THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

MINUTES

Special Council Meeting
Tuesday February 19, 2019
7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Fingal

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

ABSENT  Deputy Mayor  R. Monteith

ALSO PRESENT:  Lisa Higgs, CAO/Clerk
              June McLarty, Administrative Assistant
              Bob Purcell, Mayor Dutton Dunwich
              Mike Hentz, Deputy Mayor Dutton Dunwich
              Patricia Corneil, Councillor Ward 1 Dutton Dunwich
              Ken Loveland, Councillor Ward 2 Dutton Dunwich
              Amarilis Drouillard, Councillor Ward 2 Dutton Dunwich
              Heather Bouw, Clerk Dutton Dunwich
              Joe McMillan, Treasurer, Dutton Dunwich

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA:

CLOSED SESSION

(a) A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instructions 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)) – Talbotville Development.

REPORT

(a) Report from the CAO/Clerk RE: Confirmation of Talbotville Trunk Sewer Phase 2

DISCLOSURES:

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS OF
SOUTHWOLD COUNCIL AND STAFF – MAYOR GRANT JONES
Mayor Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said that it had been awhile since we last
met as a group and it should be done on a more frequent basis. It is good for the common
good.
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS OF DUTTON DUNWICH COUNCIL AND STAFF – MAYOR BOB PURCELL

Mayor Purcell echoed the comments made by Mayor Jones. He also said it was good to be on common ground. This was a good time to educate everyone.

DISCUSSION ON CURRENT SHARED SERVICES & SUPPORT:

(a) Shared Drainage Superintendent
   Both municipalities are happy with the work done by the Drainage Superintendent. It was been a smooth transition with the new Councils.

(b) Building Departments Sharing Support and Back-Up
   Mayor Purcell remarked that the Dutton Dunwich Building Official is new to their municipality and that this position is shared with West Elgin. He commented that it is great how they help out each other as needed. CAO/Clerk Lisa Higgs mentioned that it is an unofficial partnership, but it is working well.

(c) Elgin County Water Board and Current Cost of Water Delivered via Iona Connection
   Mayor Jones provided a brief history on the water boards as Dutton Dunwich is a new member. Dutton Dunwich expressed their concerns about the board. Mayor Purcell questioned if a committee can be formed from the members of Dutton Dunwich, Southwold and Central Elgin. Mayor Purcell would like to see the board similar to that of the Tri-County Water Board. Dutton Dunwich would like to see a draft term of reference developed for the three municipalities.

POTENTIAL JOINT INITIATIVES

(a) Shared Public Works/Asset Management Director
   Mayor Purcell explained that Dutton Dunwich is hiring public works at a manager level. They needed assistance with the day to day operations. The County has offered assists with Asset Management. Mayor Jones remarked that we have a new Public Works Superintendent, but we will need assistance with our Asset Management. CAO/Clerk Higgs commented that Southwold is moving the direction of using consultants. We will hire a summer student to assist with the logging of information this summer. Mayor Purcell questioned if staff from both municipalities can investigate a solution to help with Asset Management.

(b) Recycling & Waste Collection Services
   Council reported that both municipalities has contracts that will soon expire. A suggestion was made to simply do a tender together. Dutton Dunwich receives weekly garbage pick-up and by-weekly recycling pick-up. This works for their municipality. Both Councils will look into getting an extension to the end of the year. If this cannot happen Southwold may be able to connect with Dutton Dunwich’s contract as their contract expires first.

OTHER BUSINESS
Deputy Mayor Mike Hentz voiced his concerns about the OPP costs for municipalities and the lack of service. Mayor Jones said that this could be discussed at County Council meeting.
Mayor Purcell reported that Dutton Dunwich will host a meeting next year.

Break – 8:05 – 8:12

**CLOSED SESSION:**

2019-096  **Councillor North – Councillor Pennings**  

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold now moves into a session of the meeting that shall be closed to the public at 8:14 p.m. in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25 for discussion of the following matters:

- 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)) – Talbotville Development

CARRIED

**STAFF DIRECTION**

Staff was given direction from Council on the item that was discussed in the Closed Session.

**REPORT:**

Confirmation of Talbotville Trunk Sewer Phase 2  
CAO/Clerk Lisa Higgs presented this report to Council.

**AJOURNMENT:**

2019-097  **Councillor Pennings – Councillor Emons**  

THAT Council for the Township of Southwold adjourns this Special meeting of Council at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Clerk  
Lisa Higgs  

Mayor  
Grant Jones