



**Township of Amaranth
Council Minutes
Wednesday, June 17, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Electronic Meeting

The Township of Amaranth Council held an electronic regular meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

- Council Present:**
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| Mayor | B. Currie |
| Councillor | M. Tijssen |
| Councillor | G. Little |
| Councillor | H. Foster |
- Via Audio:**
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| Deputy Mayor | C. Gerrits |
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- Staff Present:**
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| Acting Clerk | N. Martin |
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- Via Audio:**
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| Treasurer | F. Quadri (for parts) |
| Manager Public Works | B. Ryzebol (for parts) |
| Interim Planner | V. Schmidt (for parts) |

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currie called the Meeting to Order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Added Items (Late Submissions) – Added items discussed and added

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution #1

Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: H. Foster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby approve the agenda as amended. The following items having been added to the agenda.

- 5.3 Approval of Minutes
Special Meeting Minutes held June 15, 2020
- 6.0 Public Question Period
2 Letters from ratepayer to be read and form part of minutes
- 11.2 Bridge 6
Construction Summary from R.J. Burnside
- 15.5 Budget 2020
Final Discussions
- 20.2 Notice of intention to pass the following By-Laws
Being a By-law to provide for the levy and collection of taxes required for the Township of Amaranth for the year 2020

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest with Reasons

Deputy Mayor provided a Declaration of Interest with respect to item 9.1

5. **Approval of Minutes**

- 5.1. Regular Meeting Minutes held June 3, 2020
- 5.2. Special Meeting Minutes held June 10, 2020
- 5.3. Special Meeting Minutes held June 15, 2020

Resolution #2

Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: H. Foster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 3, 2020; the Special Meeting of Council held on June 10, 2020 and the Special Meeting of Council held on June 15, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

6. **Public Question Period**

The following is a letter received from a ratepayer and was read and will form part of the minutes.

I wish to comment on the article in the Orangeville Banner on May 7th with respect to we're most definitely in the position to get sued I was under the impression that Deputy Mayor Garrett's was to represent the constituents of Amaranth and this article it is quite blatant that he is not by contacting the banner Chris Halliday and having said that he has spoken to three Human Resources professional as well as the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to ascertain that Miss Hickey has a case totally unbelievable why didn't Mr Garrett not indicate that Miss Hickey was on probationary period I am sure there are many municipalities that terminate an employee on a probationary period. I do not understand why Mr. Garrett's has to continually go to the Orangeville Banner to publicize any & everything that is going on in a municipality in telling his story to the Orangeville Banner why did Mr. Garrett's not indicate that East Garafraxa has moved out of the Amaranth building where in most of the employees who were either hired by "BLANK" went with her to East Garafraxa it's interesting to note Mr. Garrett that you were on Council previously and you knew that there was an 800,000 plus deficit but decided to remain silent regarding that Mr. Garrett's I wish to remind you that Mr. Currie was elected by the residents of Amaranth you were acclaimed and I would suggest that you reevaluate your priorities as your actions as noted above have definitely affected the selling prices of the houses in Amaranth

The following is a letter received from a ratepayer and was read and will form part of the minutes.

Hello Mayor Currie, and esteemed council members, Originally, I sent an email to all of the council members on June 4th to address the lack of a Pride flag flying at the township office for the month of June 2020 (Pride month), to show acceptance and solidarity with the LGBTQ members of the Amaranth community. As of the time of this meeting, the email has not received a reply. I was, and remain, confused and concerned that the township has chosen not to show inclusion and equity by flying the flag this year. It is the duty of council to support ALL members of the Amaranth community, and the lack of support does not go unnoticed by your LGBTQ neighbors, friends, and community workers. As the office is directly across from the elementary school, which is flying the flag-as are all schools in the UGDSB- the township office has a duty to support those

students and community members who identify as LGBTQ. Refusing to fly the flag sends a very strong, outdated, and harmful message to our LGBTQ community, adults, teens, and children, that the township and council does not stand up for them, support them, or support human rights and equity. In my letter, I strongly encouraged you to rectify this issue for the remaining days of June and make a motion and commitment to fly the flag every June to show that the township of Amaranth and it's council doesn't support bigotry and discrimination, and instead supports and takes pride in its community members from all walks of life, including the members of its LGBTQ community. Mr. Mayor, and Council members, the ball is in your court, so to speak, this community and it's children are watching. Your actions will set the bar for how this community recognizes and treats its LGBTQ members. Make a motion for equity and inclusivity, make a motion to fly the Pride flag every June, support the whole community, preach love and tolerance. It may seem like just a flag to you, but to the LGBTQ community in Amaranth, it's so much more. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Stacey Whittington

7. **Delegations/Presentations**

Non at this meeting

8. **Public Meetings**

Council hold a Public Meeting regarding the following:

8.1. **B02-2020 Consent Application**

Application to sever 22.41 ha and retain 22.48 ha to create a new agricultural lot – 434201 4th Line, Amaranth (Owners: Ghanime, Antoine and Lucie Agent: The Biglieri Group)

The Acting Clerk reviewed the provision of calling a public meeting under the Planning Act. The Interim Planner gave an overview of the proposed severance. Council was advised that the application conforms to the County of Dufferin Official Plan and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. It was recommended that the application be approved at this time. The Planner reviewed the comments received from the agencies. Council reviewed the requirements for an Environmental Impact Study and an easement for a shared driveway. Agent for applicant, Brayden Libawski of The Biglieri Group was available via audio and had no further comments. The agent confirmed that his clients were aware of the conditions and in agreement with same. There were no other comments from members of public.

Resolution #3

Moved to M. Tijssen – Seconded by C. Gerrits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Consent Application B02-2020, submitted by Brayden Libawski c/o The Biglieri Group Ltd. (Applicant), on behalf of Antoine and Lucie Ghanime (Owners) regarding Concession 3, Lot 14 municipally known as 434201 4th Line be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Taxes paid in full on both the severed and retained parcels
2. The Township is provided a solicitors undertaking to maintain and register the easement on title for access to the severed lot
3. Copy of the registered reference plan in digital and paper format on the severed and retained parcels
4. That the owner enter into a consent agreement addressing site servicing and drainage requirements to the satisfaction of the Township
5. A scoped environmental impact study to be submitted to the satisfaction of the GRCA and Township and the recommendations thereof to be included as requirements of the Consent Agreement
6. That any road widening, easements, survey cost, legal costs and any other transaction pertaining to this application shall be borne by the applicant
7. Certificate of Title to be supplied, showing no encumbrances on the land for road

widening purposes

8. That all condition be fulfilled, and certificate of clerk issued within one year of the date of notice of decision was given, failing to do so will cause the application to be null and void.

CARRIED.

9. **Unfinished Business**

The Deputy Mayor had declared a conflict on the following agenda item and it was confirmed that he logged out of the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

- 9.1. **Ice River Springs**
 Memo 2020-07 Update and Ongoing

Council reviewed the information received from Ice River Springs and Croziers Consulting Engineers. Ice River Springs is prepared to enter into an agreement with the Township for the use of a corridor within the public roadway. Proposed amounts of securities and usage fees were discussed. Staff has been asked to respond back to Ice River Springs and still pursue the MPAC assessment option.

The Deputy Mayor logged back into the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

10. **Planning Department**

10.1 Other – Planner Valerie Schmidt provided a verbal update for upcoming matters that will be presented to Council including; a complaint from Cindy Sabo regarding an auto repair shop on a neighbouring property and if that falls into the view of home industry, staff has been asked to find the background file and update the planner and provide the ratepayer with a letter outlining any requirements; upcoming Hamount model home agreement; and new applications for consent and zoning by-law amendment.

11. **Public Works Department**

- 11.1. **Report to Council 2020-13**
 Public Works Manager – update items

The Mayor mentioned a few areas that have dead trees to be addressed as a safety concern in the Township. The Public Works Manager updated Council with the 20th Sideroad project and the contingency items being discussed. A new culvert at the municipal drain is required at 20th Sideroad and the old rail line area which is going to be worked into the resurfacing project. Other areas of concern with the 20th Sideroad project include the box bridge west of County Road 12 may require new walls and guardrails and area west of 7th Line the old bridge walls need to be broken down first.

Council discussed stop signs on paved road intersections and County intersections.

Resolution #4

Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: H. Foster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council support the installation of 4 way stop signs at the intersections of County Road 12 and 20th Sideroad and 30th Sideroad/County Road 11 and 2nd Line. Council will ask County of Dufferin for permission to install stop signs on the County roadways and County intersections.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		

Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

11.2 **Bridge 6**
 Construction Summary from R.J. Burnside

Council has been updated that the Bridge has been opened and the work complete. Final costing has not been received to date.

12. **County Council Business**

12.1. **Other**

Council was updated by the Deputy Mayor regarding the SWIFT program and the high speed internet which should be coming soon to Dufferin County.

13. **Committee Reports**

The following were received and/or dealt with:

13.1. **Building Department**
 MPAC Update – May 2020

13.2 **Ontario Provincial Police**
 Change in security check and revenue distribution processes

13.3 **Grand River Source Protection Plan and Assessment**
 Update and Amendments Environmental Registry

Council discussed the amendment to the Source Water Protection and wanted more clarification from Guy Guardhouse and if Waldemar water is involved or affected. Staff will reach out to Mr. Guardhouse and report back.

13.4 **Provincial Offence Courts**
 Potential Amendments to the *Provincial Offence Act*

13.5. **Other**

14. **General Business and Correspondence**

The following were received and/or dealt with:

14.1 **AMO WatchFile – June 4, 2020**

14.2 **AMO COVID-19 Update – June 8, 2020**

14.3 **AMO COVID-19 Update – Child Care and Patio Extensions**

14.4 **AMO 2020 Conference: Program Update**

14.5 **AMO WatchFile – June 11, 2020**

14.6 **Laurelwoods Elementary School**
 Request for donation – Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony

Council discussed the request and the Deputy Mayor updated Council that he had offered the Township office to serve as a spot for families without internet access to use the Township internet for the graduation ceremony which is going to be held electronically due to the pandemic. Council also wanted to support the sponsorship request personally and donated \$5 from each council member for

the award. The Deputy Mayor also requested a letter of congratulations be sent to the recipient of a County scholarship award as the recipient of the award is a Amaranth resident and former Laurelwoods Elementary School student.

Resolution #5

Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: H. Foster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council support Laurelwoods Elementary School with a donation of \$25 sponsorship award for the student academic achievement award.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

14.7 Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon

Letter of Support

14.8 Township of Puslinch Council Resolution 2020-151

Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program

14.9. Township of Puslinch Council resolution 2020-104

Support for the Conservation Authorities

14.10. Town of Bracebridge resolution

Municipal Financial Assistance Program to offset the financial impact of COVID-19 pandemic

15. Treasury/Accounts

15.1. Bills and Accounts - General Accounts

Council requested two accounts be pulled and not paid until further information is provided. The expense sheet received from the Mayor to be pulled and voted on separately when more information is provided. Additionally, the R.J. Burnside account be pulled for further information.

15.2. Bills and Accounts - Road Accounts

Resolution #6

Moved by: M. Tijssen – Seconded by: H. Foster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following Bills and Accounts be approved for payment:

General 2020	\$253,595.73
Roads 2020	\$305,252.89

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

15.3. Memo 2020-06 Penalty and Interest Charges

Council discussed the waiving of penalty and interest on tax and water accounts due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Resolution #7

Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: H. Foster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council receive the Acting Clerk memo 2020-06 and direct staff to waive penalty and interest on water and tax accounts for July, 2020. Notice to ratepayers to be included on their tax bills that penalty and interest will re-commence in August, 2020.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

15.4. **Other**

15.5. **Budget 2020 Final Discussions**

The Mayor proposed purchasing a road deviation piece of property for \$100,000.00, Council would like a formal written agreement in this regard before discussing further. Council discussed the budget as presented and the tax rate being proposed as a result of the budget amounts. The Treasurer pointed out that there was an error on the previous draft budget showing the Gas Tax funding as being received however did not show it being moved to reserves and would therefore sit as a benefit to the ratepayers and not for use in reserves. This was corrected on the budget being presented and formed the increase in the bottom line.

Resolution #8

Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: M. Tijssen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby adopt the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$4,063,039.14 to be raised from taxes.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little		X	
Councillor Mark Tijssen	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

16. **Added Items - Late Submissions (to be in office prior to meeting)**

Council discussed the ratepayer letters read earlier in the meeting under Public Question Period. Staff has been asked to reach out to other neighbouring municipalities to determine if any are flying the Pride Flag for the month of June. Council was concerned over the number of proclamations that could be made in the course of a year and number of requests that could be generated if this precedent was set. Council deals with proclamations on an annual basis and she can request earlier for next year. Staff has been asked to respond to Stacey Whittington accordingly.

17. **New Business**

17.1 Memo to Council 2020-08
 Orangeville Rotary Club – Drive Through Ribfest

Council discussed the request and was generally in agreement with the idea and encouraged the Orangeville Rotary Club to pursue the option as presented.

Resolution #9
Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: H. Foster
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council receive the Acting Clerk memo 2020-08 and support the Orangeville Rotary Club drive through Ribfest at the Headwaters Racquet Club.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

17.2. Memo to Council 2020-09
 Summer Camp/Soccer/Recreation Classes

Council reiterated the previous discussions and conversations with camp staff that it would not be able to be run this season. Staff has been asked to check the tape around the playground again as it has ripped and been removed.

Resolution #10
Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: G. Little
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council receive the Acting Clerk memo 2020-09 and proceed to cancel the Camp Amaranth and Amaranth Soccer program for the 2020 summer season.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

17.3. Correspondence Received from Stutz Brown & Self
 Correia, Bruce and Silvia 513464 2nd Line, Amaranth

Council discussed the correspondence received and has been asked to check with the Building Department with the “building envelope” area on the plans. Staff has been asked to reach out to the building department and ask for an inspector to attend a Council meeting to discuss the permit and grading on the property before responding to the legal representative.

17.4. Draft Tidy Yards By-law for review purposes only

Council did not feel that the draft presented accurately captured the intent of the Council and wanted it to focus more on derelict vehicles and shipping containers which is covered in the Zoning By-law. Staff has been asked to write a letter indicating that complaints have been received regarding an untidy yard to the owner of the property on 4th Line.

18. Notice of Motions – None

19. **Closed Meeting** - None at this meeting.

20. **By-Laws**

Notice of intention to pass the following By-Laws:

20.1 Being a By-Law to appoint Nicole Martin as Acting CAO/Clerk for the Township of Amaranth.

Resolution #11

Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to appoint an Acting CAO/Clerk for the Township of Amaranth and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 37-2020.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

The Mayor asked the Deputy Mayor if he had any response to the Mayors letter of last council meeting. The Deputy Mayor indicated he had no response.

20.2 Being a By-Law to provide for the levy and collection of taxes required for the Township of Amaranth for the year 2020

Resolution #12

Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: C. Gerrits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for the levy and collection of taxes required for the Township of Amaranth of the year 2020; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 38-2020.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little		X	
Councillor Mark Tijssen	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

21. **Confirming By-Law**

Resolution #13

Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: M. Tijssen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the Regular Meeting of Council of the Township of Amaranth for June 17, 2020; and that is be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 39-2020.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		

Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

22. **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Resolution #14
Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: M. Tijssen
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Meeting of Council on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.
CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Mark Tijssen	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

Original Signed By: _____
 Head of Council

Original Signed By: _____
 Acting Clerk