

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Paul Moffatt  
Councillor Robert Case  
Councillor Les Fields  
Councillor Hugh Moggy  
Councillor Brenda Reid

**Staff:** Jeremy Rody, Clerk  
Alton Hobbs, CAO  
Ron Cooper, Public Works Superintendent

**Press:** Alicia McCutcheon, Expositor

**Others:** Phil Blake

**Note:** Prior to the beginning of the Council Meeting, the Assiginack Robotics Teams gave a presentation and demonstration to Council. The teams had to identify a problem relating to water and then come up with a solution. The teams travelled to Sudbury over the weekend to participate in a First Lego League competition; as rookie teams it would have been considered successful just to get points on the board. However, Team Blackbird captured 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the robotic design category and Team Assiginack finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall and will be going to a Provincial competition in Waterloo this coming January. Council congratulated the teams for their hard work and success in their first year.

**OPENING:**

**#328-23-17 H. Moggy – L. Fields**

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack be opened for business with a quorum of members present at 5:45 p.m., with Mayor Moffatt presiding in the Chair.

*CARRIED*

**AGENDA:**

**#329-23-17 L. Fields – H. Moggy**

THAT the agenda for this meeting be accepted as presented.

*CARRIED*

## **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

Councillor Reid disclosed a direct pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6A Payroll as her husband is an employee of the Township. She did not take part in any discussion, attempt to influence the vote or vote on the matter.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councillor Reid announced that families on Manitoulin are invited to come out to the Assiginack Public Library on December 7<sup>th</sup> to get their picture taken with Santa from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Pictures are taken in front of the Library's green screen, the family can choose a background and the picture is emailed to the family. The cost is \$2 per family or a non-perishable food item with the proceeds going towards the Library and Food Bank.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

### **#330-23-17 H. Moggy – L. Fields**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 21, 2017, be accepted.  
*CARRIED*

## **DELEGATIONS:**

### **#331-23-17 L. Fields – H. Moggy**

THAT we thank Phil Blake for his presentation to Council;

AND THAT Council will invite Hydro One to a future Council meeting to discuss a Municipal Energy Plan that focuses on energy reduction and cost savings;

AND FURTHER THAT if warranted Council strike an Ad Hoc Committee for this initiative.  
*CARRIED*

**Note:** Phil Blake had forwarded information about municipal energy plans that have been undertaken by some municipalities in Northern Ontario. Mr. Blake followed up with the Mayor about an energy/cost reduction plan that he asked for in July when the budget was being passed. While there is not an official municipal energy plan for Assiginack such as the examples forwarded to Council, the Township is conscious of energy savings initiatives and programs. Mr. Blake asked if the Water Committee could be given this task to develop an energy saving plan. Council stated that it would be more beneficial to strike an Ad Hoc Committee to look into energy savings for the entire municipality rather than just at the water and wastewater facilities.

## **REPORTS:**

There were none.

**ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:**

**#332-23-17 H. Moggy – L. Fields**

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

General: \$145,581.20

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #27245 through #27291 as described in the attached cheque register report.

*CARRIED*

**#333-23-17 H. Moggy – L. Fields**

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

Payroll: \$17,936.83

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #27241 through #27244 as described in the attached cheque register report.

*CARRIED*

**#334-23-17 B. Reid – R. Case**

THAT the tax write down of Roll #5111-000-009-03700-0000 be approved as per the tax adjustment application and response from MPAC under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, Ch. 25, s.357(d).

*CARRIED*

**#335-23-17 R. Case – B. Reid**

THAT prior to December 31, 2017, any departmental surplus be allocated to reserves and then reallocated to the appropriate departmental reserve.

*CARRIED*

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**#336-23-17 B. Reid – R. Case**

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence items:

- a) OPP Municipal Policing Bureau Letter
- b) Ministry of Finance: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund
- c) Canadian Stimulus Fund Ltd. Letters

*CARRIED*

**BY-LAWS:**

There were none.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**#337-23-17 R. Case – B. Reid**

THAT in accordance with By-law #15-30 and Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, Council proceeds to a “Closed Session” at 6:03 p.m. in order to attend to a matter pertaining to:

- a) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Municipal Act, 2001, ch.25, s.239(2)(b))

*CARRIED*

**#338-23-17 B. Reid – R. Case**

THAT we adjourn from our Closed Session at 6:21 p.m., approve the minutes of the Closed Session of November 21, 2017 and resume our regular meeting.

*CARRIED*

**CLOSING:**

**#339-23-17 R. Case – B. Reid**

THAT we adjourn until the next regular meeting or call of the Chair.

*CARRIED*

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Paul Moffatt, MAYOR

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Jeremy Rody, CLERK

6:25 p.m.

These Minutes have been circulated but are not considered Official until approved by Council.