

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
FINAL BUDGET MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2009
1:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

A special Council meeting was held to discuss the 2009 Budget on Wednesday January 14, 2009 at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

In attendance: Mayor David Guergis
Deputy Mayor Terry Dowdall
Councillor Rick Newlove (entered at 5:40pm)
Councillor Ron Henderson
Councillor Sandie Macdonald

Staff in attendance: Mike Galloway, Greg Murphy, Julie Barrett, Paul Macdonald, Colleen Healey (entered at 5:40pm).

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Guergis called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. A quorum was established with three members present.

DISCLOSURES - No disclosures declared.

2. PRESENTATION

4:00 Jamieson Court Residents
Re: Ditch Enclosure Petition

The Clerk indicated that the residents were unable to attend, however they have requested to make a presentation at the 6:00pm Committee of the Whole meeting later this evening.

3. STAFF REPORTS

a. 2009 Capital and Operating Budgets

Resolution No: SP01-2009 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that the 2009 Capital and Operating Budgets be received.

Carried

b. 2009 Budget for Council Approval

The Treasurer gave council an overview of the changes and additions council had requested at the December 17, 2008 special budget meeting. A review of the reserve funds was also discussed in addition to the items listed on Appendix "A" of the agenda.

A discussion regarding potential sidewalk additions ensued. Council discussed the addition of two sidewalks, one located from the ball diamond on County Road 21 to County Road 10 in Baxter and a sidewalk from the Sobeys to the No Frills in Angus. The Deputy Mayor indicated that the County Road 21 sidewalk was an area that was well travelled in his opinion. The Mayor noted that there was no link from Sobeys to the No Frills in Angus. There was general agreement to add these items to the budget.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

Resolution No: SP02-2009 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that the letter from the Ministry of Finance regarding the 2009 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund be received.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Macdonald indicated that the BIA budget would be presented at a subsequent council meeting.

Council recessed at 3:35pm and reconvened at 5:40pm.

6. IN CAMERA

Resolution No: SP03-2009 Moved by: Newlove Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Council proceed In Camera in order to address matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employees, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the Municipality or local board.

Carried

Council rose from the in-camera session at 5:58pm and adopted the following resolution.

Resolution No: SP04-2009 Moved by: Newlove Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that Confidential Report PW-09-04 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and further

That the reorganization of certain departments/duties and staffing requirements as identified in this report be approved and that the Treasurer be directed to amend the 2009 Operating budget accordingly.

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Council discussed the budget process and thanked staff for all the work they have contributed to this process.

Resolution No: SP05-2009 Moved by: Newlove Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report No. TR-2009-02 from the Treasurer be received; and
That the 2009 budget as amended be approved; and
That the tax rating by-law be presented to Council at a future meeting; and
That Department Heads be authorized to proceed with operational and capital project expenditures.*

Recorded Vote Requested:

Guergis	yea
Dowdall	na
Macdonald	yea
Henderson	yea
Newlove	yea

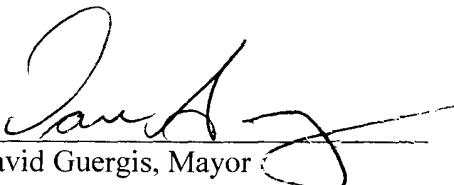
Carried

7. ADJOURNMENT

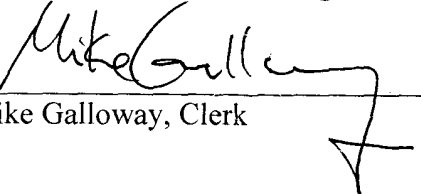
Resolution No: SP06-2009 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that this Budget meeting of Council of The Township of Essa be adjourned.

Carried



David Guergis, Mayor



Mike Galloway, Clerk