

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies
Regular Council Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Present: Rudy Buitenhuis, Deputy Reeve/Councillor
Bill Groenheide, Councillor (virtual)
Elizabeth Jones, Councillor
Daniel Vanlenthe, Councillor

Also Present: Laura Bruni, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer
Lynda Lex, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
Members of the public (virtual)

Not Present: Wendy Wright, Reeve

1. Call to order

Deputy Reeve Buitenhuis called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

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. 2023-48

Moved By: Councillor Jones
Seconded By: Councillor Vanlenthe

Be it resolved that the regular meeting agenda for the Township of Gillies held on March 13, 2023 be adopted as prepared.
Carried

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest

4. Adoption of the minutes

4.1 Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 13, 2023

Resolution No. 2023-49

Moved By: Councillor Jones
Seconded By: Councillor Groenheide

Be it resolved that the regular minutes for the Township of Gillies held on February 13, 2023 be adopted as prepared.
Carried

5. Visitors and deputations

6. Finances and accounts

6.1 Accounts Payable – Payment Register as of March 9, 2023

Resolution No. 2023-50

Moved By: Councillor Jones

Seconded By: Councillor Groenheide

Be it resolved that the Expense Disbursement List as of March 9, 2023 in the amount of \$33,542.41 be approved for payment.

Carried

6.2 Payroll – Employee Cheque History Report – Pay Period 07 to 08

Resolution No. 2023-51

Moved By: Councillor Vanlenthe

Seconded By: Councillor Jones

Be it resolved that the Employee Cheque History Payroll Report in the amount of \$7,112.79 Pay Period 07 to 08 be approved for payment.

Carried

7. Administrative reports

7.1 Admin Report – March 9, 2023

Report is filed. In addition to the report, the Clerk reported that Fotenn is looking to attend the Council meeting of April 24th to kick off the beginning work for the Official Plan.

7.2 Council Reports – Verbal

Councillor Jones reported on her attendance at the Lakehead Rural Planning Board (LRPB). Councillor Jones also reported she will not be in attendance for the next LRPB meeting.

Councillor Groenheide reported that the fuel tanks are not installed yet.

Councillor Groenheide also reported that the grader needs further repairs and the mechanic will be looking at the vehicle in the next few weeks. Further, he reported the sandpile is low with about 10 loads remaining.

Councillor Buitenhuis had no report.

8. Correspondence

8.1 TBDSSAB Board Meeting Minutes for Regular and Closed – January 26, 2023

For information.

8.2 Board of Health Minutes – Regular – January 18, 2023

For information.

8.3 Email from MPAC re: Farm Forestry Exemption

For information. The Treasurer reported that Gillies will be impacted by the additional 10% exemption for an approximate dollar amount of \$600.00.

8.4 Email from OPP re: October to December 2022 Detachment Revenue

For information.

8.5 Email from TBDSSAB re: Board updates

For information.

8.6 Letter from University of Guelph re: Invitation to participate in a research study

For information.

8.7 Letter from MNR re: Amendments to O.Reg 131/17 under the *Public Lands Act*

For information.

8.8 Letter from MECP re: Modernization of the environmental assessment process
For information.

9. Unfinished business

9.1 Sand pile tonne report
For information.

9.2 Weed Inspector update and letter from OMAFRA

Council was informed that there was no weed inspector for Gillies at this time. A job advertisement for the volunteer position will be circulated to the community through the municipal newsletter.

9.3 Quotes for spare tire

Resolution No. 2023-52

Moved By: Councillor Jones

Seconded By: Councillor Groenheide

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies approves the quote from Fountain Tire in the amount of \$2,405.52.

Carried

10. New business

10.1 Human Rights and Equity training for elected officials

Resolution No. 2023-53

Moved By: Councillor Groenheide

Seconded By: Councillor Vanlenthe

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies approves Reeve Wright and Councillor Jones to attend the Human Rights and Equity training for elected officials.

Carried

10.2 Report 2023-03 from Clerk re: *Pay Equity Act*

Resolution No. 2023-54

Moved By: Councillor Jones

Seconded By: Councillor Groenheide

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies agrees to form a committee for the purposes of reviewing pay equity and to provide a report to Council; and

Further, that the following individuals will be part of the committee:
Reeve Wright, Councillor Vanlenthe, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Laura Bruni, and Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Lynda Lex.

Carried

11. By-laws

11.1 By-law 2023-04 to appoint a Clerk/Deputy Treasurer (Laura Bruni)

Resolution No. 2023-55

Moved By: Councillor Vanlenthe

Seconded By: Councillor Jones

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies approves the Reeve and Clerk to affix their signatures to by-law 2023-04 being a by-law to appoint a Clerk/Deputy Treasurer.
Carried

11.2 By-law 2023-05 to appoint a Treasurer/Deputy Clerk (Lynda Lex)

Resolution No. 2023-56

Moved By: Councillor Groenheide
Seconded By: Councillor Jones

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies approves the Reeve and Clerk to affix their signatures to by-law 2023-05 being a by-law to appoint a Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
Carried

12. Closed session

Closed to the public pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act to discuss matters related to identifiable individuals including municipal or local board employees, and Section 239 (2) (f) Solicitor-client privilege

Matters being to review payroll information, review closed minutes, discuss HR items, and matters related to solicitor-client privilege.

Time 7:10 PM

Resolution No. 2023-57

Moved By: Councillor Jones
Seconded By: Councillor Vanlenthe

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Matters being to review payroll information, review closed minutes, discuss HR items, and matters related to solicitor-client privilege.
Carried

Resolution No. 2023-58

Moved By: Councillor Jones
Seconded By: Councillor Vanlenthe

Be it resolved that the time being 7:41PM we do now rise from the closed session and return to the open meeting.
Carried

Resolution No. 2023-59

Moved By: Councillor Jones
Seconded By: Councillor Groenheide

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Gillies authorizes the Clerk/Deputy Treasurer to proceed as directed in the closed session.
Carried

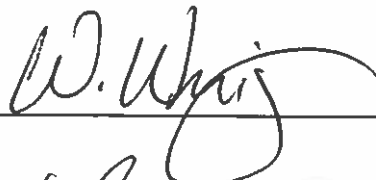
Resolution No. 2023-60

Moved By: Councillor Jones
Seconded By: Councillor Vanlenthe


Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Closed Meeting held on February 13th, 2023 be approved as prepared/amended.
Carried

13. Adjournment

Time: 7:42 PM



Reeve



Clerk