

MINUTES

Those present were: MAYOR – CHUCK HALL

DEPUTY MAYOR – IAN BREBNER

COUNCILLOR (WARD 1) – MARYSIA COUTTS

COUNCILLOR (WARD 2) – KEN JOHNSTON

COUNCILLOR (WARD 3) – MICHAEL CONLIN

COUNCILLOR (WARD 4) – LAWRENCE McLACHLAN

COUNCILLOR (WARD 5) – LUCY HENDRIKX

ADMINISTRATOR CLERK – SHIRLEY SCOTT

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT – JOE ADAMS

Also present was a reporter from the Middlesex Banner, Kate Vandeven

The following pecuniary interests was declared in writing, by Lawrence McLachlan:

"I, Lawrence McLachlan, declare a conflict of interest in regard to the Lagerwerf, site plan approval, and Twilight Farms, rezoning and severance."

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed, and the various amendments made. There was discussion regarding the Thedford wells, while reviewing the May 1, minutes. Public Works Superintendent Joe Adams advised that the Thedford wells will eventually be shut down, due to the barium content. There is a 6-inch line to the Avenue Road. There is an agreement with maximum flow of 7.5 litres per second. The flow is being monitored closely, so as to protect our own volume. An alternative is to insert a clay valve system to maintain 60 psi on our side. The cost is \$800, and can be put in place in three days. Council agreed that the system should be monitored at this time. The following motion was then made.

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from May 1, May 14, May 22, May 28 and June 4, 2001, printed and delivered to each member be accepted.
CARRIED.

MEADOWGATE SUBDIVISION

JOHNSTON-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipality of North Middlesex accept responsibility for the streets of Phase 1, in Meadowgate Subdivision.
CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS

The accounts were reviewed, and the following motion made.

McLACHLAN-BREBNER: BE IT RESOLVED THAT payment of accounts in the amount of \$294,497.56 be approved.
CARRIED.

NORTH MIDDLESEX BUILDING SYSTEM

Shirley Scott advised that the financial statement for North Middlesex had been received. They have suggested that no further meetings be held. There is a surplus of \$5,714, and it has been suggested that this be divided amongst the members. The following motion was then made.

HENDRIKX-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the North Middlesex Building System, be accepted.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

CONLIN-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting adjourn to review applications as Committee of Adjustment.

CARRIED.

Upon re-adjournment, the following business was dealt with.

DELEGATION: ANDY WIECKOWSKI

Andy Wieckowski and Maria VanBommel, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, then attended the meeting to discuss the fence matter, previously discussed at May 7th meeting. Mr. Wieckowski is again requesting partial consideration of the fence repair. Mrs. Van Bommel stated that the damage was done due to snow being pushed back. Damages were estimated at \$1,500. Mr. Wieckowski stated that the damage was where the snow was the most. He has started repairs. The wooden posts are 48-50 feet apart with steel posts between. standard page wire fencing was used.

Joe Adams then reviewed his report with the delegation stating that 70% of the problem was the construction of the fence. There was no agreement between the property owner and the Township, for repair. A site visit revealed that the fence was in the wrong location; there was no leaning of the fence from snow pressure; the wooden posts used were old hydro poles and short staples were used - these were laying on the ground indicating they had pulled out due to being too short; and the fence was not properly attached to the steel posts, therefore slipping straight down.

Mr. Wieckowski suggested that the same fence was in other areas, but only damaged by the road because the plows were going too fast. He suggested that the snow be pushed back more often, in the future to prevent this problem. Mr. Adams stated that if the damage were due to wing pressure, the fence posts would have been bent. Mr. Wieckowski stated that the fence was covered with snow, and laying 15 feet into the field. When asked if it could be rest retched, Mr. Wieckowski advised that it was broke in four spots. Councillor Hendrikx remarked that if the damage had been due to the snow, it was a wonder that we had not heard of other fence damages.

It was suggested to the delegation that perhaps a survey would be required to locate the fence in the proper place. This would be expensive, but would perhaps prevent this from re-occurring.

When it was questioned if personal insurance covered this sort of damage, the delegation responded that the insurance company was not happy to hear that the fence was in bad shape.

Mayor Hall thanked the delegation for attending, and advised that we would get back to them with Council's decision.

LAGERWERF – SITE PLAN AGREEMENT

Barb Rosser reviewed her report regarding past process in acquiring the site plan approval for site plan control for the Lagerwerf's. The Official Plan has been amended to allow site plan control. And the proposed site plan has had two readings. The third reading can be done after site plan approval has been registered on title. The applicant is responsible for costs for registration. Council was advised that site plan control situations would require continuous monitoring. After careful consideration, the following motion was made.

HENDRIKX-JOHNSTON: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council enter into an agreement in accordance with By-law #17 of 2000, with Jacob Lagerwerf and Bessie May Anderson, to establish temporary permitted uses for a portable food concession and a miniature golf range, as amended June 18 and upon receipt of \$1,000 deposit.

CARRIED.

ROAD CLOSING

Council determined that this matter would defer, pending further information. Public Works Superintendent advised that only two small sections of road could be sold off, due to the required access to drains. This is to be discussed further at the July 3, 2001 meeting.

ICE/HAIL DAMAGE

Public Works Superintendent, Joe Adams reviewed the quotations regarding ice and hail damage, as discussed with the insurance adjuster. All costs were reviewed. Councillor Johnston drew the street light fixtures to the attention of Council, and asked that they be added to the list for consideration. After a thorough discussion, the following motion was made.

CONLIN-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the insurance company to go ahead with all ice and hail damage repairs in the Municipality as quoted.

CARRIED.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting adjourn to an in camera session, to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes; and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED.

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the in-camera session adjourn at 11:20 p.m.

CARRIED.

Council re-adjourned, and considered and accepted the following recommendations.

SURPLUS PROPERTIES

HENDRIKX-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council have the surplus properties appraised by K. J. Stubb & Associates Ltd. for a cost of \$2,950.00

CARRIED.

SEVERANCE PACKAGE FOR LINDA GROKE

COUTTS-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the exit package to Linda Groke as presented in camera, be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

JOHN STREET IN AILSA CRAIG

JOHNSTON-McLACHLAN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council extend John Street in the former Village of Ailsa Craig to the north limits of the railway lands.

CARRIED.

POSITION OF TREASURER

HENDRIKX-COUTTS: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council interview five applicants for the position of Treasurer/Tax Collector as soon as possible, and that Administrator, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Parkhill Councillor conduct the interviews.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move the five recommendations received from the June 11 Committee meeting, as follows:

-that a student hired at the arena for over one year, be paid according to the grid established earlier in the year.

-that Council authorize the Works Department to purchase a ¾ ton 4x4 pick up truck with an appropriate box to serve the water department, from the water account.

-that a landlord/tenant policy be adopted, requiring any water bill being sent to the tenant to require a deposit of \$150, refundable upon the tenant moving, and being in good standing with their water bill.

-that proper by-laws be prepared to have signs erected at Pete Sebe and Elliott (change yield to stop) and at John and Annie Ada Shipley.

-that Jackie Tiedeman be appointed as signing authority at bank on a temporary basis until position of treasurer is filled.

CARRIED.

CLERKS REPORT

Administrator Clerk Shirley Scott advised that:

- the township would be entering into a fence-viewing situation
- a Smart Growth session will be attended
- a exchange student can be shared with the County Library. Tanya feels she can find duties for this person. Council agreed that this was appropriate.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

HENDRIKX-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #46 of 2001, to confirm the proceedings of the Council of North Middlesex at its meeting held on June 18, 2001, be read a first, second, third time and finally passed this 18th day of June, 2001.

CARRIED.

COUTTS-CONLIN: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting adjourn at 11:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Council agreed that a meeting would be held June 25, 2001, to finish the June 18th agenda.


MAYOR - DEPUTY


ADMINISTRATOR