

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON**

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a Special Council meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers to consider the third draft of the Township's 2016 Operating and Capital Budget. Mayor D. White, Deputy Mayor J. Elliott, Councillor W. Hannon (2:35 p.m.) and Councillor J. Webster were present. Councillor D. Besley was absent. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk and Craig Micks, Road Superintendent were also present. Mayor White called the meeting to order.

Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer presented and reviewed the third draft of the Township's 2016 Capital and Operating Budget, as well as her report with Council. Mayor White asked if \$10,000.00 had been put in the Budget for the Dufferin County Municipal Emergency Readiness Program? This is a program where the Township has to match the grant of the County and the Township is looking to purchase generators for the Municipal Office and the Horning's Mills Hall. As it had not been included in the budget, Mayor White suggested that the new pick up truck that was budgeted for the roads department, be financed over a four or five year period. The amount budgeted was \$50,000.00 and that could be reduced to \$15,000.00, leaving \$25,000.00. As Council was satisfied with the increase in the tax rate, it was decided that the \$25,000.00 would be left in the budget and be transferred into the tax rate stabilization reserve fund.

There was discussion about the announcement of grant infrastructure money at the ROMA/OGRA Conference by Premier Wynne and the government is supposed to changing the criteria for the grants.

Harvey Lyon was the only member of the public in attendance for the meeting and had no concerns with the budget. He did comment that the Township should spend some money to have a project "shovel ready" for when the grants are announced.

Wendy was directed to make the requested changes to the Budget and have a final budget ready for passage during the regularly scheduled Council meeting which will begin at 5:00 p.m.

3:05 p.m. Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that we adjourn this Special Budget Meeting of Council. Carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK