



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting
Monday February 10, 2025
7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Fingal, Shedden/Via Video Link

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Grant Jones
Deputy Mayor Justin Pennings
Councillor John Adzija

ALSO PRESENT: Michele Lant, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
Aaron VanOorspronk, Director of Infrastructure & Development
Services
Jeff Carswell, Special Projects Manager
Mike Szilagyi, Township Planner
June McLarty, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Councillor Sarah Emons
Councillor Scott Fellows

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

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:

DISCLOSURES: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Council Minutes – Adopt

2025-39 Deputy Mayor Pennings-Councillor Adzija

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of January 23rd, 2025 and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 27th, 2025 are hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Committee Minutes – Review

2025-40 Councillor Adzija – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT Council had reviewed the Draft Minutes of the War Memorial Committee Meeting of November 19, 2024 and the Draft Minutes of the Family Day Committee Meeting of January 29, 2025.

CARRIED

PLANNING:

PLA 2025-04 Application for Consent E11-25, 38068 Munro Line

2025-41 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Adzija

THAT Council recommend approval to the Elgin County Land Division Committee for Consent Application E11-25 subject to the recommended conditions provided in Appendix 2 of Report PLA 2025-04.

CARRIED

PLA 2025-05 Application for Consent E14-25, 10117 Lynhurst Park Drive

2025-42 Councillor Adzija – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT Council recommend approval to the Elgin County Land Division Committee for Consent Application E14-25 subject to the recommended conditions provided in Appendix 2 of Report PLA 2025-05.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

IDS 20258-07 Activity Report – January 2025

Director of Infrastructure and Development Services Aaron VanOorspronk presented his report to Council.

IDS 2025-08 CHIF Funding Application

2025-43 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Adzija

THAT Report IDS 2025-08 CHIF Funding Application be received for information; and

THAT Council direct staff to complete and submit an application for funding through the Canadian Housing Infrastructure Fund for the Talbotville Wastewater Treatment Plant.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

7:30 p.m.- 7:40 p.m.

Presentation of the 2025 Budget

Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer Michele Lant presented the 2025 budget to Council, staff and the public.

REPORTS:

IDS 2025-09 Administration of Sanitary Connections

2025-44 Councillor Adzija – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT a decision on report IDS 2025-09 be deferred until the next Council meeting.

CARRIED

CAO 2025-12 Former Shedden Fire Hall

2025-45 Councillor Adzija – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT report CAO 2025-12 Former Shedden Fire Hall be deferred until such time that a Special meeting of Council can be held to accommodate the provisions for Direct Sale in the Township’s Land Sale By-Law; and,

THAT all interested parties of this report be notified of this Special Meeting.

CARRIED

8:16 p.m. – 8:55 p.m.

Jamie Witherspoon, WI Infrastructure

Mr. Witherspoon presented the One Water Utility Rate Study to Council, staff and the public.

One Water Utility Rate Study

2025-46 Councillor Adzija – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT further deliberations on the One Water Utility Rate Study be deferred until a Special Council Meeting can be held for all members of Council to attend in-person or virtually.

CARRIED

CBO 2025-03 Activity Report – January 2025

This report was presented to Council.

CAO 2025-11 Activity Report – January 2025

This report was presented to Council.

Elgin County – From Council Chambers – January 28, 2025

Mayor Jones presented this report to Council.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Town of Halton Hills Resolution RE: Sovereignty of Canada
- Peterborough County Resolution RE: Regarding Proposed U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods.

Council reviewed the items under Correspondence.

BY-LAWS:

- By-law No. 2025-09, being a by-law to appoint a Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk.
- By-Law No. 2025-10, being a by-law being a by-law to adopt the Budget Estimates and Capital Projects for the year 2025
- By-law No. 2025-11, being a by-law to confirm the resolutions and motions of the Council of the Township of Southwold, which were adopted on January 23, 2025 and February 10, 2025

By-law 2025-09

2025- 47 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Adzija

THAT By-law No. 2025-09, being a by-law to appoint a Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk be read a first and second time, considered read a third time and finally passed this 10th day of February, 2025.

CARRIED

By-law No. 2025-10

2025-48 Councillor Adzija – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT By-Law No. 2025-10, being a by-law being a by-law to adopt the Budget Estimates and Capital Projects for the year 2025 be read a first and second time, considered read a third time and finally passed this 10th day of February, 2025.

CARRIED

Confirmation By-law

2025-49 Deputy Mayor Pennings – Councillor Adzija

THAT By-law No. 2025-11 be read a first and second time, considered read a third time and finally passed this 10th day of February, 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Ministry of Red Tape Reduction RE: ROMA Delegation Presentation

Council reviewed the item under other business.

ADJOURNMENT:

2025-50 Councillor Adzija – Deputy Mayor Pennings

THAT Council for the Township of Southwold adjourns this Regular meeting of Council at **9:08 p.m.**

CARRIED

Original signed by:

Mayor
Grant Jones

Original signed by:

CAO/Clerk
Jeff Carswell