

MINUTES OF AGENDA NUMBER 48, OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD, HELD ON APRIL 21, 2022, HELD IN PERSON AT THE LAIRD HALL.

Present: *Mayor:* Dick Beitz
Councilors: Frank Turco
 Shawn Evoy
Absent: Todd Rydall
 Ed Lapish
Roads Superintendent: David Pollari
Clerk: Jennifer Errington
Delegate: Jordan Gonda (electronic presentation)

It was the consensus of Council to have the delegate Mr. Jordan Gonda go before the routine matters section of the agenda. Mr. Gonda presented the Townships Asset Management Plan (AMP) to Council via Go To virtual meeting platform.

ON MOTION (No. 46-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council approves Council minutes of March 24, and the recreation committee minutes of March 29, 2022, as presented. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 47-22) of Frank Turco, seconded by Shawn Evoy that Council approves the general accounts to April 21, 2022, as presented in the amount of \$7,850.30. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 48-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council approves roads accounts to March 31, 2022 in the amount of \$21,470.67, as presented. **CARRIED**

1. Staff and Committee Reports

a) Roads Superintendent (Roads, Waste Disposal & Recycling & Maintenance)

- i. Council Q&A
- ii. Road Tour, set date and time?
 - Wait until half loads are lifted to set a date and time.
- iii. Amalgamated Tender Results
 - Ellwood Robinson Construction was awarded surface treatment tender again this year.
 - Would like to rent a packer for Lakeview Road during road preparations before surface treatment.
- b) Clerk Administrator, Deputy Treasurer
- c) Treasurer's Report
- d) Recreation Committee & Recreation Sub-Committees
- e) Cemetery Board
- f) Planning Board
- g) Police Services Board
- h) Algoma District Services Administrative Board
 Algoma District Municipal Association

Agenda item 6. a) Report: Township of Laird – Council Donations 2020 – apr./22 was reviewed and discussed.

ON MOTION (No. 49-22) of Frank Turco, seconded by Shawn Evoy that Council approves donation of \$500.00 for Crime Stoppers, \$300.00 for the Echo Bay Elks #533 Canada Day Fireworks and Celebrations, for CASS/CAIS Laird graduates as per last years amount per graduate, \$2,000.00 for Trefry Center, and \$2,000.00 for the Mathews Memorial Hospital. **CARRIED**

Agenda item 6. b) *NOHFC Bar River Grant – Donation Request* was discussed. The Clerk updated Council that the NOHFC Bar River Grant application is in progress and we should have information for the public soon on the status of the grant.

Agenda item 6. c) *Budget Meeting – Special Meeting* date was discussed. Council discussed moving the budget meeting date from May 5, 2022, at 4:00 pm to a future date. It was discussed to have budget information on the May 19, 2022 meeting and then a Special Budget meeting possibly for June 2, 2022. The Special Budget meeting date will be set at the May 19, 2022 meeting once all of Council is consulted.

ON MOTION (No. 50-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council approves the Recreation Committee's request to have the Heritage Committee under the Recreation umbrella. **CARRIED**

Agenda item 6. e) *Memorandum: Laird Museum* was discussed. It was consensus to have Councillor Evoy and Councillor Rydall go take a look at Knox Presbyterian Church to provide estimates for the costs to convert the church into a museum.

ON MOTION (No. 51-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council approves Councillor Lapish's request for a leave of absence until June 1, 2022. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 52-22) of Frank Turco, seconded by Shawn Evoy that Council sets the Waste Disposal Site spring clean-up date for May 28 and 29, 2022, as discussed. **CARRIED**

Agenda item 7. c) *2022 Senior of the Year Award – Call for Nominations* was discussed. It was the consensus to ask the Recreation Committee to review this request.

ON MOTION (No. 53-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Dick Beitz that Council is not in favor of the proposed severance of Plan H762, Part lot 30 as it is Prime Agricultural land, as discussed. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 54-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council adopts the *Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy*, as presented and amended. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 55-22) of Frank Turco, seconded by Shawn Evoy that Council approves the municipal election advance poll to be held Saturday, October 15, 2022, from noon to 6 pm at Laird Hall. The Municipal Election will take place on October 24, 2022. **CARRIED**

Agenda item 7. e) *iii) Recount* was discussed. It was the consensus of Council not to adopt a policy concerning the circumstances in which the municipality requires the clerk to hold a recount of the votes cast in an election and to follow section 56 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

ON MOTION (No. 56-22) of Frank Turco, seconded by Shawn Evoy that the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public to discuss labor relations or employee negotiations, a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 57-22) of Frank Turco, seconded by Shawn Evoy return to open meeting. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 58-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council appoints Heather Taylor as the Laird Hall Caretaker, as discussed. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 59-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council declares Plan H761 Pt Lot 44 Plan M327 Block C RP 1R12055 Parts 2 & 3 PCL 6355 ACS, known as Wharf backlots, as surplus property and requests the Clerk to use a Real-estate Agent to assist with the sale of the 7 properties. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 60-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council adopts By-law 1047-22 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 24, 2022. **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. 61-22) of Shawn Evoy, seconded by Frank Turco that Council meeting be adjourned at 9:41 p.m. **CARRIED**

Mayor – _____
Richard (Dick) Beitz

Clerk – _____
Jennifer Errington