

**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR  
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING  
Thursday, April 15, 2021**

**Call to Order, Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof; Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren with respect to 3 due to his business.**

Council present: Mayor Lynda Carleton and Deputy Mayor Ron McLaren, Councillors Blair Flowers, Bart Wood and Neil Scarlett by teleconference. Staff present: Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul and Treasurer Deputy Clerk Angela Loney.

**1. 2021 Budget Package Review, Resolution**

Comprehensive package provided; Report from Clerk Administrator, Draft 2021 Budget (Budgetary Control 2021-03-26), Tax Tools/2020 Tax Rates Summary/Set 2021 Levies/2021 Overall Levy Changes, Set 2021 Levies/Overall Levy Changes/2021 Tax Impact on Median Property (3), MPAC Postponing the Property Tax Assessment, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit plan for 42% increase in 2022, KPMG Township of Machar Service Delivery Review/Service Based Opportunities for Consideration/Capital Levy 1% to 3% of annual levy/calculation on last year's levy, General Ledger Report on Reserves/GL Account History for additional reserve info/Parkland account balance, Media articles; Callander 1.74% increase/North Bay approves 3.38% tax levy increase, Comparison of 2019-20 Tax Rates/2020 Tax Rates/2020 to potential 2021 Tax Rate, Ad required for Budget Adoption. The Clerk Administrator presented the Revenue and Expenditure Highlights. Total Revenues/Expenditures and Net Deficit this year and last year were reviewed. Estimated Levy and Overall Levy Changes were reviewed; \$2,133,222 = 5.2875% per draft Budget, \$2,008,222 = 0.0853% less \$125,000, \$2,068,222 = 2.5875% less \$65,000. Comparison of Tax Rates were reviewed. Council directed the Budget be reduced to \$2,068,222 to accomplish 2.5824%. The tax change on a single family home/seasonal recreational dwelling is \$35.18 to \$51.22 for 2021. We are consistently lower in tax rate comparisons to our neighbours. 2020 reflects from \$286.88 to \$1,698.48 lower and even when comparing our proposed 2021 tax rate to their 2020 tax rates, we're still \$236.43 to \$1,648.04 lower (assessed value of 210,750). Council expressed appreciation to the Clerk Administrator indicating the Budget was well done, as usual. Budget and by-law to be prepared.

**2. By-Law Enforcement Contract Renewal, Resolution**

**69-21 Wood, Scarlett**

THAT we renew By-Law Enforcement Officer contract for 2 years at a 1.89% increase and .55/km.  
CARRIED

**3. Outstanding Rezoning Invoice 1-011**

Letter received requesting invoice be waived. Reviewed. Unfortunately, we can't do that. These costs have been incurred. As indicated in our previous replies, the proposed use of the property has been in discussion dating back to before the property was purchased. The application for rezoning was received from the owner's solicitor and listed the owner's planner as the agent and was accompanied by the owner's cheque representing the application fee and deposit towards costs as required. The Invoice reflects the remaining costs owing. We respectfully await receipt of payment.

**ADJOURN**

**70-21 McLaren, Scarlett**

THAT we give 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to Confirming By-Law and that we adjourn until our Regular meeting scheduled for Mon, Apr 26, 2021. CARRIED

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Mayor Lynda Carleton

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Clerk Administrator Brenda Paul, AMCT