The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Township of Front of Yonge was held electronically on June 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Roger Haley, and Councillors Fancy, Marcoux, Massey and Williams were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Richard Marcoux and seconded by Margaret Fancy that Council approve the agenda.

Carried (#06-13)

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No pecuniary interest was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Margaret Fancy and seconded by Richard Marcoux that Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 1, 2020.

Carried (#06-14)

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Moved by Carson Massey and seconded by Gail Williams that Council approve the accounts payable report dated June 12, 2020 which includes cheques #11417 to 11451.

Carried (#06-15)

DELEGATES

Members of St. Lawrence Exchange (SLX) Dave Beatty, Michael Adamcryk, James Wilson and Brett Todd made a presentation to Council regarding a new endeavour to attract new residents to the region. More employees are now working from home due to the pandemic. SLX hopes to use this as an economic opportunity. There are no costs to the participating municipalities unless SLX secures a sale. SLX is offering this opportunity to all seven members of the St. Lawrence Corridor Economic Development Commission. The program provides marketing of area attractions to those looking to relocate and matches people based on individual opportunity. The program has already reached 125,000 people through marketing and has hosted four people who are interested in relocating to the region. It was noted that low speed internet issues continue to be a problem in rural areas and could impact the decision for potential purchases. SLX intends to be part of the rural internet solution as technology develops. Technological innovations are allowing people to use apps and programs in different ways. The more demand that is created for high speed internet will mean better business demand to improve infrastructure. It was noted that the 1000 Islands Parkway, Village of Mallorytown, camping, large lots, access to the river and 401 are just a few of the wonderful features to attract new residents. SLX will meet with the Clerk and Mayor to discuss a draft letter of intent.

Dustin Fox addressed Council to request that By-law #30-98 (A By-law for the Regulating and Keeping of Animals) be amended, as he previously kept poultry on his property in the Village of Mallorytown before he was required to remove them as a result of this by-law. He owned "quackless" ducks and hens to provide food stability and tick control. These animals were free-ranged inside a fence with clipped feather to prevent flying or tunnelling out of the enclosure. Mr. Fox noted that the By-law Enforcement Officer didn't see the poultry upon attendance of the property and saw no issue since the birds were in a large yard rather than small cages. Staff was directed to research this further and this matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Public Works Superintendent went over his report with Council. New policies pertaining to Covid-19 have been implemented and new masks have been ordered. The chassis for the new truck is to be delivered next month. Training will begin in June, which will be duplicated at least twice a month so that all firefighters can join with reduced participants at each session. The Department received a donation of hand sanitizer from P&G. The Chief will send a thank you letter for the generous donation.

Moved by Margaret Fancy and seconded by Richard Marcoux that Council accept the Fire Chief's report.

Carried (#06-16)

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk went over her report with Council. The Mayor will follow up with CN reps with regards to a site meeting at the Quabbin Road tracks. Staff will amend the summer hours slide on the digital sign so that the font is legible. A brief discussion took place regarding the transfer of property on the corner of County Road 2 and 5. The Clerk will follow up with the Counties CAO. Moved by Richard Marcoux and seconded by Margaret Fancy that Council accept the Clerk's report and action plan.

Carried (#06-17)

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The current public gathering limit has increased to 10 people. Discussion took place regarding the benches at the Mallory Coach House, and it was decided to set them outside for public use. The Coach House will be opening to the public shortly with visitor limits and physical distancing rules in place.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Public Works Superintendent went over his report with Council. Tests holes have been completed on Marsh Road. It has been determined that due to a large decrease in required stone, the entire road rehabilitation project can be completed this year. Council has agreed to proceed with this for 2020. Bridge inspections were done last week. All bridges are in good shape and will be inspected again in 4 years.

The Public Works Superintendent was notified this afternoon that a guard rail on the Pond Road bridge had been damaged. The OPP has been notified and safety barriers are in place. It was determined by an engineer that the bridge is still safe to cross, but the entire rail will need to be replaced. The OPP will be investigating.

The Township Office will be opening to the public on June 22nd, and plexiglass will be installed at the front counter.

Discussion took place regarding tenders for the waste site reconfiguration. Upon the recommendation of Eastern Engineering, who is managing the project, staff will discuss some cost saving measures with the successful contractor.

Councillor Massey thanked the Public Works Department for recent work done at the Rec Park in regards to ditching and the baseball fence.

Moved by Gail Williams and seconded by Carson Massey that Council accept the Public Works Superintendent's report and action plan.

Carried (#06-18)

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Carson Massey and seconded by Gail Williams that the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated April 29, 2020 be received.

Carried (#06-19)

PUBLIC MEETING DATE - BROWN ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Moved by Gail Williams and seconded by Carson Massey that Council set the Brown & O'Neill ZBA public meeting for July 13th, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Carried (#06-20)

WASTE SITE RECONFIGURATION TENDERS

Moved by Richard Marcoux and seconded by Margaret Fancy that Council accept the Tender from Tackaberry Construction no greater than the amount of \$329,707.50+HST for reconfiguration of the waste site.

Carried (#06-21)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Williams thanked Mayor Haley for the continued Covid-19 updates.

Mayor Haley advised that the Mallorytown Legion didn't qualify for the United Way emergency relief funding because the application didn't meet specific criteria in relation to Covid-19. Since the Legion is losing revenue as it is still mandated to be closed to the public, Councillor Fancy has written a letter to the Ministry of Veteran's Affairs for support. Mayor Haley has spoken with MP Michael Barrett as well as MPP Steve Clark for further clarification. Legions are falling through the cracks, as they are not classified as a restaurant to provide patio service or as a Community Centre, therefore currently considered non-essential and must remain closed to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Gail Williams and seconded by Carson Massey that Council adjourn to meet again on July 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm for the Brown & O'Neill ZBA public meeting, followed by a regular meeting of Council at 6:15 pm, or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried (#06-22)

Mayor, Roger Haley