

**MINUTES OF AGENDA NUMBER 27, OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD, HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2020, VIA TELECONFERENCING AND IN PERSON AT LAIRD HALL**

Present: *Mayor:* Dick Beitz  
*Councillors:* Shawn Evoy  
 Ed Lapish  
 Todd Rydall  
 Frank Turco  
*Clerk:* Phyllis MacKay  
*Road Superintendent:* David Pollari

**ON MOTION (No. 133-20)** of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Ed Lapish that Council approves minutes of November 19, and 27, 2020, as presented. **CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 134-20)** of Todd Rydall, seconded by Shawn Evoy that Council approves general accounts to December 17, 2020, as presented in the amount of \$42,700.28. **CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 135-20)** of Ed Lapish, seconded by Frank Turco that Council approves road accounts to November 30, 2020 as presented in the amount of \$47,529.32. **CARRIED**

It was the consensus of Council to take agenda item 4 b) next.

**ON MOTION (No. 136-20)** of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that council confirms purchase of half-ton truck from Maitland Motors at a cost of \$45,648.01. **CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 137-30)** of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Ed Lapish that Council replies to Bar River WI as follows:

- Council doesn't wish to spend in excess of \$50,000 in COVID-19 times
- Spend a little at a time on something the township owns
- Will look to see alternatives for heritage items
- Did WI look at Knox Presbyterian Church?

**CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 138-30)** of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Ed Lapish that Council responds to property owner at 195 Lake George Road West that the road is constructed to regulated specifications and don't feel any changes are required.

**CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 139-20)** of Frank Turco, seconded by Todd Rydall that Council petitions the Federal Government in developing a comprehensive pan-Canadian overdose action plan. **CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 140-20)** of Todd Rydall, seconded by Shawn Evoy that Council approves Tax Ratio and Interim Tax By-laws, as presented. **CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 141-20)** of Ed Lapish, seconded by Todd Rydall that Council reviewed the Lot Addition request of 625 Finns' Bay Road North and advises that it be approved and septic system should be included in the receiving lot.

**CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 142-20)** of Todd Rydall, seconded by Frank Turco that Council supports resolution of Howick Township in petitioning the Provincial Government reduce interest rates on Tile Drainage Loans and increase loan limit to \$100,000.00. **CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 143-20)** of Ed Lapish, seconded by Shawn Evoy that Council acknowledges probable annual insurance premium rate increase of 10.2% for 2021. **CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 144-20)** of Todd Rydall, seconded by Ed Lapish that Council supports City of Hamilton in requesting the Provincial Government place an interim cap of 2.5megs tonnes per year on our gas plan and greenhouse gas pollution and develop, and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation to 2030 to ensure that Ontario meets its climate target. **CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 145-20)** of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Ed Lapish that Council applies to the COVID-19 Infrastructure Grant for the municipal garage roof replacement in the amount of \$100,000.00. **CARRIED**

Repairs needed at the Bar River hall were discussed. No solution appears to be imminent.

It was the consensus of Council to keep an account of costs associated with damage done to Calabogie Road West and bill landowner.

**ON MOTION (No. 146-20)** of Ed Lapish, seconded by Frank Turco that Council closes the next portion of the meeting to discuss personal issues relating to retirement and succession. **CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 147-20)** of Ed Lapish, seconded by Todd Rydall that council returns to open meeting. **CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 148-20)** of Todd Rydall, seconded by Shawn Evoy that Council accepts recommendation of the Clerk regarding retirement and succession positions, and change signing authorities and address any other mandatory regulations. **CARRIED**

**ON MOTION (No. 149-20)** of Ed Lapish, seconded by Shawn Evoy that the Council meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m. **CARRIED**

Mayor –

Clerk –