Village of South River

Council Meeting – September 28, 2015

The meeting of the Council of the Village of South River was held on Monday, September 28, 2015 in the South River Council Chambers. A quorum was present. In attendance were Mayor Jim Coleman and Councillors Sharon Smith, Doug Sewell, Teri Brandt and Les Mahon.

**Staff in Attendance**:    Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator

Sherri Hawthorne, Treasurer

**Public in Attendance**:  Janice Bray and Jayme Young; District of Social Services

Kathryn Boyle; Almaguin News

Myrna Hickingbottom, Colleen Hickingbottom, Nick & Angela Loney; Residents

Jeff Dickerson; Chair, Heritage Improvement & Preservation Society (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

**1. Call to Order** – South River Council Chambers

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof-** None Declared

**3. Guests and Deputations-**Janice Bray addressed Council and provided a slide show to discuss the Provinces’ commitment to providing information on the planning and financial tools available to municipalities for affordable housing in local communities. District of Parry Sound Social Services will be hosting a H.O.M.E (Homelessness Objectives Maximizing Efforts) Network Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 (noon) p.m. at the DSSAB administration building located at 1 Beechwood Drive, Parry Sound. This meeting will review the terms of reference, review the Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update Report, review the annual 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan report and provide an update on investments in affordable housing.

5:46 Janice Bray and Jayme Young left the meeting.

Jeffrey Dickerson provided Council with an update regarding work which has been done at the train station and events which have taken place or will be taking place in the next few months. The train station was the venue for one wedding and another wedding is booked for this fall, the yard sale was a success and electrical work was done this summer. Next summer the Train Station committee of volunteers would like to have the station manned with a student next summer, host an Italian Bistro event and a concert.

Mr. Dickerson also presented Council with the bill for the electrical work which had been completed in the summer. The electrical work had been budgeted in the Village of South River’s 2015 budget.

Mr. Dickerson also asked if the remaining funds the Village budgeted for the Train Station could be transferred into a reserve to be used for future projects without impacting the 2016 budget.

6:00 p.m. Jeffrey Dickerson, Myrna Hickingbottom and Colleen Hickingbottom left the meeting.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

242-2015 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the minutes of Monday, September 14, 2015, as printed as printed and to amend the April 27, 2015 and May 12, 2015 minutes to reflect Myrna Hickingbottom and Colleen Hickingbottom’s attendance as a South River resident and not as an Agricultural Society Member.**

Carried

**5. Accounts - Nil**

**6.**     **Reports from Municipal Staff and/or Committees**

Council was advised three companies had submitted tenders to the Village to construct the multi-unit commercial building. One of the three companies also submitted an alternative price which was allowed in the tender specifications. All submitted amounts came in higher than anticipated and the lowest bidder would be meeting with municipal staff, the long-term tenant (for technical knowledge), the municipal engineer and the Mayor on Thursday, October 1, 2015 to discuss modifications to the proposed plan to bring the price more in line with the funding available by the Province and the Canadian government. Council may need to call a special meeting once the options have been presented. It was decided, if a special council meeting was needed, a majority of council members would be available on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

243-2015  Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and declares the 2005 three-quarter ton municipal truck to be surplus and advertise for sale, as is, by sealed tenders with a reserve bid of $2,000.**

Carried

244-2015 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Public Works Committee Minutes of September 17, 2015.**

Carried

245-2015 Brandt/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the closure of Eagle Lake Road from Alfred Street south to Ottawa Avenue and from Marie Street at Lily Street west to Eagle Lake Road for a period of seventy-five (75) minutes between 10:45 a.m. and 12:00 noon p.m. for the respectful observance of Remembrance Day and the safety of those participating in the service.**

Carried

246-2015 Brandt/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator to sign the By-law Enforcement Officer Agreement between the Townships of McMurrich/Monteith, Strong and Joly and the Village of South River.**

Carried

247-2015 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the attendance of 3 representatives to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Fall meeting to be held at Pointe au Baril, Ontario on Friday, October 2, 2015, at a cost of $30.00 per person and all other expenses to be paid as per the municipal policy.**

Carried

248-2015 Sewell/Mahon

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby authorize the replacement of the furnace located at 309 Highway #124, South River, Ontario with costs not to exceed $9,000.**

Carried

The Village received a request from the Director of Emergency and Protective Services/Fire Chief in Parry Sound to have the roof on the South River Machar ambulance base. It is thought this is the original roof. Council directed the Clerk Administrator to convey this request to Machar Township Council for its next meeting as the building is a shared facility and Machar’s approval will be required prior to funds being removed from the reserve which was established to handle such large capital expenses. The annual rental is set aside in this reserve. Council has asked to have a resolution ready for the next meeting in order to go ahead and advertise for sealed tenders.

249-2015 Mahon/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Municipal Staff Reports: Agenda Items #1 to #7.**

Carried

250-2015 Mahon/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Joint Committee reports: Agenda Items #1 to #5.**

Carried

251-2015 Brandt/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive the Regional Committee Reports: Agenda Items #1 to #5.**

Carried

**7. Correspondence**

252-2015 Brandt/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby receive Correspondence Item #1.**

Carried

**8.  Council Roundtable (Items of Interest)**

**\***Councillor Mahon advised Council he will be meeting with MPP Norm Miller to discuss revenues owed to the Almaguin Recycling Initiative from the Recycling Commission of Ontario for the past year.

7:15 p.m. Kathryn Boyle left the meeting. Nick & Angela Loney asked Council if they could stay for the item regarding a staff member even though they weren’t on the agenda to address Council. Mayor Coleman asked Council if there were any objections and it was agreed the agenda items would be switched to allow Mr. & Mrs. Loney to remain in the Closed Session for the purpose of addressing council regarding item #2 on the Closed Agenda.

**9. In Camera- Two Items**

253-2015 Sewell/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Village of South River Council be closed under Subsection 239.2 (e) and (c) and that this Council proceed in Camera at 7:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a possible litigation and a letter of complaint which was received concerning a staff member.**

Carried

7:20 Nick & Angela Loney left the Closed Session meeting.

254-2015 Mahon/Smith

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourn the Closed meeting and reconvene in Open Session at 8:04 p.m. with Mayor Jim Coleman as Chair.**

Carried

**10**. **By-laws- Nil**

255-2015 Mahon/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby read a**

**first, second and third time and finally pass By-law #35-2015 being a by-law to permit the operation**

**of certain off-road vehicles on highways under the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Village of**

**South River, with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal**

**affixed.**

Carried

**11**. **Confirming By-law**

256-2015 Sewell/Brandt

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby read**

a **first, second and third time and finally pass By-law#36-2015 being a by-law to**

**confirm** **the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 28th day of September, 2015**

**with the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk Administrator and the corporate seal affixed.**

Carried

**12**. **Adjournment**

257-2015 Brandt/Sewell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council of the Village of South River does hereby**

**adjourn to meet again as the South River Council on Tuesday,  October 6, 2015 at 5:30**

**p.m. in the South River Council Chambers located at 63 Marie Street or at the call of**

**the Mayor: Time of Adjournment: 8:07 p.m.**

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**Jim Coleman, Mayor**

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**Susan L. Arnold, Clerk Administrator**