

MINUTES

Council met at 4:00 p.m. for their first Regular Meeting of the month.

Present: Mayor Peterson, Councillors Banbury, Barnes, and Young.

Staff: Baer, Borton, Brick, Davidson, Degier, Krug, and Matheson.

Other: Robson, Planner.

Regrets: Councillor Demarest

Mayor Peterson in the Chair.

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the October 2nd, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as printed and circulated.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. September 18th, 2024 Minutes of Council

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that the minutes of the September 18th, 2024 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Public Meetings

a. Public Meeting under the Planning Act, Zone Change

- i. Application for Zone Change – ZN1-24-14 & ZN1-24-15 (Bartlett)

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Council rise and go into a Public Meeting under the Planning Act to consider application for zone change:

ZN1-24-14 & ZN1-24-15 (Bartlett);

And that Mayor Peterson Chair the Public Meeting.

.Carried

The Planner presented the Report, recommending to approve in principle. No member made comment or had questions. The applicant was present. L. Atkinson asked a question regarding whether the residential lot would be sold. The applicant responded in the affirmative. No one in the audience spoke further for or against the application.

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the Public Meeting be adjourned and that the Regular Meeting of Council reconvene.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve in principle the Zone Change Application submitted by Tim and April Bartlett (File No. ZN1-24-14) whereby the lands described as Part Lots 9 & 10, Concession 9 (Blenheim), Township of Blandford- Blenheim are to be rezoned from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Rural Residential Zone (RR).

.Carried

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the Township of Blandford-Blenheim approve in principle the Zone Change Application submitted by Tim and April Bartlett (File No. ZN1-24-15) whereby the lands described as Part Lots 9 & 10, Concession 9 (Blenheim), Part 1, RP 41R626, Township of Blandford-Blenheim are to be rezoned from 'Residential Existing Lot Zone (RE)' to 'General Agricultural Zone (A2).'

.Carried

8. Delegations / Presentations

The planned delegation rescinded their request to delegate.

9. Correspondence

a. Specific

None.

b. General

- ii. Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, re: News Release: Rural Municipal Leaders Support 'Solve the Crisis' Campaign to Address Homelessness and Mental Health; and,
- iii. Pamela Antonio, Supervisor of Waste Management, Oxford County, re: Environment and Climate Change Canada Proposed "Regulations Respecting the Reduction in the Release of Methane (Waste Sector)".

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the general correspondence item be received as information.

.Carried

10. Staff Reports

a. Adam Degier – Drainage Superintendent

- i. DS-24-17 – Petition for Drainage – Westside Communities Plattsville Inc.

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-24-17 be received as information; and,

That Council accepts the petition for drainage works for the Part of Lot 17, Concession 12 (Blenheim), to modify and relocate the Hall Farm Branch of the Plattsville Drainage Works 2007 and Incorporate Storm Drains and Stormwater Management Systems from Westside Communities (Plattsville) Inc. and,

That the Clerk notify the Grand River Conservation Authority that it has received a petition for drainage work and that they intend to proceed with the petition.

.Carried

ii. DS-24-18 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report DS-24-18 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Trevor Baer – Director of Community Services

i. CS-24-14 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-24-14 be received as information.

.Carried

ii. CS-24-15 – Grant Funding, Arena Roof Project

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Barnes

Be it hereby resolved that Report CS-24-15 be received as information;
and,

That Council directs staff to apply for the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund, for arena roof project based on (70%) grant funding and (30%) Township funding.

.Carried

c. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

- i. PW-24-23 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that PW-24-23 be received as information.

.Carried

- i. PW-24-24 – Grader Roller

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that PW-24-24 be received as information; and,

That Council accepts the quote submitted by Neilson Custom Metal Works Inc. to supply 1 roller and lifting bracket to fit the 2018 CAT 140M3 Grader for the amount of \$25,700.00 plus HST.

.Carried

d. Sarah Matheson – Clerk

- i. DC-24-09 – Update to January 2025 Council Meeting Schedule

RESOLUTION #14

Moved by – Councillor Young
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that Report DC-24-09 be received as information;
and,

That the Council Meeting scheduled for January 1st 2025 be cancelled
and the following meetings be established for the month of January 2025:

- January 15th, 2025 (third Wednesday of the month), Operating Budget & Capital Budget/Long Term Capital Plan Meeting, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; and,
- January 22nd, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

e. Josh Brick – Chief Administrative Officer

- i. CAO-24-38 – Building Services Vehicle

RESOLUTION #15

Moved by – Councillor Barnes
Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that Report CAO-24-38 be received as information; and,

That Council approves the vehicle specifications requirements as attached to the Report CAO-24-38; and further,

That Council directs staff to seek formal quotations for the purchase of a 4x4 pick-up truck in accordance with Township procurement policies.

.Carried

11. Reports from Council Members

Councillor Young reported on her attendance at an online course through AMO regarding human rights, reporting it was effective training. Councillor Young further reported on hers and Councillor Barnes' attendance at the most recent fire recruitment evening. Mayor Peterson reported on his attendance at the annual Drumbo Fair and its success as an event. Mayor Peterson further noted that Oxford County has maintained their AAA credit rating, with the only recommendation being to diversify. Mayor Peterson reported that the Brant Beacon staff members were unable to attend as a delegation, but that he met with the reporter, editor, and publisher to discuss their coverage of Blandford-Blenheim and attendance at future meetings. Mayor Peterson also reported on his attendance at the annual Warden's golf tournament.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Closed Session

None.

16. By-laws

a. 2456-2024, Being A By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (ZN1-23-02); and,

b. 2457-2024, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council

RESOLUTION #16

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a first and second time:

a. 2456-2024, Being A By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (ZN1-23-02); and,

b. 2457-2024, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #17

Moved by – Councillor Banbury

Seconded by – Councillor Young

Be it hereby resolved that the following By-laws be now read a third and final time:

a. 2456-2024, Being A By-law to amend Zoning By-Law Number 1360-2002, as amended (ZN1-23-02); and,

b. 2457-2024, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

17. Other Business

None.

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Young

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 4:40 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, October 16th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. for a special meeting of Council, with the regular meeting to commence at 4:00 p.m.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Sarah Matheson, Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim