



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSIONS
Wednesday, March 20th, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers and Electronic Attendance
(1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, ON)

Any and all Minutes are to be considered Draft until approved by Council at a Regular Meeting of Council

In Attendance:

Municipal Office:

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor
Councillors: Joe Lumley, Margaret Ann MacPhail, and Paul Sowrey
Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator
Kim Seguin, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Erica Cole, Deputy Clerk
Mike Wilmon, CBO/By-law Enforcement Officer
Dan Marshall, Fire Chief

Electronic Attendance:

Councillor Jim Cushman
Randy McLaren, Working Roads Supervisor

Members of the Public:

None

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

Opening Comments

Mayor Norm Hofstetter called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

A special meeting of Council was set to continue budget discussions for the 2024 draft 3 of the 5-Year Capital Budget Plan and discuss Draft 2 of the 2024 Municipal Operating Budget.

Item 3.1 Purchase of a Pumper/Tanker in 2025

The Treasurer, Kim Seguin, highlighted the report prepared by Fire Chief Marshall regarding the purchase of a pumper/tanker in 2025 to add to the Fire Department fleet. The report noted that due to general timeline from order to delivery being up to one-year, Fire Chief Marshall requested that the procurement process for the

pumper/tanker start in 2024 for delivery in 2025. The new pumper/tanker would have an automatic transmission so more firefighters can operate the piece of equipment, as the current truck is a manual.

Council discussed the request and proposed pumper/tanker truck and directed the Fire Chief to bring back a report regarding a narrower scope on the proposed pumper/tanker, if the current tanker could be converted for a tanker/pumper, and if a 2500-gallon tandem truck is suitable for Perry Roads, or if a 2500-gallon truck can be found on a suitable chase for our narrow gravel roads.

Additionally, the Fire Chief will arrange with Council to attend the fire hall for a demonstration of the current pumper/tanker and mini pumper so that there is a better understanding of what the Fire Department is asking for the 2024/2025 procurement.

Item 3.2. Draft 3 – Revised 5 Year Capital Budget Plan

Council was presented with Draft 3 of the 5-Year Capital Budget Plan and report from the Treasurer with amendments from the previous Preliminary Budget Meeting on March 6th, 2024. There were no questions from Council.

Resolution # 2024-69

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry approves the Draft 3, 5-Year Capital Budget Plan and direct Staff to incorporate the 2024 Planned Capital Projects in the 2024 Municipal Budget.

Carried

Item 3.3. Draft 2 – 2024 Budget Discussion

Council was presented with the 2nd draft 2024 Municipal Budget. The Treasurer highlighted the report and noted that draft 2 represents a result in an 8.6% increase in the residential taxes. This equates to approximately \$146.96 annual increase on a 200,000 assessment. There were no questions from Council.

Resolution #2024-70

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby accepts draft 2 2024 operating budget and bring it back to a future meeting for adoption.

Carried

The Budget By-law will be presented for Council consideration at their next Regular Meeting on Wednesday April 3rd, 2024 at 7 p.m.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:31 p.m.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2024.

"Originally Signed"

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

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Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator