Regular Council Meeting
Monday January 13, 2020
7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Fingal

PRESENT:  Mayor  G. Jones
          Councillors:  S. Emons
                      P. North
                      J. Pennings

ALSO PRESENT:  Katherine Thompson, CAO/Clerk
                Lisa Higgs, Assistant CAO/Clerk
                Jeff Carswell, Treasurer (7:00 p.m.– 8:07 p.m.)
                Public Works Superintendent, Paul Van Vaerenbergh (7:00 p.m.– 7:15 p.m.)
                Drainage Superintendent, Brent Clutterbuck (7:00 p.m.– 7:20 p.m.)
                Fife Chief, Jeff McArthur (7:00 p.m.– 7:15 p.m.)
                Heather James, Planner (7:20 p.m.– 7:57 p.m.)
                June McLarty, Administrative Assistant (7:00 p.m.- 8:07p.m.)

ABSENT:  Deputy Mayor R. Monteith

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA:  None

DISCLOSURES:
There were no disclosures.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
The mover and seconder were corrected on Resolution 2019-444.

2020-007  Councillor Pennings – Councillor North
          Approval of Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 9, 2019 are hereby
adopted as amended.

CARRIED

2020-008  Councillor Pennings – Councillor Emons
          YAH Meeting Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Southwold Young at Heart Meeting of December 3, 2019
are hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Mayor Jones commented on the wonderful Christmas dinner the Southwold Young at Heart
Committee hosted.
REPORTS:

Activity Report from Drainage Superintendent
Drainage Superintendent Brent Clutterbuck presented his report to Council. He also reported that he has completed the training for drainage grant applications and the deadlines for submission have been extended as a result of this training.

Activity Report from the Fire Chief
Fire Chief Jeff McArthur presented his report to Council. He also reported that a study is to be completed for long term widening and concrete barriers on the 401. This study will also address emergency access. Fire Chief McArthur is also requesting Council direction for the future of the used fire pumper.

Activity Report from the Public Works Superintendent
Public Works Superintendent Paul Van Vaerenbergh presented his report to Council. He reported that after doing some research, the old pumper truck would not be suitable as a plow truck. He suggested that maybe it can be donated to a municipality that is need of a pumper truck or we can try and sell it.

2020-009  Councillor Pennings – Councillor North

THAT the used fire pumper be placed on the gov deals website with a reserve bid.

CARRIED

Activity Report from the Chief Building Official
This report was presented to Council.

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This report was presented to Council.

DRAINAGE:

7:15 p.m. Court of Revision - South Talbotville Drain 2019

In attendance: A. Caranci and associate

2020-010  Councillor Emons – Councillor Pennings

THAT Councillor Emons, Councillor Pennings and Mayor Grant Jones as chair be appointed to the Court of Revision for the South Talbotville Drain 2019.

AND THAT the regular meeting of Council adjourns at 7:15 p.m. to form the Court of Revision for the South Talbotville Drain 2019.

CARRIED

Councillor North vacated his seat for the Court of Revision.

2020-011  Councillor Emons – Councillor Pennings

THAT the Court of Revision for the South Talbotville Drain 2019 adjourns at 7:19 p.m.;
AND THAT the regular meeting of Council reconvenes. CARRIED

Councillor North returned to his seat.

REPORTS:

Activity Report from the CAO/Clerk
CAO/Clerk Katherine Thompson presented her report to Council.

2020-012 Councillor North – Councillor Emons Fencing By-law

THAT Council receive the report on the draft Fencing By-law as information;

AND THAT Council give consideration to By-law 2019-77 included as part of the January 13th, 2020 agenda. CARRIED

2020-013 Councillor Pennings – Councillor North By-law

THAT Council consider the approval of a by-law to authorize borrowing, the interim tax levy by-law and a by-law to appoint a Deputy Treasurer. CARRIED

County Council Highlights
Mayor Jones presented this report to Council. He also reported that Brian Lima, County of Elgin Director of Engineering is working on a Phragmites agreement with the lower tier municipalities.

PLANNING:

7:30 p.m. Zoning By-law Amendment Brooymans Farms Ltd C/O Amy Dale, 5746 and 5758 Union Road

In attendance: R. Brooymans

2020-014 Councillor North – Councillor Emons Public Mtg. ZBA 2019-12
Brooymans Farms Ltd.

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold now sits as a public meeting under the Planning Act to consider an application to amend the property owned by Brooymans Farms Ltd C/O Amy Dale, Solicitor. CARRIED

Planner Heather James presented her report to Council. No questions were asked from the public or Council.

2020-015 Councillor North – Councillor Pennings ZBA 2019-12

THAT Council for the Township of Southwold approve the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment ZBA 2019-12 in accordance with the site-specific By-law attached. CARRIED
THAT the public meeting to consider an application to amend the zoning on the property owned by Brooymans Farms Ltd C/O Amy Dale, Solicitor ends at 7:36 p.m.

CARRIED

7:45 p.m. Committee of Adjustment – Minor Variance Application MV 2019-06 K. Wiebe, 10207 Sunset Road

In attendance: A. Barker, K. Wiebe

THAT the regular Council meeting adjourn to sit as a Committee of Adjustment to hear minor variance applications MV 2019-06, filed by Kevin Wiebe at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED

THAT the Committee of Adjustment meeting to hear application MV 2019-06, filed by Kevin Wiebe ends at 7:57 p.m.

AND FURTHER THAT the regular meeting of Council reconvenes.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

City of St. Thomas Transportation Proposal
The City of St. Thomas is requesting Southwold Council’s support for a proposed pilot project that would see a bus route transporting residents from the City of St. Thomas to London with stops in Aylmer and Port Stanley. Council discussed this proposal and supported it in principle with the hope that the plan could expand to include all of the County. Mayor Jones reported to Council that Warden Mennill and himself will be presenting this proposal to the Minister of Transportation at the ROMA Conference.

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold supports the transportation proposal brought forward from the City of St. Thomas.

CARRIED

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold agrees to the placement of an ad in the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Military Service Recognition Book to help to honor Ontario’s Veterans at a cost of $290.00 (HST included).

CARRIED
Request for Waiver of Fees – 1st Dutton Pathfinders and Rangers
Council discussed this request and deferred it until more information can be obtained.

2020-021  **Councillor Emons – Councillor Pennings**

**Conservation Authorities**

**Whereas** Conservation Authorities have been protecting people and conserving and restoring watersheds with local communities for over 50 years, and

**Whereas** Municipalities must work together to ensure resilient and health watersheds for residents, and

**Whereas** Conservation Authorities will be important partners in concrete and cost-effective initiatives to address climate change,

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Township of Southwold supports the important role Conservation Authorities provide to local communities in delivering watershed management programs.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAWS:**

2020-022  **Councillor North – Councillor Pennings**

**By-laws**

THAT By-law Nos. 2019-77, 2020-02, 2020-03, 2020-04, 2020-05 and 2020-06 be read a first and second time.

**CARRIED**

2020-023  **Councillor Emons – Councillor North**

**By-laws**

THAT By-laws Nos. 2019-77, 2020-02, 2020-03, 2020-04, 2020-05 and 2020-06 be read a third time and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

2020-024  **Councillor Pennings – Councillor Emons**

**Closed Session**

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold now moves into a session of the meeting that shall be closed to the public at 8:07 p.m. in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25 for discussion of the following matters:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239 (2) (b)) – Fire Department.
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before the administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (section 239 (2) (e)) – Facility Warranty
- A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (section 239 (2) (k)) – Contract Renewal

**CARRIED**
STAFF DIRECTION
Staff was given direction from Council on the items that were discussed in the Closed Session.

AJOURNMENT:
2020- 025  Councillor North – Councillor Pennings

THAT Council for the Township of Southwold adjourns this Regular meeting of Council at 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Katherine Thompson
CAO/Clerk

Grant Jones
Mayor

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