Township of Howick Council Meeting Minutes October 15, 2019

Present: Reeve Doug Harding
Deputy Reeve Eldon Bowman
Councillor Doug Hargrave
Councillor Megan Gibson
Councillor Bob Illman
Public Works Coordinator Brady Nolan
Treasurer Jean Hughes
Clerk Carol Watson

1. Call to Order
Reeve Harding called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Illman:
Be it resolved that Council approve the agenda as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 287/19

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof
No one declared a pecuniary interest in relation to any item on the agenda at this time.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:
Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 Council meeting as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 288/19

5. Staff Reports

5.1 Public Works Coordinator Brady Nolan
Coordinator Nolan presented report to Council-Public Works-2019-41 recommending an increase in wages for causal employees at the Howick Community Centre.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:
Be it resolved that Council approve an increase of $7.11/hour for Bruce Skillen and Dale Hunt while preforming ice making duties and a $2/hour increase for both employees while preforming other Recreation duties, effective until November 4, 2019. Carried. Resolution No. 289/19


Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Councillor Illman:
Be it resolved that Council approve the hiring of Brady Ropp for the Recreation Facilities Supervisor position effective November 4, 2019 at step 6 of the 2019 wage grid; and further, authorize the Reeve to sign the Terms of Employment. Carried. Resolution No. 290/19
Coordinator Nolan also presented report to Council/Public Works-2019-43 seeking Council approval to purchase MESH software. Council agreed to sign up for two years to receive the 10% discount.

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Illman:**

Be it resolved that Council approve using a portion of the Municipal Modernization Funds for MESH software set up fee of $1,900 and 2019, 2020 and 2021 user fees of $400/month. Carried. Resolution No. 291/19

5.2 Treasurer Jean Hughes

Treasurer Hughes presented report to Council/Finance-2019-23 providing the accounts payable listing. Coordinator Nolan explained the truck invoice and advised that the profit sharing for the Howick Optimist was incorrect as listed and would be corrected.

6. Council Committee and Board Reports

Minutes from the Fordwich Village Management Board meeting held September 23, 2019 were received. Reeve Harding spoke on the public meeting held October 9, 2019.

Minutes from the Wroxeter Community Hall Board meeting held October 7, 2019 were received.

Minutes from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting held July 16, 2019 were received.

**Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Illman:**

Be it resolved that Council receive the minutes from the Council Committee and Board included in the October 15, 2019 agenda. Carried. Resolution No. 292/19

7. Economic Development

Huron County Economic Development updates for September 2019 were received.

8. Correspondence

An invitation received from Fordwich Park Board to join the Howick Christmas Dinner and Dance was discussed.

**Moved by Councillor Illman; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:**

Be it resolved that Council approve the purchase of tickets for Council members and Howick municipal staff (permanent full-time and part-time and volunteer firefighters) along with their respective spouses/partners to the 2019 Fordwich Parks Christmas Dinner and Dance being held on December 14, 2019. Carried. Resolution No. 293/19

Correspondence received from Saugeen Conservation including the 2020 draft budget was noted and filed.

Correspondence received from Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Humane Society regarding what the future of animal welfare looks like was noted and filed.

Correspondence received from Township of Springwater including comments regarding joint and several liability was noted and filed.
9. Members Privilege – Good News and Celebrations

Reeve Harding shared a thank you received from Fall Fair Ambassador 1st runner up Charlotte Todd and advised that the new floor was being installed in the auditorium at the Howick Community Centre.

Councillor Gibson advised that clean up of the Wroxeter Park was scheduled for October 26, 2019 starting at 9 am and the Firefighters Breakfast was scheduled for October 20, 2019.

Deputy Reeve Bowman shared that The Bare Necessities in Fordwich was now a LCBO Convenience Outlet.

10. Motion

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Illman:
Be it resolved that Council approve amendments to Township Board Fees and Charges for the Belmore Community Centre, Schedule “H” of By-law 13-2015, as amended. Carried. Resolution No. 294/19

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Illman; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:
Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 45-2019; being a by-law to confirm the actions of Council at the October 15, 2019 Council meeting. Carried. Resolution No. 295/19

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:
Be it resolved that Council adjourn the Council meeting at 8:35 pm. Carried. Resolution No. 296/19

Reeve Doug Harding  
Clerk Carol Watson