

**TOWNSHIP OF CASEY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Held at the Casey Council Chamber**

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

Meeting started at 7:30 p.m.

**1. Open Regular Meeting of Council**

**2020-159 Moved: Janet Little                      Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**  
That we the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby; open the Regular Meeting of Council of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**2020-160 Moved: Marc Robillard              Seconded: Jacques Fortin**  
That we the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby; accept the agenda as amended as follows:

ADD: 12. a. By-law 20320-953      being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the Corporation of the Township of Casey and R.J. Coté Contracting for maintenance on the municipal drain know as Connelly Drain.

ADD: 11. d. Appreciation Night Letter

ADD: 13. a. Personal Matters Regarding an Identifiable Individual

REMOVE: 10. c. Ministry of Municipal Affaires and Housing – Deployment of Municipal Staff  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

a. None

**4. Adoption of last Council Meeting Minutes**

**2020-161 Moved: Jacques Fortin              Seconded: Janet Little**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as presented.  
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**5. Discussion of any Business arising from the Minutes of last Meeting**

a. None

**6. Delegations/Presentations**

a. None

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**7. Payments of Accounts: Vouchers 2020-09**

**2020-162 Moved: Suzanne Boucher Seconded: Marc Robillard**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, approve the Payment of Accounts as presented:

Roads	\$1,057,058.65
General	\$ 50,987.79
Fire	\$ 2,053.64
Sewer	\$ 7,946.91
Dump	\$ 0.00
Recreation	\$ 445.46
Drain	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total Voucher 2020-09	\$1,118,492.45

“CARRIED”

**8. Reports from Staff and Others:**

**a- Roads Department Report**

Staff informed council that Miller Paving Limited fixed several street lights in the village, however pole number 8 is still not working. The office will have Miller’s recheck pole number 8.

Pot holes located near Greenwood Bridge keep reoccurring due to drainage issues. There is a beaver dam near Marsh Road that needs to be removed, the culvert also needs to be replaced. Roughly 40 tonnes of winter sand has been ordered for the winter season.

Septic tanks in the village have been emptied. A sample of the lagoon was taken to determine if the lagoon can be discharged.

The Township of Hilliard contacted the office to forward complaints regarding Greenwood Bridge Road as it’s a boundary road and under the Township of Casey’s maintenance. The Road Superintendent informed council the road was graded shortly after the complaints were received.

The Development Road project is complete for the year. The township met with Cindy Jordan from Duncor Enterprises on October 14<sup>th</sup> to review rough spots on Development Road’s surface treatment, more specifically from Highway 65 to the Maybrook intersection. Cindy Jordan drove the road several times, took pictures, and a sample of the Class II stockpile and will contact the township after discussing with management.

**b- Fire Department**

The Fire Chief reported that it’s been quiet. Casey Fire Department has been covering for Harley’s Fire Department because their pumper is out of service. Casey’s truck needs to be serviced for safety and may require Harley’s Fire Department to cover during that time.

The fabrication of new valves for the tanker will be completed in the next month.

**c- Recreation**

The Clerk-Treasurer read the Minutes from the Casey Recreation Committee from September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 which will be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

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**d- Others:**

- i. Treasurer's Report as of September 30<sup>th</sup>
- ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health – June 3<sup>rd</sup> Minutes of the Regular Meeting
- iii. TMSA – June 30<sup>th</sup> Minutes of Meeting
- iv. Casey Recreation Committee – September 30<sup>th</sup> Minutes of Regular Meeting

**2020-163 Moved: Janet Little                      Seconded: Jacques Fortin**

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

- i. Treasurer's report as of September 30<sup>th</sup>
- ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health – June 3<sup>rd</sup> Minutes of Regular Meeting
- iii. TMSA – June 30<sup>th</sup> Minutes of Meeting
- iv. Casey Recreation Committee – September 30<sup>th</sup> Minutes of regular Meeting

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**9. Correspondence for Council Consideration:**

**a- FONOM – Starlink Program**

**2020-164 Moved: Jacques Fortin                      Seconded: Marc Robillard**

WHEREAS community social and economic well-being is dependent on fast, reliable, and affordable broadband connectivity and better cellular coverage;

AND WHEREAS Municipal, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as healthcare, education and other sectors will continue to depend on the internet to communicate, provide services and ensure accessibility to information;

AND WHEREAS digital literacy skills are essential to collaborate, innovate, and compete both regionally and globally and require appropriate and affordable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the availability of broadband that is on par with larger, urban areas in Canada is essential for Northern Ontario to achieve economic sustainability and social well-being;

AND WHEREAS in 2016 the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the internet be designated as an essential service and those efforts are undertaken to ensure all municipalities have access to affordable, fast, and reliable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) agreed that an option to explore and hopefully support would be the Starlink Program, by SpaceX.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Casey agrees that Broadband is an essential service, and that the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) should allow SpaceX and other private ventures to compete with those presently acting in the communication field, as they have the private financial ability to move forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister of Science, Innovation, and Economic Development, the Provincial Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, the Provincial Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Northeastern MPs

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and MPPs, the Leaders of the Opposition Parties, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

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**b- Loyalist Township – Canadian Ferry Associations**

Motion not moved

**c- Township of North Glengarry – Safe Restart Program**

**2020-165 Moved: Janet Little**

**Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby, support the Township of North Glengarry’s request to Ontario, to allow capital expenditures under the Safe Restart Agreement, such as physical retrofits to offices to accommodate staff and the public in a safe environment.

“CARRIED”

**d- St. Catharines – Development Approval Requirements for Landfills**

Motion not moved

**10. Correspondence for Council’s Information:**

- a- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Bill 108, More Homes, More Choices Act
- b- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Safe Restart Program Phase II
- c- Call 2 Recycle – Household Battery Collection
- d- Solicitor General – Community Safety and Policing Act
- e- Timiskaming District Health Unit – Municipal Minutes of September 4<sup>th</sup>
- f- Timiskaming District Health Unit – Municipal Minutes of September 18<sup>th</sup>

**11. Other Business:**

**a- Touzin Road**

A complaint was received regarding the state of Touzin Road from a resident. Council discussed the road with the Road Superintendent. The road was rebuilt from the base only three years ago. The road is frequently used by heavy farm equipment to access nearby farmland which contributes to the degradation of the road. Council requested the Road Superintendent try and repair the surface of the road with the grader, as several other roads have priority in regards to resurfacing/gravel before winter.

Council directed the Clerk-Treasurer to inform the resident of their decision.

**b- Connelly Drain Repair**

**2020-166 Moved: Jacques Fortin**

**Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of two tenders as outlined in the official results report dated October 8<sup>th</sup> for the maintenance of Connelly Drain, which is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting; and

Direct staff to prepare a by-law to enter into an agreement with R.J. Coté Contracting for the maintenance of Connelly Drain as detailed in the tender for consideration at the Regular Meeting of the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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**c- Arena**

- 2020-167 Moved: Marc Robillard      Seconded: Janet Little**  
That we, the Council of Casey do hereby, support the Casey Recreation Committee's recommendation as presented by Suzanne Boucher, to close the arena until further notice while the current circumstances regarding COVID-19 continues to be monitored into the new year.  
"CARRIED"

**d- Appreciation Night Letter**

- 2020-168 Moved: Janet Little      Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of a draft appreciation letter for volunteers of the Township of Casey which is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting; and  
  
Direct the municipal office to issue a final version as presented to all volunteers on behalf of council.  
"CARRIED"

**12. By-Laws**

- a- By-law No. 2020-953      Being a By-law to authorize an agreement with the Corporation of the Township of Casey and R.J. Coté Contracting for maintenance on the municipal drain known as Connelly Drain. [three readings]**

- 2020-169 Moved: Marc Robillard      Seconded: Janet Little**  
That **By-Law No. 2020-953**, being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the Corporation of the Township of Casey and R.J. Coté Contracting for maintenance on the municipal drain known as Connelly Drain, be received and read a first and second time.  
"CARRIED"

- 2020-170 Moved: Suzanne Boucher      Seconded: Jacques Fortin**  
That **By-Law No. 2020-953**, being a by-law to authorize an agreement with the Corporation of the Township of Casey and R.J. Coté Contracting for maintenance on the municipal drain known as Connelly Drain, be read a third time and the same be hereby engrossed in the By-law book.  
"CARRIED"

**13. Resolution to move to closed session:**

**a- Personal Matters Regarding an Identifiable Individual**

- 2020-171 Moved: Marc Robillard      Seconded: Jacques Fortin**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, agree to enter closed session at 8:50 to discuss the following items:

**a. Personal Matters Regarding an Identifiable Individual**

- 2020-172 Moved: Janet Little      Seconded: Marc Robillard**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, agree to arise from closed session at 9:10 p.m.

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**14. Adjournment:**

**2020-173 Moved: Suzanne Boucher    Seconded: Marc Robillard**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby; adjourn at 9:15 p.m.  
and will meet again on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, or at the call of the Reeve.  
“CARRIED”

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Guy Labonté, Reeve

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Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer