Special Council Meeting
For the purpose of Budget Deliberations
Thursday January 30, 2020
4:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Fingal

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

ALSO PRESENT: Katherine Thompson, CAO/Clerk
Jeff Carswell, Treasurer
Paul Van Vaerenbergh, Public Works Superintendent

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor R. Monteith

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA:

DISCLOSURES:
There were no disclosures made.

REPORT

2020 Budget – Report #2

The Treasurer brought forward an update based on Council recommendations at the previous three budget meetings.

Council asked that a new Fire Chief Vehicle be asked for from the Greenlane Community Trust. The Township should ask for at least $60,000 to incorporate the fire package costs.

Additionally, Council determined that $1,000 could be taken from the budget for fire hall computers and $500 from the budget for fire hall tablets to better reflect actual costs of purchase.

Council was comfortable with reaching asset management goals at 4-5 years instead of 3-4. This is a moderate approach that can still allow for contributions to reserves and lower the levy.

2020-045 Councillor Pennings – Councillor Emons 2020 Budget

THAT Council approve “in principle” the 2020 Budget showing a Township Levy of $3,403,662;

AND THAT Council approve the recommended budget adjustments contained in report number FIN 2020-02, including a reduction of $1,000 for fire department computers, a reduction of $500 for fire department tablets, a reduction of $30,000...
to the reserves for asset management and that the Fire Chief Vehicle replacement be amended to a new vehicle estimated at $60,000 with a request to the Greenlane Trust for $60,000;

**AND THAT** Council instruct staff to proceed with delivering the programs and services as set out in the 2020 budget, including the necessary tendering and purchasing, as required by the budget;

**AND THAT** Council instruct staff to prepare the necessary By-laws to adopt the levy and authorize 2020 taxation once the County of Elgin finalizes the required taxation policies for 2020.  

**CARRIED**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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2020-046  
**Councillor Pennings – Councillor Emons**  
Adjournment

**THAT** Council of the Township of Southwold adjourns this Special meeting of Council for budget deliberations at 5:38 p.m.

Katherine Thompson  
Clerk  
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Mayor  
Grant Jones