

Fire Department Budget Estimates:

- Councillor Florent requested discussion regarding the proposed purchase of ATV vehicle by the Firemen’s Association for emergency response and the Township’s responsibility for insurance and maintenance to be included in this years budget estimates;
- Councillor Shalla suggested that this mandate be left to the people who are responsible for emergency response, the O.P.P.;
- No decision of Council at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to allow staff the time required to make all the adjustments discussed during this meeting.

Meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

- Mayor Bresnahan announced that with all the recent adjustments being completed, the bottom line indicates that the Township would be collecting approximately \$2,000.00 more from the taxpayer than in 2008;
- Calculations indicate that if things were left as is, there would be approximately a 5.4% reduction in the tax rate from 2008 (\$64,392.35) due to assessment increases;
- Mayor Bresnahan suggested that Council revisit the Public Works Budget estimates – line item #4-1430 (dust control) for possible inclusion of more funds;
- Council decision to increase line item #4-1430 (dust control) by \$20,000.00;
- This budget will allow for a possible 1-4% decrease in the tax rate;
- Councillor Ogilvie advised that the Township would be receiving a refund from the D.N.S.S.A.B. for 2008, \$17,088.00;
- Mayor Bresnahan also announced to Council that the education tax rate also decreased for 2009;
- Discussion regarding revenue for the proposed 2009 swimming program – Council decision to increase the proposed revenue for Recreation by \$2,200.00 (contribution from Whitney Recreation) for swimming program;
- Staff will make these final adjustments and prepare the Budget for first and second reading at the May 7th meeting of Council, with the third and final reading taking place at the May 21st meeting of Council.

Council thanked Chair of Finance, Mayor Bresnahan for all his work and guidance throughout the Budget process.

Moved by: R. Jessup

Seconded by: J. Florent

Res. #09-172

“That Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin adjourns the Special Council meeting of April 9th, 2009 at 9:11 p.m.”

-Carried-

(Mayor – Percy Bresnahan)

(Clerk– Harold Luckasavitch)