

December 7, 2010

Inaugural Meeting

11:00 AM

The Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards held its Inaugural Meeting on the above date with Councillors Isabel O'Reilly, John Jeffrey, Ernie Cybulski, Stanley Pecoskie, Carl Kuehl and Debbie Peplinskie present.

Declaration of Election Officials: The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer administered the Declaration of Elected Office and the Oath of Allegiance to all Council members.

Mayor's Address: Mayor Janice Visneskie gave her inaugural address as follows:

Good Morning Everyone, and Welcome.

Congratulations to all of Council: Debbie, Carl, Stanley, Ernie, John, Isabel. We have been given the privilege and honour of being elected, or acclaimed, to sit for the next four years to represent our taxpayers at this table. We want to welcome John Jeffrey and we all look forward John, to working with you. You will bring your ideas, your experience and your views will be a welcome addition for all of us. You have been given a responsibility, as have we all, to listen and make many decisions to benefit our ratepayers.

Under previous Council's and our staff's mandate, the township is in excellent financial shape. We must continue to work hard to try to maintain taxes without huge increases, but still provide all of the services that we are expected to provide. We are a team. We have upgraded our fleet of equipment for Public Works and our Fire Department. We have been able to access Federal and Provincial funding to assist in doing much needed upgrades. We must continue to seek and ask for money from these higher levels of governments to ease the burden on our tax base. We need to communicate and to partner with our neighbouring municipalities to try to find common ground where we can share our resources and our ideas, and not reinvent the wheel. We have a County and a Township with extraordinary, ordinary people that we need to tap into as a strong resource.

Our Economic Development Committee must work hard to help promote and stimulate the economy and to promote our beautiful Township. We must continue to work for the betterment of our library, recreation and doctor recruitment needs. Our municipality must meet all legislated requirements to ensure compliance for emergency planning, PSAB, accessibility, water and sewage regulations, just to name a few.

I have established a new committee, the Strategic Planning Committee. This committee will be responsible for establishing a vision, a plan for the Township for future years. The Province continues to change how we do business. We need a plan to be able to survive these changes, and a vision for where we are going.

Waste Management is one of the very important issues that Council is facing at the present time. Nothing has been finalized in this regard yet, but we are committed to keeping our public informed as we move through this process. Council has given Ernie Cybulski and myself the mandate to investigate export of our waste, as well as to review our current waste management and recycling programs. We must provide a good environmentally and economically sound recommendation to the public and Council for their consideration as we work towards a long-term waste management solution.

To the staff, we truly have the best municipal employees. You work hard and represent Council well as you carry out your duties. Thank you for this dedication and commitment to the Township. Council looks forward to working with each and every one of you over the next four years.

I believe, and Council agrees and always has, in an open door approach. Council invites and welcomes the public to our meetings. Please come and see us at work on your behalf.

I have established the committee structure and we leave these standing committees for the next two years. I will review and make changes for the last two years of this Council term. To each member of Council, I look forward to working with all of you. Together, as a team, we will continue to make our Township prosper and flourish. Thank you to the taxpayers for allowing me to serve as your Mayor once again here and at County Council. It is a great honour and a privilege. Thank you to everyone.

Other Business: Councillor Peplinskie presented Mayor Visneskie with a gift on behalf of Council and staff in recognition of her 25 years of service to the public as a member of Council.

Adjournment:

Moved by Isabel O'Reilly
Seconded by John Jeffrey

That this meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer