

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

MINUTES



Regular Council Meeting
Monday October 25, 2021
7:00 p.m. Council Chambers Fingal/Via Video Link

PRESENT: Mayor: G. Jones
Deputy Mayor: R. Monteith
Councillors: S. Emons
J. Pennings

ABSENT: P. North

ALSO PRESENT: Lisa Higgs, CAO/Clerk
Jeff Carswell, Treasurer (7:00 p.m. – 7:47 p.m.)
Bryan Pearce, Planner (7:00 p.m. – 7:47 p.m.)

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA:

- (b) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (Section 239 (2(c)) – Public Works Yard

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2021-289 Councillor Pennings - Deputy Mayor Monteith Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 12, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

2021-290 Deputy Mayor Monteith – Councillor Emons 2021 Auditor

THAT Council appoint Graham Scott Enns, LLP Chartered Professional Accounts to provide audit services for the 2021 Fiscal Year.

CARRIED

2021-291 Councillor Pennings – Councillor Emons Sec.357 Adjustments

THAT Council approves the total adjustment of taxes for the 2021 tax year resulting from Municipal Act, Sec.357/Tax Incentive Adjustment applications, as presented, in the amount of \$29,140.32.

CARRIED

2021- 292 Deputy Mayor Monteith – Councillor Pennings Accrual Budget

THAT Council approve the 2021 Accrual Budget as presented for Financial Statement purposes.

CARRIED

2022- Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding (OMPF)

Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report on OMPF allocations for 2022 as information. Mayor Jones indicated that he was relieved to see an increase in 2022 after consecutive years of cuts.

2021-293 Councillor Pennings – Councillor Emons Santa Claus Parade

THAT Council grant permission to the Fingal-Shedden & District Optimist Club to organize the Annual Santa Claus parade in Fingal.

CARRIED

County Council Highlights – October 12, 2021

Mayor Jones highlighted for Council that the Meeks Bridge Replacement is nearing completion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks RE: Regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act

No Comments

Correspondence from G and C Rodgers RE: Removal of Road Allowance

2021-294	Councillor Emons – Councillor Pennings	Removal of Road Allowance
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THAT Council receive and refer to staff the request from G and C Rodgers to remove the road allowance from Southwold Range 1 NLR Pt Lot 11 & 12 RP 11R 6540 Parts 11 & 12, 55.51 acres and Southwold Range 1 SLRNPT Lot 12, RP 11R 6540 Part 15, 22.22 acres.

CARRIED

PLANNING:

7:15 p.m. Zoning By-law Amendments – ZBA 2021-09, Middlemarch Farms Ltd C/O Donald Ferguson, 36309 Fingal Line and ZBA 2021-10, Middlemarch Farms Ltd C/O Donald Ferguson, 36653 Fingal Line.

In attendance:

Harm Sparenberg (property owner)
Donald Ferguson (agent for the property owner)

2021- 295	Deputy Mayor Monteith – Councillor Emons	Public Meeting ZBA 2021-09 and ZBA 2021-10
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THAT Council of the Township of Southwold now sits as a public meeting under the Planning Act to consider applications to amend the zoning on the properties owned by Middlemarch Farms Ltd C/O Donald Ferguson, Solicitor.

CARRIED

Planner Bryan Pearce presented his report on the Zoning By-Law Amendment request submitted by Middlemarch Farms. There were no comments from Council. Donald Ferguson expressed that he had no further comments and found the report to be comprehensive.

2021-296	Councillor Pennings – Deputy Mayor Monteith	ZBA 2021-09
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THAT Council of the Township of Southwold receive Report PLA 2021-34 regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZBA 2021-09 –

Recommendation Report;

AND THAT Council of the Township of Southwold approve the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZBA 2021-09, in accordance with the site-specific By-law contained within Appendix Two of Report PLA 2021-34.

CARRIED

Planner Bryan Pearce presented his report on the Zoning By-Law Amendment request submitted by Middlemarch Farms. Donald Ferguson expressed that he had no further comments and found the report to be comprehensive. Deputy Mayor Monteith asked Harm Sparenberg about the location of the hydro servicing for the property and Mr. Sparenberg indicated that the lot was serviced along the driveway. There were no further comments.

2021-297 Deputy Mayor Monteith – Councillor Pennings ZBA 2021-10

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold receive Report PLA 2021-35 Regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZBA 2021-10 – Recommendation Report;

AND THAT Council of the Township of Southwold approve the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZBA 2021-10, in accordance with the site-specific By-law contained within Appendix Two of Report PLA 2021-35.

CARRIED

**2021-298 Councillor Emons – Councillor Pennings Adjournment of
Public Mtgs**

THAT the public meeting to consider the applications to amend the zoning on the properties owned by the Middlemarch Farms Ltd C/O Donald Ferguson, Solicitor ends at **7:28 p.m.**

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

7:30 p.m. – Elgin County Update

Warden Tom Marks and CAO Julie Gonyou provided Council with the Elgin County Update for 2021. Their presentation ended with an opportunity for Council to bring up any local priorities and concerns. Council had no comments.

BY-LAWS:

- By-law No. 2021-59, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2013-30, the Canine Control By-law
- By-law No. 2021-63, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2011-14, Middlemarch Farms Ltd., 36309 Fingal Line
- By-law No. 2021-64, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2011-14, Middlemarch Farms Ltd., 36653 Fingal Line
- By-law No. 2021-65, being a by-law to confirm the resolutions and motions of the Council of the Township of Southwold, which were adopted on October 25, 2021.

2021-299 Councillor Emons – Deputy Mayor Monteith By-laws

THAT By-law No. 2021-59, 2021-63, 2021-64 and 2021-65 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

2021- 300 Councillor Pennings – Councillor Emons By-laws

THAT By-law No. 2021-59, 2021-63, 2021-64 and 2021-65 be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry RE: Proposed amendments to the CFSA, PFA and the PLA, Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry included in the Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021
- Elgin County RE: Notice of Project Step Down – Wonderland Road/Ron McNeil Line/Ford Road/Hwy 3 – Environmental Assessment Study and Preliminary Design
- Resolution from the Municipality of Leamington RE: Long Term Care Homes
- Memo from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing RE: Enhanced COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate with QR Code and Verify Ontario App.
- Notice from Ontario Energy Board to Enbridge Gas Customers

2021-301 Deputy Mayor Monteith – Councillor Emons Long Term Care Homes

BE THAT IT BE RESOLVED The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southwold hereby supports the attached resolution No. C-279-21 from the Municipality of Leamington requesting support to address long-term care (LTC) homes that have been affected by COVID-

19; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health, the FCM for their immediate action and a copy sent to the AMO, the local MP and MPP and the Clerk of the Municipality of Leamington.

CARRIED

2021-302 Councillor Emons – Councillor Pennings Other Business Items

THAT Council receive and file as information the items under Other Business.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

2021- 303 Deputy Mayor Monteith – Councillor Emons Closed Session

THAT Council of the Township of Southwold now moves into a session of the meeting that shall be closed to the public at **7:47 p.m.** in accordance with Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25 for discussion of the following matters;

- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Section 239 (2) (f)) – Mels Minor Variance Appeal
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (Section 239 (2(c)) – Public Works Yard

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2021-304

Councillor Pennings – Deputy Mayor Monteith

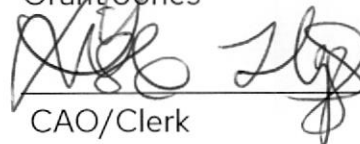
Adjournment

THAT Council for the Township of Southwold adjourns this Regular meeting of Council at **8:31 p.m.**

CARRIED



Mayor
Grant Jones



CAO/Clerk
Lisa Higgs