

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
August 10, 2016

PRESENT

Larry Perron, Supervisor
Jim Callon
Don Kucharczyk
Cheryl Thoresen
Andree Watson

The August Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, Larry Perron, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Killips, Chuck Palmer, and Roger Parr were in attendance.

Jeff Killips, Fire Chief, gave the monthly report on the Fire Department. The Fire Department is holding their first annual pancake breakfast on August 14th from 11:00-2:00. Proceeds to purchase tools, water, etc. for the department.

The Fire Chief reported that 4 new tires are needed on one of the trucks at a cost of \$2107.70. This amount is covered by the Fire Department budget.

Roger Parr, Neebish Island property owner, expressed concern to the Board that the beach property at the north end of Brander Road on the Island has serious soil/bank erosion at the water's edge. Mr. Parr requested funds from the Township to help purchase cement slabs to place along the shoreline to stop the erosion and to allow boats to be launched. Mr. Parr was encouraged to obtain approval/permits from both the DEQ and the Corps of Engineers before proceeding with the project. He was encouraged to return to the Board once the permits were obtained.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the July 13th Board Meeting minutes with the correct date notation on page two. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that the Neebish Island Pavilion with 4 picnic tables, located behind the Community Center, was previously overlooked by insurance coverage and has now been added to the insurance package of the Neebish Island properties. Also, the Township was asked to find out who owns the property the old dock is on. The Clerk will report back to the September Board meeting.

The August Primary had 559 voters, of which 186 were absentee voters. This represents 23% of registered Soo Township voters.

Soo Township Clean-up days involved 56 residents participating compared to 36 last year.

Budget vs Actual for the month of July was discussed.

Soo Township Park Security reported that 2 Amish buggies were inside the gate of the park and left without cleaning up mess left by horses. Because of health and safety concerns of other persons utilizing the park, Mr. Talentino will inform them next time they must tie the buggies up elsewhere as there are no animals allowed in the park. An attempt will be made to obtain a pictured badge for Mr. Talentino.

Jim Callon, Permit Administrator stated that 4 Permits were issued in June and 6 Permits issued in July.

At a hearing held August 10th, the King property owners were given a list of items to be moved and told the property must be cleaned up in a week or they will be back in court.

The Supervisor reported that the Chippewa County Health Department has cleaned-up the sewage problem at the Apartments on Radar Road, owned by Curtis and Charla Marts, at the apartment owners' expense.

A letter was received from the Bay Mills Health Center asking for support as they attempt to get Grant funds that will benefit the County. The Clerk will send a letter to the Bay Mills Health Center in support of their efforts in serving the public as a Community Health Center and their application for grant funds.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to pay July bills from ck#8380 to ck #8394 totaling \$121,403.16 and August bills from ck#8395 to ck#8450 totaling \$40,651.06 including Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$3,449.14 for July payroll taxes and \$740.98 for annual Quickbooks and posters renewal. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Andree Watson
Soo Township Clerk