

MINUTES OF AGENDA NUMBER 44, OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD, HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2022, HELD IN PERSON AT THE LAIRD HALL.

Present:	<i>Mayor:</i>	Dick Beitz
	<i>Councillors:</i>	Frank Turco
		Todd Rydall
		Shawn Evoy
	<i>Absent:</i>	Ed Lapish
	<i>Road Superintendent:</i>	David Pollari
	<i>Clerk:</i>	Jennifer Errington

It was consensus of Council to add items 5. i) Planning Board Correspondence, 5.j) API- delegation, and 5. k) Municipal Finance 101: A Fundamentals Course to the Agenda.

ON MOTION (No. 1-22) of Todd Rydall, seconded by Frank Turco that Council approves Council minutes of December 16, 2021, and the Recreation Committee minutes of December 21, 2021, as presented. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 2-22) of Todd Rydall, seconded by Frank Turco that Council approves general accounts to January 20, 2022 in the amount of \$17,675.95, as presented. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 3-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Todd Rydall that Council approves roads accounts to December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$108,205.01, as presented. **CARRIED**

Mayor Beitz asked if there were any questions for the Roads Superintendent. Councillor Rydall brought up the Neebish Road water access issue. The Roads Superintendent confirmed that he does not plow this access, and does not do so as it is not required by the Fire Department. Agenda item 4 d) Black Creek was discussed, The Roads Superintendent stated that the blockage issue does cause flooding on the roads and would like to see this resolved. It was consensus of Council to request Ministry of Natural Resources to have a site meeting in the spring.

The Roads Superintendent reported that there was a break in at the dump on January 23, 2022, it appears generator gas and all electronics from electronics bins were stolen.

Agenda item 4. a) Lakeview Bridge Replacement Project Update was discussed. It was consensus of Council to set up a meeting with Tulloch in the spring.

Agenda item 4 b) Laird Raceway Agreement Deliberations was discussed. It was consensus of Council to have the Clerk send a letter with Council's proposed amendments to the lease agreement and requested that Laird International Raceway provide in writing the proposed "Carry the Torch" clause for Council's review.

Agenda item 4 c) NORDS Grant – Update/Questions was discussed. The Clerk let Council know that the application has been submitted.

Agenda item 4 e) Speed Limit Signage – Update was discussed. It was consensus of Council to order the blue signs from Laird Signs.

ON MOTION (No. 4-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Todd Rydall that Council approves By-law 1043-22 to amend Schedule “A” to Cemetery By-law 882-08, as presented with amendments to include HST. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 5-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council approves insurance renewal of Algoma Insurance/Frank Cowan Insurance, in the amount of \$72,281.00 for the year 2022. **CARRIED**

Agenda item 5. d) Notice of Motion – RE: Revised Council Meeting Agenda, Councillor Evoy was discussed. It was consensus of Council to have the Clerk change the Agenda Format as a trial. If Council is in favour of the revisions the Procedural By-law will be amended.

Agenda item 5. f) 5-year Plan 2022 & 2023 amendments – DRAFT was discussed. It was consensus to have it on the next agenda to discuss with Roads Superintendent.

Agenda item 5. g) Committees and Boards – Laird Fairgrounds Committee selection process was discussed. It was consensus of Council to put in a newsletter that Council is looking for ratepayers to put their names forward for consideration.

Agenda item 5. h) December 30, 2021 Letter- Re: Hall Rental Fee Increase was discussed. It was consensus of Council that they wouldn't amend the fees however it is up to the caretaker to make a decision on the fee for the greater good of the community.

Agenda item 5 i) Planning Board Correspondence was discussed. It was consensus of Council to see if this matter can be resolved, Council would like to know what has been done to mediate the situation.

ON MOTION (No. 6-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council approves Clerk to enroll in the Municipal Finance 101: A Fundamentals Course in the amount of \$659.00 plus HST, as discussed. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 7-22) of Todd Rydall, seconded by Shawn Evoy that the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 8-22) of Todd Rydall, seconded by Frank Turco that Council return to open meeting. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 9-22) of Todd Rydall, seconded by Shawn Evoy that Council approves By-law 1044-24 to adopt Compensation Policy, as presented with amendments to include criteria for steps 4 to 7 of scale. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 10-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Todd Rydall that Council accepts Pay Equity Maintenance Plan and have the Mayor and Clerk sign document, as presented. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 11-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Todd Rydall that Council passed the following:

WHEREAS this motion proposes the reorganization of the reporting structure with-in the Township staff.

WHEREAS the purpose of this change is to align the township “works” under the current Road Superintendent with the following:

- 1) Move the waste facility maintenance and staff supervision under the Roads Superintendent.
- 2) Move the grounds keeper and maintenance equipment and staff supervision under the Roads Superintendent. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 12-22) of Todd Rydall, seconded by Shawn Evoy that Council meeting be adjourned at 9:47 p.m. **CARRIED**

Mayor –

Clerk –