

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies
Regular Council Meeting Minutes for November 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM
1092 Highway 595, Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0 (virtual to the public)

Present: Wendy Wright, Reeve (in-person)
Rudy Buitenhuis, Councillor (in-person)
Bill Groenheide, Councillor (in-person)
Elizabeth Jones, Councillor (virtual)
Daniel Vanlenthe, Councillor (in-person)

Also Present: Laura Bruni, Clerk-Treasurer (in-person)
Nikita Cava, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer (in-person)
Scott Hole, Fire Chief (virtual)
Members of the public (virtual)

1. Call to order

Reeve Wright called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

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. 2023-184

Moved By: Councillor Groenheide
Seconded By: Councillor Vanlenthe

Be it resolved that the regular meeting agenda for the Township of Gillies held on November 27, 2023 be adopted.
Carried

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest

4. Adoption of the minutes

5. Visitors and deputations

6. Finances and accounts

6.1 Accounts Payable – Payment register as of November 22, 2023

Resolution No. 2023-185

Moved By: Councillor Buitenhuis
Seconded By: Councillor Vanlenthe

Be it resolved that the Expense Disbursement List as of November 22, 2023 in the amount of \$8,736.89 be approved for payment.
Carried

7. Administrative reports

7.1 Clerk-Treasurer – Verbal report

The Clerk requested information about the past entrance and clearing plan related to Pinegrove Cemetery to be able to plan for the spring. Council requested that a committee structure be provided for any future plans. Information for committee structures will be brought back to the next meeting.

The Clerk provided updates relating to an LRCA meeting she attended about phragmites, ongoing AODA compliance work, supplemental tax bills will go out in the next few weeks, TD Bank is now working correctly for electronic bill payments, reported that she is extremely behind in updating the website with minutes due to compliance with AODA however, it should be posted in the next few weeks, and that she is approximately 1.5 months behind in day to day work. The Municipal Audit is scheduled for February and March although, depending on work load it may get pushed back.

7.2 Council Reports – Verbal

At this time item 7.3 Fire Chiefs report was discussed (see item 7.3).

Councillor Groenheide had no report

Councillor Buitenhuis reported the Conservation Authority Budget increase is approximately \$50.00 in 2024 for Gillies Township.

Councillor Vanlenthe reported he spoke with a member of the public re: planning and wanted to know about advertising to the public for the Official Plan. The Clerk informed that the Official Plan will be circulated through the mail outs (same as the newsletters) and placed on the website when the dates are scheduled.

Councillor Jones had no report.

Reeve Wright reported on her attendance at the last TBDML meeting. The Emergency Management Training is December 4th from 6 PM to 10 PM.

Councillor Vanlenthe request that the Federal grant related for Greener Homes Initiative be posted on the website.

7.3 Fire Chief – October

This item was discussed before item 7.2 (Council reports).
For information, filed.

8. Correspondence

8.1 TBDSSAB Minutes – Regular Closed – October 19, 2023
For information.

8.2 Ronald McDonald House Charities re: 2024 donation request
For information. No action.

8.3 TBDML Minutes – September 16, 2023
For information.

8.4 TBDSSAB re: update from the board
For information.

8.5 TBDML re: sponsorship request
For information. No action.

9. Unfinished business

9.1 Newsletter discussion re: next steps

A discussion was held around next steps as it relates to the future of the newsletter. The newsletter will be placed on hold until such time that the document can be provided in an accessible format. An update on initiatives will be provided at a future Council Meeting.

10. New business

10.1 Administrative report 2023-09 re: cell phone renewals

Resolution No. 2023-186

Moved By: Councillor Groenheide
Seconded By: Councillor Jones

Be it resolved that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the purchase of five new cell phones through Tbaytel with a plan of \$70.00 per month, plus HST.
Carried

11. By-laws

11.1 By-law 2023-18 being a by-law to provide for tax relief for 2023.

Resolution No. 2023-187

Moved By: Councillor Vanlenthe
Seconded By: Councillor Groenheide

Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Gillies approves the Reeve and Clerk to affix their signatures to by-law 2023-18 being a by-law to provide for tax relief for 2023.
Carried

11. Closed session

13. Adjournment

Time 7:51 PM

X

Wendy Wright, Reeve

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Laura Bruni, Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk