



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

MINUTES

Special Council Meeting – Budget Deliberations
Thursday January 23, 2025
7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Fingal/Via Video Link

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Grant Jones
Deputy Mayor Justin Pennings
Councillor John Adzija (attended virtually)
Councillor Sarah Emons
Councillor Scott Fellows

ALSO PRESENT: Lisa Higgs, CAO/Clerk
Michele Lant, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer

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

DISCLOSURES:

There were no disclosures made.

REPORTS:

FIN 2025-04 2025 Budget Report #4

Treasurer Lant provided a report to Council presenting a summary of changes made to the budget, based on the information shared at the previous meeting. Ms. Lant highlighted the changes, including updates to the contributions to the tax stabilization reserve, a draw from the building department reserve to fund a portion of the Talbotville Fire Hall, a reduction to the planning capital reserve, and a reduction in the operating budget. Treasurer Lant indicated that the overall impact on the total tax levy is 3.76 %.

2025-20 Councillor Fellows – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT the budget changes contained in this report be approved, and;

THAT the 2025 Budget Levy of \$7,153,451 be approved, and:

THAT staff be instructed to proceed with preparing the Budget Summary presentation and necessary by-laws and reports to implement the budget.

| Recorded Vote | Yeas | Nays |
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| J. Adzija | √ | |
| S. Emons | √ | |
| S. Fellows | √ | |
| G. Jones – Mayor | √ | |
| J. Pennings | √ | |

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2025-21 Councillor Adzija – Councillor Emons

THAT Council for the Township of Southwold adjourns this Special meeting of Council at **7:06 p.m.**

| Recorded Vote | Yeas | Nays |
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| J. Adzija | √ | |
| S. Emons | √ | |
| S. Fellows | √ | |
| G. Jones – Mayor | √ | |
| J. Pennings | √ | |

CARRIED

Original signed by:

Mayor
Grant Jones

Original signed by:

CAO/Clerk
Lisa Higgs