

MINUTES OF AGENDA NUMBER 38, OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD, HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2021, HELD IN PERSON AT THE LAIRD HALL.

Present: *Mayor:* Dick Beitz
Councillors: Shawn Evoy
 Frank Turco
 Todd Rydall

Absent: Ed Lapish

Acting Clerk: Jennifer Errington

Road Superintendent: David Pollari

Guests: Sally Kennedy, Dan Cooper, and Ann Cooper

ON MOTION (No. 143-21) of Todd Rydall, seconded by Shawn Evoy that Council approves Council minutes of July 15 and August 3, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

Consensus of Council to take items on Agenda out of order to deal with 5. i) & ii) and 5 b).

Ms. Sally Kennedy spoke to Council about her zoning concerns outlined in her letter dated July 26, 2021. Ms. Kennedy informed Council that she is very concerned that 609 Lakeview Road is operating a commercial business. Councillor Rydall communicated that he met with the property owner along with the Mayor and By-law Officer to discuss zoning concerns. Councillor Rydall communicated to Ms. Kennedy that the property owner would be willing to move the driveway as a way to mitigate some of the concerns. Ms. Kennedy indicated that her biggest concern is water, there is a hand dug well on the property, and it is her understanding that the well is not capped. Mayor Beitz responded to her concerns by stating that he would meet with property owner to address the well concerns. In closing, Ms. Kennedy indicate that she would like to take property owner up on their offer to have the driveway moved.

Ann and Dan Cooper spoke to Council about the drainage ditch that was intended to be located between lots 29 and 28 of Plan 1M463, stating that the ditch is actually flowing onto Lot 30. Road Superintendent Pollari confirmed that the ditch is not where it was supposed to be as per the subdivision maps. Road Superintendent indicated that the township would not be able to use the backhoe to move the ditch due to the location, as area is heavily wooded. Road Superintendent indicated that it would be costly to hire someone and/or rent proper equipment to correct the drainage issue.

ON MOTION (No. 144-21) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Todd Rydall that Council advises property owner(s) at 630 Pumpkin Point Road West that one travel trailer may be placed on that property while building, this approval is good until December 31, 2021.

CARRIED

ON MOTION (No. 145-21) of Todd Rydall, seconded by Shawn Evoy that Council approves general accounts to August 12, 2021, as presented in the amount of \$14,882.38.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the agenda item A.4.a) External Funding & External Funding Reserves. Councillor Turco indicated that he would like to hold off on spending the funds at this time. Councillor Evoy indicated that he felt it would be beneficial to compare the costs of hiring a company to cut the grass versus having township staff cut grass at the Fairgrounds before being able to make an informed decision on purchasing a utility tractor.

ON MOTION (No. 146-21) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Todd Rydall that Council receives the External Funding & External Funding Reserves document, as presented. Council requests to have staff investigate how much it costs to have staff cut grass at fairgrounds versus tendering out fairgrounds cutting, as discussed. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 147-21) of Todd Rydall, seconded by Frank Turco that Council approves using COVID 19 funding to install a new front door with wheelchair opener and mail slot for the municipal office, as discussed. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 148-21) of Frank Turco, seconded by Todd Rydall that Council approves quote of Maverick & Son Exteriors and Consulting Services Inc. in the amount of \$117,410.00 plus HST for Municipal Public Works roofing replacement requirements, as discussed. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 149-21) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council will donate the use of the Laird Hall to Quilts for Kids. Quilts for Kids can use the Hall twice a month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the remainder of 2021, with the stipulation that the group must clean up after themselves. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 150-21) of Todd Rydall, seconded by Shawn Evoy that Council approves the next portion of the meeting to be closed to the public to discuss a personal matter and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 151-21) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council to return to open meeting. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 152-21) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Todd Rydall that Council recommends hiring Cheryl Frenette as Laird Hall Custodian subject to Laird Hall committee consultation. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 153-21) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council accepts the offer of the owners of 630 Pumpkin Point Road West with the stipulation that Plan 1M463 Lot 29 and 28 will be joined to Lot 30 and the owners will be responsible for ditching and all legal fees, as presented and discussed. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 154-21) of Frank Turco, seconded by Todd Rydall that Council directs the Acting Clerk to make the offer to property owner of Plan H755, Lot 18 for future road realignment, as discussed. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 155-21) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council meeting be adjourned at 9:57 p.m. **CARRIED**

Mayor –

Acting Clerk –