MINUTES

Council Meeting – September 15, 2021 6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, Hilton Beach Municipal Office 3100 Bowker Street, Hilton Beach, Ontario

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Hope and Councillors Moore, Delvecchio, MacKay and Bailey Meeks.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

DELEGATIONS

1. Wilfred Piche re: removal of trailer

Mr. Piche was present and advised that he has been camping for over 60 years and he takes care of nature and causes no pollution. He has 11 children but he does not allow anyone else to stay at the property. He lives in an apartment but gets out to check it. He was 78 when he cleared the land but he is not well now. He likes to go to the property and have a sacred fire and burn tree grass. He has a gate on the property so that no one else can get in. He is willing to pay extra for taxes. He has a tank for water and only used 45 gallons over the summer. He has an outhouse. He hurt his back so he is unable to do anything now but it is a pleasure for him and his wife to be there. He is willing to do whatever is needed.

Mayor Hope asked if he planned to build and he advised that he does not plan to do so.

21-83 Moved by Councillore Moore

Seconded by Counciller Bailey Meeks

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council requires that the trailer be removed from the property owned by Wilfred Piche, in accordance with the Zoning By-Law; and further that the property no longer be used until such time as the owner surveys the strip of land along the highway in order that it can be purchased by the owner to obtain legal access to the property.

CARRIED

6:15 p.m. Arturo Ochoa re: removal of trailer

Mr. Ochoa asked what the concerns were regarding his property. Mayor Hope advised that the trailer on his property is not in compliance with the zoning by-law. There have been a number of vacant lots sold since COVID started and it is evident that owners feel that there are no by-laws or regulations.

Councillor Moore commented that it was not fair to those who build houses and pay taxes.

Mr. Ochoa advised that his cottage burnt down a number of years ago and he made arrangements with the former Clerk. At that time, they planned to move the water to the end of Water Street. He planned to build but the water never happened. He has a garage that he would like to turn into a camp-type building. He would like to use the trailer for storage. He is there in the summer and there are no washrooms. The outhouse was inspected by Algoma Public Health. There is no running water. He would like to make the garage habitable.

21-84 Moved by Councillor MacKay

Seconded by Councillor Delvecchio

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council is willing to enter into an agreement with Arturo Ochoa to permit a trailer if a building permit is obtained to make the existing garage habitable within a one-year period.

CARRIED

PUBLIC MEETING

- 6:30 p.m. To discuss passing of exempting by-law to permit the Hilton Beach General Store to open on Specified holidays based on the tourism criteria
 - 21-85 Moved by Councillor Delvecchio
 Seconded by Councillor Moore
 THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council open a public meeting regarding an
 exempting by-law to permit the Hilton Beach General Store to open on specific holidays, at 6:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Jessica Mills and three other persons were in attendance and indicated they were all in favour of the exempting by-law.

21-86 Moved by Councillor Moore Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks THAT the Regular Council meeting, be reconvened at 7:04 p.m. CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Council Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2021
 - 21-87 Moved by Councillor Moore Seconded by Councillor Delvecchio THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of August 12, 2021, be adopted as presented. CARRIED

VOUCHERS

1. Total Voucher for the month of August, 2021 in the amount of \$142,820.47

In addition to employee payroll and remittances and miscellaneous items, the following items were part of the voucher expenditures: Karhi – porta-potties - \$1,409.24; GFL Environmental – recycling; Tulloch Engineering – building inspection - \$1,250.82; encompassIT.ca – computer upgrades/web solutions - \$3,270.67; Ministry of Finance – OPP – June 2021 - \$4,002.00; Algoma District Services Admin. Bd. – August 2021 - \$6,359.08; BDO – audit - \$6,821.47; Algoma Power - \$3,791.33; Stobie Mcchanical & Welding – South Street improvements - \$18,193.00; Northshore Tractor – backhoe -\$14,500.00; McDougall Energy – gas/diesel - \$18,667.95; Gardiner Marine – dock repairs - \$2,585.64; Ontario Clean Water Agency - \$9,476.34.

21-88 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks
 Seconded by Councillor Delvecchio
 THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #21-08 for
 August, 2021 in the amount of \$142,820.47.

CARRIED

ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual;
- Litigation or Potential Litigation
 - 21-92 Moved by Councillor MacKay Seconded by Councillor Moore THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council move into a closed meeting at 7:40 p.m. to consider the following subject matter: Personal matters about an identifiable individual; and Litigation or Pending Litigation.

CARRIED

RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL

 21-93 Moved by Councillor MacKay Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council reconvene to the open meeting at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

1. Report from Clerk-Treasurer

Items discussed were as follows:

- It was agreed that the interviews for Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer should take place as soon as possible;
- It was agreed that the Holly Jolly Christmas Craft Show should not proceed due to COVID concerns.
- 21-89 Moved by Councillor Delvecchio
 Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks
 THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council confirms the hiring of Emilio (Mel) Andreola as the
 Landfill Attendant.

CARRIED

21-90 Moved by Councillor Delvecchio Seconded by Councillor MacKay THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council request that the SJI Lion's Club consider assistance to refurbish the kitchen in the Community Hall.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS

1. Minutes of the Hilton Union Public Library Board meeting of August 9, 2021

21-91 Moved by Councillor MacKay Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks THAT the minutes of the Hilton Union Library Board meeting of August 9, 2021, be received and filed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

21-94 Moved by Councillor Delvecchio
Seconded by Councillor MacKay
THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn at 9:10 p.m. to meet again on October 13, 2021, or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Mayor Robert Hope Leggy Leny Clerk Peggy Camp