

**The Corporation of the Township of Gillies
Regular Council Meeting for November 28, 2022 at 6:30PM.**

Present: Wendy Wright, Reeve
Rudy Buitenhuis, Councillor
Bill Groenheide, Councillor (arrived virtually 6:42 PM)
Elizabeth Jones, Councillor
Daniel Vanlenthe, Councillor

Also Present: Laura Bruni, Dipl.M.A. Clerk/Treasurer
Lynda Lex, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Scott Hole, Fire Chief
Members of the public

1. Call to order

Reeve Wright called the meeting to order at 6:40PM.

The Township of Gillies respectfully acknowledges that the lands on which we live, and work are the traditional lands of the Anishinabek Nation and the traditional territory of Fort William First Nation, signatory to the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850.

As partners with First Nations communities, the Métis Nation of Ontario, and Inuit people, the Municipality is committed to the common vision of a healthy, safe and sustainable community.

2. Confirmation of the agenda

Resolution No. 2022-208

Moved By: Councillor Buitenhuis

Seconded By: Councillor Jones

Be it resolved that the regular council meeting agenda for the Township of Gillies held on November 28, 2022 be approved.

Carried

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest

4. Adoption of the minutes

4.1 Minutes – Regular Meeting – November 7, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-209

Moved By: Councillor Jones

Seconded By: Councillor Buitenhuis

Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 7, 2022 be approved as amended.

Carried

Amendment was to list Councillor Buitenhuis as attending virtually.

4.2 Minutes – Inaugural Meeting – November 15, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-210

Moved By: Councillor Jones

Seconded By: Councillor Vanlenthe

Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Inaugural Council Meeting held on November 15, 2022 be approved as prepared.

Carried

5. Visitors and deputations

6. Finances and accounts

6.1 Accounts Payable – Payment Register as of November 3, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-211

Moved By: Councillor Vanlenthe

Seconded By: Councillor Buitenhuis

Be it resolved that the Expense Disbursement List as of November 24, 2022 in the amount of \$57,688.19 be approved for payment.

Carried

6.2 Payroll – Employee Cheque History Report – Pay Period 41 to 42

Resolution No. 2022-212

Moved By: Councillor Vanlenthe

Seconded By: Councillor Jones

Be it resolved that the Employee Cheque History Payroll Report in the amount of \$10,053.38 for Pay Period 38 to 40 be approved for payment.

Carried

7. Municipal Reports

7.1 Administrative Report – November 7, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-213

Moved By: Councillor Jones

Seconded By: Councillor Vanlenthe

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies will closed the Municipal Office beginning December 19, 2022 and reopen January 3, 2023, in line with the Lakehead Public School Board.

Carried

Resolution No. 2022-214

Moved By: Councillor Jones

Seconded By: Councillor Buitenhuis

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies approves the Clerk/Treasurer to purchase gift cards in the amount of \$75 for each municipal staff and council, in lieu of a Christmas dinner.

Carried

Councillor Vanlenthe has been appointed as the Community Schools Alliance Liaison and Councillor Jones has been appointed as the Municipal League back up representative.

7.2 Roads Report

Councillor Groenheide presented the Roads Report. He also informed Council that a quote will be at the next meeting to discuss the replacement of both fuel tanks at the garage.

Councillor Groenheide updated Council on equipment maintenance and landfill issues related to recycling.

Council was informed that GFL will suddenly no longer pick up one of the bins due to the bin needing repairs as requested by GFL. Council has determined that Gillies will rent a bin from GFL in the interim, until a long-term solution can be discussed. Reeve Wright will discuss this with GFL, as requested by Council.

Reeve Wright questioned Councillor Groenheide on his hours at the garage.

The Clerk/Treasurer questioned Council as to why Badger Mine Road and Haymarsh Road have not been plowed or sanded. The Roads workers will be advised by Councillor Groenheide that these roads must be maintained in the winter.

Council Groenheide requested that Council consider closing portions of roads in the winter to save on maintenance costs. This matter will be discussed in 2023 however, there are no plans to close any roads this winter.

7.3 Fire Department Report – September and October 2022

Report was presented and filed.

7.4 Council Reports

Councillor Groenheide – no report

Councillor Buitenhuis – Questioned who the Weed Inspector was and requested a follow up on this matter, at a future date.

Councillor Jones – no report

Councillor Vanlenthe – no report

Reeve Wright provided Council an update on the Thunder Bay District Municipal League annual conference being held in March.

8. Correspondence

8.1 TBDSSAB Board Meeting – October 20, 2022

For information.

8.2 TBDSSAB Board information session

For information.

8.3 LRCA Christmas invitation for Council

For information.

8.4 Letter from Minister Bethlenfalvy re: OMPF Funding allocations for 2023

For information.
The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund for Gillies Township will be reduced by \$10,000 for 2023.

8.5 Board of Health Minutes – October 19, 2022

For information.

8.6 CCBF payment notice (formerly Gas Tax)

For information.

8.7 Email from Minister Clark re: congratulations
For information.

8.8 TBDSSAB re: housing and homelessness prevention
For information.

9. Unfinished business

10. New business

10.1 Blue Box transitioning report

Resolution No. 2022-215

Moved By: Councillor Jones

Seconded By: Councillor Buitenhuis

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies agrees, in principal, to contract with Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) for the transition of the Blue Box program.

Carried

10.2 Report 2022-10 Landfill recycling bins

This matter was previously discussed under 7.2. Further to this discussion Councillor Groenheide was requested to take photos of the bins with the Roads workers.

10.3 Green Acre re: requesting a letter of support remain operational during holidays for 2023

Resolution No. 2022-217

Moved By: Councillor Buitenhuis

Seconded By: Councillor Jones

Whereas the Corporation of the Township of Gillies has not passed a by-law under section 148 of the Municipal Act to close retail business establishments; and

Whereas the Council for the Township of Gillies deems it to be necessary for Green Acre Variety to be operational during holidays as defined under the Retail Business Holidays Act; and

Whereas Green Acre Variety has obtained proper liquor licensing through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies approves Green Acre Variety to remain open and sell alcohol on all Provincial and Federal holidays in the years of 2023 to 2026.

Carried

10.4 ROMA re: call for Board of Directors nominations 2023-2027

Councillor Jones is interested in this position and more information will be brought back to the next meeting.

11. By-laws

11.1 By-law 2022-25 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Reeve

Resolution No. 2022-218

Moved By: Councillor Jones

Seconded By: Councillor Buitenhuis

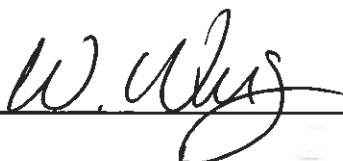
Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies approves the Reeve and Clerk/Treasurer to affix their signatures to By-law 2022-25 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Reeve.

Carried


12. Closed Session

13. Adjournment

Time: 8:30PM



Reeve



Clerk