

July 9, 2025.

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Reeve R. Donaldson, Councillor C. Cormier, Councillor M. De Carlo, Councillor M. Fiset and Councillor S. McIntyre attended the meeting. Reeve Donaldson chaired the meeting. Myrna Hayes and Teri-Lynn Jibb were also in attendance along with members of the public.

Fiset/Cormier:

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 12th/25 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

No Council Member declared a conflict of interest.

Delegation: Daniel Girard & Steve Ackland-2024 Audit.

- Steve Ackland will be doing the Township's annual audit going forward. Danielle is no longer involved with the municipalities' audits.
- Township of James ended 2024 with a deficit of \$15,262.
- Water System must establish a surplus to maintain the water treatment plant. At present it has a deficit of over \$66,000.

Reeve Donaldson thanked Daniel and Steve for providing Council with the 2024 Audit details.

Adam Gibson, Public Works

- Lowest quotation for the Third Street East sidewalk is from Demora at \$67,000.
- Getting \$7,000 worth of new lights installed in municipal buildings at no cost. These lights will result in a reduction in hydro costs.
- No trailers will be allowed to park in the trailer park for the winter season.
- Lukus Goodwin, the public works summer student is working out well. Teri-Lynn added that Isabella Poulin, the Museum summer student is also doing a good job.
- Clean-up at the Ball Park will begin shortly in preparation for the August long weekend.
- The mill has started making the roadway adjacent to Industrial Park Road for truckers to park. Hopefully it will also be supplied with porta-pottis.

Fiset/Cormier:

A motion to approve the Township's June 30/25 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,320,698.74.

Carried.

McIntyre/Fiset:

A motion to approve the Elk Lake Community Forest's June 30/25 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$134,051.73.

Carried.

Fiset/Cormier:

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James June 30/25 Accounts totalling \$121,458.99.

Carried.

McIntyre/Fiset:

A motion to approve payment of ELCF June/25 Accounts totalling \$2,096.50.

Carried.

Cormier/De Carlo:

A motion to approve the 'draft' 2025 budget. Councillor McIntyre and Councillor Fiset voted against the motion. Reeve Donaldson voted for the motion to break the tie.

Carried.

De Carlo/Cormier:

A motion to approve the Water Usage Rate increases on Schedule 'A' to By-Law 21-03.

Carried.

De Carlo/Cormier:

A motion to inform Mrs. Welsh that a bench is allowed to be placed in the Poplar Grove Cemetery in memory of her husband at her cost.

Carried.

Fiset/McIntyre:

A motion to pay for the porta-pottis required for the August long weekend (\$1,400.00).

Carried.

McIntyre/Fiset:

A motion to support the passing of John Vanthof's Private Members Bill, 'The Northern Highways 11 and 17 Safety Act, 2025'.

Carried.

Item 7-5: The matter of insurance for the Ski Club will be discussed further at the August 13/25 Regular Meeting when insurance pricing is received.

De Carlo/Cormier:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Carried.

