



**Township of Amaranth
Council Minutes
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Electronic Meeting

The Township of Amaranth Council held an electronic regular meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Council Present:

Mayor	B. Currie
Deputy Mayor	C. Gerrits
Councillor	G. Little
Councillor	H. Foster
Councillor	S. Niedzwiecki

Staff Present:

CAO/Clerk	N. Martin
Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer	A. Gordon
Township Planner	J. Johnstone (for parts)

1. Call to Order

Clerk determined quorum was obtained and the meeting was able to proceed.

Mayor Currie called the Meeting to Order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Added Items (Late Submissions) –

- 9.2. Added Draft Agreement
- 17.2. Added quote information from R.J. Burnside

3. Approval of Agenda

Resolution #1

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest with Reasons

None disclosed at this time, Council was reminded that they could declare a conflict at any time during the meeting should one arise.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1. Regular Meeting Minutes held February 3, 2021

Resolution #2

Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 3, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

6. **Public Question Period**

6.1. **Garden Suite Renewal Application** received from resident Laryssa Sawyer. The following letter was received and read into the minutes:

Good evening council,
 For those of you that don't know me, I am a resident of Amaranth on the 8th line. My husband and I own and operate a farm and dog kennel on our property. In 2016 we applied for a garden suite to be placed on our property so that our daughter could live there with her family in exchange for her husband working on the farm. When we applied for the garden suite, we had asked for 20 years as it was a considerable expense to set up this residence. When we originally applied, we were asked to make multiple changes to the application including the location of the garden suite, changes to the septic, etc and we complied with all changes asked. We paid a \$1000 application fee, a \$5000 deposit, approx. \$5000 in fees to the building department, as well as had to purchase engineered drawings. Our application did get approved but only for 5 years. Since having this application approved, multiple garden suites have been approved in Amaranth for periods of longer than 5 years. We still need the help on our farm and our daughter still needs a place to live so we would like to ask that our contract be renewed for a period of 20 years. I would also like to ask council if they would consider waiving the \$1000 application fee because if we had of been approved for a longer period of time when we first applied we would not be in front of council today. Our current agreement also states that one of our daughters specifically may only reside in the garden suite, but we have 7 children (and another on the way) and I would like to ask that our agreement be with any family member not only a specific one. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration,
 Laryssa Sawyer

Council briefly discussed the letter with the Township Planner James Johnstone. The Planning Act and temporary use by-laws such as the garden suite by-law were reviewed and the duration of same. Staff has been asked to explore options and respond back to Council.

6.2. **Cannabis and/or Hemp for commercial purposes** received from resident George Ragogna. The following letter was received and read into the minutes:

Property Address: 344207 15 Sideroad, Amaranth L9W 1X9
 I would like to discuss with the Amaranth Town Council the possibility to allow for the permitted use of growing Cannabis and/or Hemp for commercial purposes on the above noted property.
 The License I am applying for is a Micro-Grow Cultivation Licence regulated by Health Canada as per the Cannabis Act and Regulations <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-medication/cannabis/industry-licensees-applicants/applying-licence.html#a1>.
 This licence is similar to the large commercial operations overseen by Health

Canada but is restricted to a size not greater than 2,152 sqft of growing space limiting the operations.

We are NOT seeking personal cultivation license OR a designated grower license which is unregulated by the municipality or Health Canada and are cause of concern. We also are NOT requesting to sell any cannabis or hemp related products at this location, it will be for the exclusive use of cultivation and processing only. All products cultivated will be sent to the Ontario Cannabis Wholesale for distribution to the legally licensed Cannabis stores regulated by the Ontario provincial government.

The property location is zoned Rural and permits a Greenhouse for uses other than for Cannabis/Hemp cultivation. Section 4.2.1 of the Township of Amaranth Zoning By-law 2-2009.

We are seeking Town Councils support to complete a site plan zoning amendment for 344207 15th Sideroad, to permit the cultivation of Cannabis/Hemp in a Greenhouse of not larger than 2,500 sqft with a maximum growing space for Cannabis/Hemp not greater than 2,152 sqft as per Cannabis Act and Regulations. All required building, zoning and site plan applications will be completed in accordance with the town of Amaranth by-laws.

Council briefly discussed the letter with the Township Planner James Johnstone and the author of the letter George Ragogna. Staff has been asked to review the Site Plan Control process and permitted uses according to OMAFRA's guidelines.

7. Delegations/Presentations

7.1. Dufferin County Canadian Black Association
 Request for support presentation

Council heard from the Dufferin County Canadian Black Association who provided a brief review of the association and requested support to their organization. Council supported raising a Pan-African flag in support of recognition of Black History month.

Resolution #3

Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: S. Niedzwiecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council support the Dufferin County Canadian Black Association with a \$240.00 donation for 2021.

FURTHER that the Township of Amaranth will list the Dufferin County Canadian Black Association on the Township of Amaranth's Community Service page.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

8. Public Meeting - None at this meeting

9. Unfinished Business

9.1. Internet in Waldemar

Draft motion prepared by Deputy Mayor Gerrits

THAT given that an ISP has indicated that they can provide 50/10 service to the Waldemar area;

AND THAT given that this claim has caused Waldemar to be excluded from certain provincial and federal funding opportunities such as the SWIFT program;

Resolution #4

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth request that any ISP claiming the ability to provide 50/10 service to Waldemar or any other part of the Township of Amaranth complete a comprehensive field level assessment of the feasibility of providing this service at no cost to the Township of Amaranth, to the satisfaction of the Township staff and consultants.

AND THAT if the ISP does not complete the aforementioned field level assessment to the satisfaction of the Township of Amaranth staff and consultants by June 30th, 2021 that the ISP rescind their claim of coverage of Waldemar or any other area within the Township of Amaranth thereby allowing for the areas to qualify for funding other Provincial and Federal funding opportunities.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

9.2. **Town of Grand Valley**

Capital Cost Sharing Agreement for Grand Valley and District Community Centre

Council discussed the project as presented.

Resolution #5

Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: S. Niedzwiecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council approve the cost sharing agreement with Grand Valley and District Community Center.

Council approve the replacement of the ice surface floor and building an addition to create six new accessible modern change rooms.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

9.3. **Asset Management Funding**

Follow up

Further to a previous delegation to Council, the asset management plan update requirements and the additional potential plans that are required were briefly discussed.

Resolution #6

Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: S. Niedzwiecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council authorize R.J. Burnside to apply for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities funding opportunities to complete a Road Asset Management Plan and a Storm Water Asset Management Plan.

Council further authorize R.J. Burnside to update the Township of Amaranth's current Asset Management Plan.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

9.4. **Memo to Council 2021-005**
 Council Expense policy

Council discussed the policy as provided and requested a few minor amendments so it more accurately equalizes the remuneration for council members that are not on County Council.

Resolution #7

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council accept Report to Council 2021-005 and approve the Council Expense Policy as amended.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie		X	

10. **Planning Department**

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

10.1. Town of Orangeville – Notice of Public Meeting 780 Broadway

10.2. B01/2021 Consent Application and Z01-2021 Zoning By-law Amendment application Jamie Lundy – 344030 15th Sideroad

Council heard no further information since the Public Meeting and proceeded to pass the application accordingly.

Resolution #8

Moved by: S. Niedzwiecki – Seconded by: H. Foster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Consent Application B01-2021, for Jamie Lundy Farms Inc. (c/o Jamie Lundy) regarding West Part Lot 15, Concession 7, Part 1 and Part 2, 7R-2489 and known municipally as 344030 15th Sideroad, Amaranth

BE APPROVED Subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Owner pay all taxes in full;
2. That the Owner provide a copy of the registered Reference Plan in digital and paper formats for the severed and retained parcels;
3. That the Owner obtain entrance approval for the retained parcel from the appropriate road authority;

4. That the Owner obtain approval from the Township for a Zoning By-law Amendment to prohibit new residential dwellings from being constructed on the retained property;
5. That the Owner convey road widenings (severed and retained parcels) and daylighting triangle (retained parcel only) to the appropriate road authority;
6. The any road widenings, daylighting triangles, easements, survey costs, legal costs and other transaction pertaining to this application shall be borne by the applicant;
7. That all conditions be fulfilled within one year of the date of notice of decision where failure to do so will cause the application to be null and void.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

Resolution #9

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Zoning By-Law Amendment Application Z01-2021, for Jamie Lundy Farms Inc. (c/o Jamie Lundy) regarding West Part Lot 15, Concession 7 now designated as Part 1 and Part 2 on Registered Plan 7R-2489, being 344030 15th Sideroad, to rezone lands from Agricultural (A) Zone to Agricultural Exception (A-84) zone. BE APPROVED Subject to the following site specific zoning restrictions:

1. That the provisions in Section 4.1 (Agricultural (A) Zone), on lands zoned Agricultural Exception (A-84), residential uses, buildings and structures are prohibited.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

10.3. B03/2021 Consent Application and Z02-2021 Zoning By-law Amendment application Agnieszka Janisio (Owner) and P.J. Williams (Applicant) – 554060 Mono-Amaranth Townline

Council heard no further information since the Public Meeting and proceeded to pass the application accordingly.

Resolution #10

Moved by: S. Niedzwiecki – Seconded by: C. Gerrits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Consent Application B03-2021, for Agnieszka Janisio regarding East Part Lot 11, Concession 1, Parts 1-3, 7R-1101 and known municipally as 554060 Mono-Amaranth Townline, Amaranth BE APPROVED Subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Owner pay all taxes in full;
2. That the Owner provide a copy of the registered Reference Plan in digital and paper formats for the severed and retained parcels;
3. That the Owner obtain entrance approvals for the severed and retained parcels from the appropriate road authority;
4. That the Owner convey road widenings for both the severed and retained parcels to the appropriate road authority;

5. That the Owner successfully complete an MDS1 analysis for the severed property and any nearby livestock facilities/anaerobic digesters (LF/ADs) on separate lots in accordance with the Minimum Separation Distance Document (2016);
6. That the Owner pay all costs associated with road widenings, surveys and other transactions pertaining to this application;
7. That the Owner fulfill all conditions within one year of the date of notice of decision where failure to do so will cause the application to be null and void.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

Resolution #11

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Zoning By-Law Amendment Application Z02-2021, for the future severed property of Agnieszka Janisio regarding East Part Lot 11, Concession 1 now designated as Parts 1-3, 7R-1101, being 554060 Mono-Amaranth Townline, to rezone lands from Rural (RU) to Rural Exception (RU-25) zone BE APPROVED Subject to the following site specific zoning restrictions:

1. That the provisions in Section 4.2 (Rural (RU) Zone), on lands zoned Rural Exception (RU-25), a Minimum Interior Side Yard of 3.75 metres and a Minimum Lot Frontage of 47.00 metres shall be permitted.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

Resolution #12

Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: S. Niedzwiecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Zoning By-Law Amendment Application Z02-2021, for the future retained property of Agnieszka Janisio regarding East Part Lot 11, Concession 1 now designated as Parts 1-3, 7R-1101, being 554060 Mono-Amaranth Townline, to rezone lands from Rural (RU) to Rural Exception (RU-26) zone BE APPROVED Subject to the following site specific zoning restrictions:

1. That the provisions in Section 4.2 (Rural (RU) Zone), on lands zoned Rural Exception (RU-26), a Minimum Lot Frontage of 45.10 metres shall be permitted.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

10.4. SPA01/2019 Site Plan Approval SAT Metal Fabrication Inc.— develop 7 Shannon Court, Amaranth to allow for the construction of an industrial facility.

Council heard from the Township Planner James Johnstone that the Site Plan application and agreement had been drafted and included for Council's consideration. Council briefly discussed the development and approved the execution of the agreement.

10.5. SPA01/2021 Site Plan Approval Orangeville Fire Equipment, First Aid and Safety Inc. – develop 245295 5th Sideroad, Amaranth to allow for a home industry.

Council heard from the Township Planner James Johnstone that the Site Plan application and agreement had been drafted and was seeking approval and input from Council at this time as the applicants are not the current owner and therefore the agreement cannot be executed at this time. A few agency comments remain outstanding as well that may need to be included in the agreement. Staff will bring back the agreement once the applicant is the owner of the property.

10.6. Waldemar Well Pumphouse

Proposed Scope of Work for Waldemar Well Pumphouse Upgrades
Request for Quotation

Council heard from the Township Planner James Johnstone for the replacement of valves at the pumphouse. Council was not favourable of the quote as provided. Council felt that tendering the process was more desirable and staff can work with R.J. Burnside to draft a tender to include a design. Council additionally heard from Gord Feniak with R.J. Burnside regarding the requirements of the new construction when the new subdivision is started. Council discussed the development that is anticipated to be in place by the Spring of 2022.

10.7. Amarlinc 513151 2nd Line Fill Management Plan
Update

Council heard from R.J. Burnside engineer Gord Feniak regarding the fill application at this site. Council was provided with the possibility of 800,000 cubic metres of fill to be approved at this site. Council was generally supportive of the application and encouraged the applicant to proceed with a formal agreement to Council. Staff have been asked to bring the matter back to Council for further discussion.

10.8. Primrose Estates (formerly Blue Spruce) – Draft Plan revision

Council briefly discussed the two draft conceptual site plans as provided. Council generally agreed with the idea showing a smaller park lot and a walking path but no road way to another further development.

10.9. Other, if any. Nothing further was discussed at this time.

11. Public Works Department

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

11.1. Report to Council 2021-010
Gravel Tender options

Council discussed the gravel options for this upcoming season. Council would like to tender less gravel and use township vehicles for road work more this

season. Council recognizes that this is an unusual situation surrounding the current COVID-19 pandemic and will not become the norm for the township.

Resolution #13

Moved by: S. Niedzwiecki – Seconded by: H. Foster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council receive Report to Council 2021-010 regarding Gravel Tenders for 2021 information and further that Council approve tending for 14,500 Metric Tonnes of gravel.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

11.2. **Other**, if any. Nothing was brought up at this time.

12. County Council Business

The following items were reviewed and dealt with:

12.1. **Other**, if any. Nothing was discussed at this time.

13. Committee Reports

The following were received and/or dealt with:

- 13.1. **Centre Dufferin Recreation Committee**
CDRC Board approved minutes December 1, 2020
- 13.2. **Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority**
[Monthly Newsletter February](#)
- 13.3. **Grand Valley and District Community Centre**
Community Centre 2021 Budget

Council reviewed and discussed the information as provided.

Resolution #14

Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: C. Gerrits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council support the Grand Valley and District Community Centre 2021 Operating Budget in the amount of \$312,029.00 with Amaranth’s portion being \$60,519.00.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

14. General Business and Correspondence

The following were received and/or dealt with:

- 14.1. **AMO WatchFile** [February 4, 2021](#); **AMO Policy Update** – [Expanded Library Broadband and AMO Response to Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission](#); **AMO Policy Update** – [Gradual Return to COVID-19 Response Framework, Conservation Authorities Act Update](#); **AMO WatchFile** – [February 1, 2021](#); **AMO Policy Update** – [Social Assistance Vision Paper Released, March Break Delayed](#)
- 14.2. **Government of Ontario News:** [Friday, February 5, 2021](#); [Monday, February 8, 2021](#); [Tuesday, February 9, 2021](#); [Wednesday, February 10, 2021](#); [Ontario Delays March Break in an Effort to Reduce Community Transmission of COVID-19](#); [Thursday, February 11, 2021](#)
- 14.3. **Statistics Canada** – 2021 Census

Council briefly discussed the information as provided.

Resolution #15

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amaranth supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

- 14.4. **Township of Baldwin** – Motion regarding Ontario Fire College Gravenhurst closure
- 14.5. **FCM Voice:** [FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus to meet ahead of Budget 2021](#)
- 14.6. **Town of Orangeville** – resolution regarding Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- 14.7. **Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks** – Proclamation of Provisions of the Conservation Authorities Act
- 14.8. **Dufferin Federation of Agriculture** – Municipal Drains
- 14.9. **Township of Guelph/Eramosa** – Advocacy for MFIPPA Reform resolution
- 14.10. **Upper Grand Trailway Association** – request for Donation

Council has previously supported this request and agreed to continue that support for 2021.

Resolution #16

Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: C. Gerrits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby receive and support a donation request to the Upper Grand Trailway Association in the amount of \$500.00.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

14.11. **VMedia UBF** - Proposed Letter of Support

14.12. **City of St. Catherines** – Universal Paid Sick Days in Ontario

14.13. **MP Kyle Seeback** – [Canada is falling behind on vaccines](#)

14.14. **Liberty Coalition Canada** – [request for support](#)

14.15. **Ontario Fire College** – request for support

14.16. Other, if any. Nothing was discussed at this point.

15. Treasury/Accounts

The following were received and/or dealt with:

15.1. **Bills and Accounts**
General Accounts

15.2. **Bills and Accounts**
Road Accounts

Council discussed the bills and accounts as presented. Council requested further information in connection with a few bills and invoices which staff provided clarification on.

Resolution #17

Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: C. Gerrits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following bills and Accounts be approved for payment:

General 2021 \$287,950.32

Roads 2021 \$101,335.80

CARRIED

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

15.3. Other, if any. Nothing was discussed at this time.

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

16.1. All added items were dealt with under different headings in the agenda.

17. New Business

17.1. **Report to Council 2021-009**

Sale of Alcohol at Agency Convenience Stores on Statutory Holidays

Council discussed the request from the agency convenience store and the list of the statutory holidays. Staff was able to address any comments made.

Resolution #18

Moved by: H. Foster – Seconded by: S. Niedwiecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That Council receive Report to Council 2021-009 regarding the sale of alcohol at agency convenience stores on statutory holidays.

Further that Council approve the following agency convenience store to sell alcohol on statutory holidays listed herein: Amaranth Esso located at 204357 County Road 109

Further that Council approve the following statutory holidays in which the above noted agency store may sell alcohol:

New Year's Day (January 1)

Family Day (third Monday of February)

Good Friday (the Friday before Easter)

Easter Sunday

Victoria Day (the last Monday before or on May 24)

Canada Day (July 1)

Labour Day (the first Monday in September)

Thanksgiving Day (the second Monday in October)

Christmas Day (December 25)

CARRIED.

17.2. **R.J. Burnside**

Cost estimate for 2021 Risk Management Official/Inspector Services

Council briefly discussed the estimate for costing for 2021 as provided. Council instructed staff to include these numbers in the budget documents.

18. **Notice of Motions** – None at this meeting.

18.1. **Feral Cat Rescue** – discussion and donation

Draft notice of motion prepared by Deputy Mayor Gerrits:

I presented a letter from Lori Tolton to council asking us to look at options for feline control in the township. Council responded inviting Ms. Tolton and Feral Cat Rescue to council to make a presentation on what they do.

October 16, 2019 - Sharon Morden, Lori Tolton and Charlotte Ellington made a presentation to council asking for support. According to the minutes they were told Council would consider it during budget deliberations.

November 6, 2019 - during public question period John Aprea asked what we were doing about the question from Feral Cat Rescue and, according to the minutes, was told we would discuss during budget deliberations.

We did not include anything in the 2020 Budget and to be honest I am unsure in what detail we discussed this.

According to the most recent version of our budget, we pay \$3,000.00 for canine control per year and bring in \$13,500.00 per year in dog licences so we are very cash flow positive in that regard.

Therefore I would like a motion to approve a one time donation to Feral Cat Rescue to \$1,000.00 for the 2021 budget year.

In terms of how this is allocated I would be open to discussing whether it is a donation to Feral Cat Rescue or if it is a commitment to Feral Cat Rescue to

reimburse the full cost for their operations within the Township of Amaranth for the 2021 year, to a maximum of \$1,000.00. I.e. if they get a cat that needs spay/neuter or euthanized within the Township they would track it and the Township would reimburse on a monthly or quarterly basis.

19. **Closed Meeting**

Resolution #19

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council move to a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reasons:

Information supplied in confidence by another level of government;
 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and
 Labour relations or employee negotiations

CARRIED.

Resolution #20

Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: C. Gerrits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do now rise and report from Closed Meeting.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

It was confirmed that the only items discussed in closed session were those items on the closed session agenda. Council confirmed that instruction was given to staff and there were no further matters arising from closed session.

20. **By-Laws - Notice of intention to pass the following By-Laws**

20.1. **Resolution #21**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law for the appointment of a Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer for the Township of Amaranth, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

20.2. **Resolution #22**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the execution of a contract agreement between the Township of Amaranth and The Shelburne Public Library, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

20.3. Resolution #23

Moved by: G. Little – Seconded by: C. Gerrits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the execution of a contract agreement between the Township of Amaranth and The Grand Valley Public Library, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

20.4. Resolution #24

Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: S. Niedzwiecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the execution of a site plan agreement between the Township of Amaranth and SAT Metal Fabrication Inc. for 7 Shannon Court, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

20.5. Resolution #25

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the execution of a by-law to amend the Zoning By-Law 2-2009 for 344030 15th Sideroad, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		

Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

20.6. **Resolution #26**
Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: S. Niedzwiecki
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the execution of a by-law to amend the Zoning By-Law 2-2009 for 554060 Mono-Amaranth Townline, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

20.7. **Resolution #27**
Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: H. Foster
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to appoint Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki to certain boards and committees, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

21. **Confirming By-Law**

Resolution #28
Moved by: C. Gerrits – Seconded by: H. Foster
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 February 17, 2021; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

22. **Adjournment**

Resolution #29

Moved by: S. Niedzwiecki – Seconded by: H. Foster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote	Yea	Nay	Absent
Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits	X		
Councillor Heather Foster	X		
Councillor Gail Little	X		
Councillor Steve Niedzwiecki	X		
Mayor Bob Currie	X		

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Head of Council

CAO/Clerk