

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

The Special Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brenda Reid
Councillor Dwayne Elliott
Councillor Janice Bowerman
Councillor Jennifer Hooper
Councillor Robert Maguire

Staff: Deb MacDonald, Treasurer/Deputy CAO
Heidi Ferguson, Clerk
Jackie White, PEC
Freda Bond, Tax & Utility Manager
Crystal Lentir, Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Alton Hobbs, CAO

OPENING:

#96-07-2024 R. Maguire – J. Hooper

THAT the Special Meeting of the Council be opened for business at 7:00 p.m., with a quorum of members present, with Mayor Reid presiding in the Chair.

CARRIED

The Mayor read the Land Acknowledgment.

AGENDA:

#97-07-2024 J. Bowerman – D. Elliott

THAT we amend the agenda to include the following items:

7a.) Ministry of Infrastructure Correspondence.

9a.) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Hooper declared a pecuniary interest with agenda item 6c.) 2024 Budget Discussions, specifically in regard to the request for a municipal donation from the Robotics team. She did not participate in the discussion regarding the Robotics donation, and she did not influence the vote.

Councillor Bowerman declared a pecuniary interest with agenda item 6a.) Tender Results- 115 Arthur Street. She did not participate in the discussion regarding this item, and she did not influence the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councillor Hooper shared that this week is Smile Cookie Week, with the proceeds going to Local Food Manitoulin.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

NONE

DELEGATIONS:

NONE

REPORTS:

NONE

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

#98-07-2024 R. Maguire – J. Hooper

THAT we acknowledge receipt that the following tenders were received for 115 Arthur Street:

Sheppard Custom Building	\$5,000.00
Nardine Ghbrial, Mena Guiguais and John Boules	\$1.00
Douglas Hancock	\$125,000.00
Ryan Willoughby	\$40,000.00

CARRIED

NOTE: A discussion took place regarding communication received from the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) regarding the Manitoulin OPP Detachment Board structure and correspondence we have received from Tehkummah regarding our joint representative. Council would like staff to seek clarification from MMA regarding this.

#99-07-2024 R. Maguire – D. Elliott

THAT we approve a tax rate increase of two percent (2%) for 2024 and we instruct staff to prepare the necessary by-laws.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Bowerman	Nay
Councillor Elliott	Yea
Councillor Hooper	Nay
Councillor Maguire	Yea
Mayor Reid	Yea

CARRIED

NOTE: Discussion took place regarding the 2024 Municipal Budget; a request for the donation of one-time seed funding for the Bookworms Club; the Curling Club Donation and Municipal Donations for 2024; and prioritizing future capital projects for funding.

#100-07-2024 J. Bowerman – J. Hooper

THAT we instruct our EDO to seek funding opportunities for computers at the Museum and washrooms at High Falls and McLean’s Park.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

#101-07-2024 D. Elliott – J. Bowerman

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the Ministry of Infrastructure's correspondence regarding the Manitowaning OPP Detachment Station.

CARRIED

NOTE: The Mayor shared the response she received back from the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding the letter she had sent them inquiring about the status of the Manitowaning OPP Station.

BY-LAWS:

NONE

CLOSED SESSION:

#102-07-2024 J. Hooper – R. Maguire

THAT in accordance with By-law # 02-02, as amended, and Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, that Council proceeds to a Closed Session at 8:28 p.m. in order to attend to matters pertaining to:

- a.) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

CARRIED

#103-07-2024 J. Bowerman – D. Elliott

THAT we adjourn from Closed Session at 9:15 p.m., accept the minutes of the previous closed session, and resume our Special Meeting.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

#104-07-2024 J. Hooper – R. Maguire

THAT we adjourn at 9:15 p.m. until the next regular meeting or call of the Chair.

CARRIED

Brenda Reid, MAYOR

Heidi Ferguson, CLERK

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