.

d- Others:

i. COVID-19 Municipal Update

Staff will no longer rotate between the office and home as of Tuesday May 19th. The municipal office continues to be cleaned on a daily basis.

All provincial orders in place from the previous meeting are still in effect: park, playgrounds and campgrounds remain closed.

2020-074 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Janet Little**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the following minutes/reports and that it be filed:

- a. Road Department Report
- b. Fire Department Report
- c. Recreation
- d. Others
 - i. COVID-19 Municipal Update

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9. Correspondence for Council Consideration:

- a- Town of Midland – Waive Property Taxes for the Year 2020

Motion not moved.

- b- Township of Mapleton – Review the Farm Property Class Rate Programme

2020-075 **Moved: Marc Robillard** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the Township of Mapleton’s resolution 2020-04-14 as presented, requesting the Province of Ontario review the farm property class tax rate programme in light of economic competitiveness concerns between rural and urban municipalities; and,

That a letter of support be forwarded to:

- Premier Doug Ford
- Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
- Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- MPP, John Vanthof
- Town of Mapleton

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- c- Town of Grimsby – Suspend Time-of-Use Electricity Billing

2020-076 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Janet Little**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the Town of Grimsby’s resolution as presented, requesting the Ontario Energy Board suspend time-of-use electricity billing to support lower electricity bills for residents and businesses until such time that the COVID-19 outbreak has been contained; and,

That a letter of support be forwarded to:

- Premier Doug Ford
- MPP, John Vanthof
- Ontario Energy Board
- Town of Grimsby

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10. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a- Timiskaming Health Unit – Municipal Minutes, April 7th
- b- Timiskaming Health Unit – Municipal Minutes, April 14th
- c- Timiskaming Health Unit – Municipal Minutes, April 21st
- d- DTSSAB – Waive Interest, April 23rd
- e- Solicitor General – Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, April 24th
- f- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Redeployment of Staff, April 16th
- g- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Planning Boards
- h- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Recreational Campgrounds, April 4th

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11. Other Business:

a- Property Standards – Example By-law

The Clerk-Treasurer provided council with a sample of a property standards by-law. Council reviewed the by-law and provided input regarding sections that are applicable for the Township of Casey's residents, as well as sections that should be removed. The marked version of the property standards by-law is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting and an official draft version is to be presented to council at a later date.

b- Municipal Tax Options

2020-077 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Janet Little**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of four municipal tax options prepared for 2020 which are to be filed with the minutes of the regular meeting; and

Direct the Clerk/Treasurer to prepare a taxation by-law for the following regular meeting given tax option 3 for the year 2020.

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c- Summer Student

Isabelle Fortin to be hired back as a summer student. It will be Isabelle's second year at the township. She will require less direction from the new Road Superintendent than a new hire.

d- Denis Rondeau – Letter of Resignation

2020-078 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, accept Denis Rondeau's letter of resignation regarding trapping and that it be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting, and;

Direct the Road Superintendent to arrange for a replacement.

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e- Tender 2020-01 Results

2020-079 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, award **Tender 2020-01 – Granular “M”** to Alvin Caldwell Sand, and;

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to authorize the tender agreement.

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f- Tender 2020-02 Results

2020-080 **Moved: Marc Robillard** **Seconded: Janet Little**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, award **Tender 2020-02 – Class II Aggregate** to Alvin Caldwell Sand, and;

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to authorize the tender agreement.

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g- Tender 2020-03 Results

2020-081 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, award **Tender 2020-03 – ST-DST** to Duncor Enterprise Inc., and;

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to authorize the tender agreement.
“CARRIED”

h- Connelly Municipal Drain

The Road Superintendent informed council that the Connelly Municipal Drain needs to be cleaned.

Council directed the Clerk-Treasurer to contact Garth Necker, Drainage Superintendent at K.Smart to arrange for the work to be completed under the Municipal Drainage Grant.

i- Dust Suppressant

Reeve Labonté informed council that Yves Sansoucy approached him about providing a bag of calcium, similar to last summer. The bag of calcium will be spread in front of his entrance due to the amount of traffic from Harley’s Landfill.

Council agreed to purchase Yves Sansoucy a bag of calcium, however similar to last year, Yves Sansoucy will have to spread the calcium at his own cost.

j- Maybrook Road Ditch

Mathew Bailey provided a letter addressed to council requesting that the cost to ditch alongside his field on Maybrook Road be shared with the Township of Casey. Mathew Bailey’s letter is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

Council agreed to pay half the total cost of ditching which is estimated to cost the township roughly \$500.

k- Plow Truck

The Road Superintendent provided a listing for a used plow truck located in Oxbridge to replace Truck #8 which is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

The Clerk Treasurer informed council that the Township of Kerns and Township of Hudson are both interested in purchasing a new plow truck and that a joint tender could be possible to receive a more competitive price.

Council directed the Clerk-Treasurer to receive a price on the used plow truck as well as follow up with the Township of Hudson and Township of Kerns regarding a joint tender.

12. By-Laws

a- By-law No. 2020-940 Being a By-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes for the Year 2020 [*three readings*]

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2020-082 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Marc Robillard**
That **By-law No. 2020-940**, being a By-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes for the Year 2020, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2020-083 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That **By-law No. 2020-940**, being a By-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes for the Year 2020, be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the By-law Book.
“CARRIED”

b- By-law No. 2020-941 Being a By-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2020 [*three readings*]

2020-084 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**
That **By-law No. 2020-941**, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2020, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2020-085 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That **By-law No. 2020-942**, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2020, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

13. Resolution to move to closed session:
None

14. Adjournment:

2020-086 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby; adjourn at 10:00 p.m. and will meet again on June 10th, 2020, or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Guy Labonté, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer