

**SPECIAL MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
TUESDAY DECEMBER 23, 2015
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Mayor: Lynn Watson

Council: Lynn Orchard, Jean Robbins, Shelly Bailey-absent, Parker Brockelbank-absent

Staff: Lynne Duguay, Donny Cameron.

Delegation: Chris Gordon, Luke & Holly Amelotte, Dan Hicks, Sarah Orchard-Algoma Power, Sean Denly-Algoma Power

1. Call Meeting to Order
#15-431
Moved by: Lynn Orchard
Seconded by: Jean Robbins
“RESOLVED that we open our Special Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m.”
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2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
4. Delegations/Public Presentations

Drainage Issues on Echo Lake Rd. by Luke Amelotte, Chris Gordon and Dan Hicks.

- water flow has changed due to a diversion of water
- last big rainfall water was over Echo Lake Rd.
- Luke Amelotte diverted the water to the west side of the property that they just purchased on Echo Lake Rd.
- his property was being flooded out so he felt he had to do something
- he approached Chris Gordon to see if it was ok to divert the water coming off his property to correct Luke's problem
- Luke removed ditch from NE to South then west into the municipal ditch
- this water no longer runs into the ditch where there is a cross culvert to deal with it
- it runs into the municipal ditch up further where there is no cross culvert to deal with the excess water
- Luke thought the twp. would clean out the ditch to take care of the water
- Luke spoke to Eric Kelly while investigating a complaint from Dan Hicks
- Luke also wanted to deal with water from his flowing well
- Luke has 40 years experience and when he shot the elevations with a transit he figured the ditch could handle the water
- sewer pipe from Hick's property running onto Luke's- Algoma Public Health has been notified and have investigated
- Luke felt for all these reasons he had to do something
- if his driveway culvert would have been cleaned the water should have been able to get away
- he is willing to change the culvert himself if the township does not want to do this
- Mayor Watson asked if he received permission from the township to drain his water into our ditch
- did he get permission from property owners to divert the ditch-only spoke to Chris Gordon
- the water now comes faster and is drained to a different area
- Dan Hicks has more water on his property now than he ever did before
- Holly Amelotte stated they asked Mr. Hicks if they could put a ditch in between their properties and he said no-he did not need the ditch and he did not want the liability of the extra water in case it flooded the road
- Chris Gordon stated the whole situation is unfortunate-should have all got together prior to this situation to come up with a solution
- before Luke talked to Chris the other ditch was already filled in
- Chris did agree at that point-put the ditch in and see what happens
- Chris was not there when the ditch was dug and it is on his property not Luke's
- Chris needs to clean out the original ditch in spring because he still needs that to drain his new tile drain

- the ditch that Luke has is a trench not a ditch and is on Chris's property and needs to be changed to property line with proper slope
- ditch should stay where it was in the first place
- somehow Chris wants to work this out-does not want to have problems with any neighbors
- Holly-water was flooding because it could not pass through their driveway culvert-if the culvert is changed there should not be a problem.

Algoma Power-has a problem with the location of the new ditch-it is too close to power pole & guide wires-they have an easement with Chris Gordon for that pole and this ditch is now causing a problem with erosion-third wire is too close to ditch-ditch is ½ meter from guide wire and they need 1.5 meters according to easement

-if ditch was on property line it should be okay-if the new ditch is fill in-that is a main feed for the power line-trees on Amelotte property is an issue

-Luke offered to pay to change his driveway culvert

-if we get a lot of water again because of where it comes to in our ditch we may still have a flooding issue with the amount of water that will be coming down

-24" culvert will be needed

-Chris feels the other ditch worked fine

-Luke does not want that cause it does not serve his purpose

-cost of culvert \$615.90 24" x 30'

-will cost more to install because we have to hire a contractor to do the installation because all of our equipment is set up for winter works

-Luke is willing to do installation himself

-we don't permit this-we prefer to hire a contractor to have it done or do it ourselves

-Chris stated there was a road right of way where they came out to the Iron River School-look into this right of way

-Dan Hicks-he was going to put a tile drain but his lawyer told him not to touch it right now

-Chris wants property lines to be staked-he will do ditch on property line but not until next year when it dries up

-culvert at Luke's property needs to be changed now

-Algoma Power is ok with this but if the guide wire is compromised by erosion they will come in and put a ½ culvert in to secure and that cost will be passed onto the property owner that they have the easement with (Chris Gordon)

-property owners will work out the rest

-Dan inquired about the the berm that was built by Luke that is putting water on his property-that needs to be dealt with between property owners

-twp. to provide names of contractor to Amelotte's to install driveway culvert

5. Staff & Committee Reports
 - a) Road Supervisor
 - b) Leisure Services Coordinator
 - c) Fire Chief
 - d) Treasurer's Report
 - e) Planning Board
 - f) Police Services Board
 - g) Algoma District Services Administration Board
 - h) Algoma District Municipal Association
 - i) Landfill/Recycling
 - j) Sewer and Water
6. By-Law
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts

- 10. Closed Session
- 11. Correspondence
- 12. Mayor & Councillors Comments
- 13. Confirming By-law
- 14. Adjournment
 #15-432
 Moved by: Lynn Orchard
 Seconded by: Jean Robbins
 “RESOLVED that we close our Special Meeting at 10:10 a.m.
 CD.

THAT these minutes be accepted this _____ day of _____ 2016

MAYOR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR