

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

Reeve Rodger Donaldson, Councillor Chris Cormier, Councillor Michael DeCarlo, Councillor Michelle Fiset and Councillor Steven McIntyre attended the meeting. Reeve Donaldson chaired the meeting. Myrna Hayes was also in attendance along with observers, Andre & Jocelyn Bilodeau. Teri-Lynn Jibb was absent with regrets.

**McIntyre/Cormier:**

A motion to approve the minutes of September 20<sup>th</sup>/23 Regular Meeting.

**Carried.**

**McIntyre/Cormier:**

A Motion to approve the minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup>/23 Special Meeting.

**Carried.**

No members of Council declared a conflict regarding agenda items.

Delegation: Adam Gibson, Public Works Foreman

- The sand required for the installation of the new playground equipment is positioned adjacent to the playground.
- The one quotation received for the gully project between Fifth & Sixth Street has come in over budget.
- Updated quotes for the installation of the Community Centre (\$10,000) and Library (\$8,500) propane furnaces have been received.
- The estimate for the bodywork on the garbage truck has decreased. Work to begin November 13/23. It will be in the garage for approximately two weeks.
- The ice plant needs coolant at an estimated cost of \$3,800.

Adam was thanked for his report and remained at the meeting.

Delegation: Cyndi Stockman, Librarian

- Reeve Donaldson requested that work on the 2024 budget should begin.
- Cyndi agreed and will start work on the budget and bring it to Council for review.

Delegation: Marc Leveille, Chief, Elk Lake Volunteer Fire Department

- As of September 30<sup>th</sup>/23 the fire department has approximately \$44,000 remaining to year-end.
- Extrication equipment is in need of repair and/or replacement. It is becoming very hard to find replacement parts.
- Reeve Donaldson suggested that the fire department consider purchasing new extrication equipment.
- Marc stated that quotations have been requested, but none have been received to date.

Marc was thanked for the information and left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

**McIntyre/Cormier:**

A motion to move 'in camera' at 7:14 p.m. to discuss Ball Park Road

**Carried.**

**De Carlo/Cormier:**

A motion to move from 'in camera' at 7:42 p.m.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/McIntyre:**

A motion to remain status quo regarding the Ball Park Road issue.

**Carried.**

**McIntyre/De Carlo:**

A motion to approve the Township's September 30<sup>th</sup>/23 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,444,376.66.

**Carried.**

**Cormier/Fiset:**

A motion to approve the ELCF September 30<sup>th</sup>/23 Treasurer's Report.

General Revenue Account Balance: \$130,648.07.

**Carried.**

**McIntyre/Cormier:**

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James September/23 Accounts totaling \$115,885.48.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/Cormier:**

A motion to approve the payment of ELCF September/23 Accounts totaling \$1,684.04.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/Cormier:**

A motion to accept Connors Sand & Gravel Inc. quotation for snow plowing municipal roads for the 2023-24 winter season @ \$225.00 per hour.

**Carried.**

**De Carlo/McIntyre:**

A motion to approve the sale of five vacant lots on Main Street for \$2,500.00 plus HST and cost of conveyance.

**Carried.**

Item 8.2: Councillor McIntyre stated that all programs/support staff, etc. are situated in New Liskeard and Kirkland Lake. The small towns have been left out. The CSWB must provide some services to the small municipalities.

Item 8.3: Discussions regarding the 2023 Christmas Party:

- Attendees will include volunteers, staff and council.
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 310 will be the venue pending confirmation of the date, November 25/23.
- The menu may include pizza and chicken wings.
- Andre & Jocelyn Bilodeau have offered to volunteer at the Christmas Party.

Item 8.4: Succession Planning

- George Degagne is preparing to ease out of his position on the ELFVD.
- Public Works and Administration staff are solid.

Item 8.5: Key Performance Indicators

- Permanent Staff will have two interviews per year.
- Each interviewee will be given a dollar value to determine the employee's annual bonus.

**De Carlo/S McIntyre:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

**Carried.**