

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
August 12, 2020

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, following the Pledge of Allegiance. Pam Chipman, Jeff Killips, Rob Laitinen, and Chuck Palmer were in attendance.

Jeff Killips gave the monthly Fire Department report. There was a shed fire only this month. The Fire Department Committee will meet later this month.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to approve the July 8, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Rob Laitinen, Chippewa County Road Commission, gave a report on the Nicolet Road project. He reported that the gas lines are slowing them down, plus machinery breakdowns. He also reported that due to the condition of the road, the township has the option to have the asphalt pulverized at an additional cost of \$53,375 or place asphalt over existing asphalt. This unplanned procedure of pulverizing will result in a longer lasting road surface due to the condition of the road. **A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the payment of an additional \$53,375 for the cost of pulverizing the asphalt on Nicolet Road, due to road condition. A Roll call vote was taken: Larry Perron-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes. Motion carried.**

Pam Chipman, Assessor, presented and recommended the following Land Division:
#012-369 L.D. Charles LaRue Resolution #2020-08

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the Land Division as recommended: A Roll-call vote was taken: Larry Perron-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Andree Watson-yes, and Cheryl Thoresen-yes. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that the August 4th election results for Soo Township was a total of 797 voters. Absentee Ballots accounted for 492 of those votes. The precinct staff worked diligently to ensure that all precautions were taken to insure personal safety and protection.

A thank you email was received from Neebish Island residents for treating their roads in July.

Complaints regarding the hours 4 Mile Beach is opened appeared on Facebook. After checking with grounds keeper, it was reported that the hours of opening and closing have been consistent every day according to sign posted. He had heard of the complaint and is aware who posted on Facebook.

Pine Grove cemetery continues to receive notices of appreciation of the upkeep and appearance of the cemetery. The Board thanks the Manager Tom Thoresen, Sexton Harold McKenzie, and staff, Alex French and Ian Wilson.

A request for a Burger Bash to be held at the hall was received. Following discussion, it was approved by the Board with emphasis that the contract must be signed by a resident and all rules followed as to no alcoholic beverages, no smoking and nothing placed on walls.

The Budget vs actual for the month of July was presented and discussed.

The Treasurer reported there are two Personal Property tax accounts past due; Fox Aggregates for 2018 and 2019 taxes and Sovereign Communications for 2019 taxes.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Cheryl Thoresen that Mr. Al Walther be invited to become a member of the Soo Township Planning Committee. Motion carried.

Permit Administrator, Jim Callon, reported that 4 permits had been issued for July.

The updating and addition to the Cemetery Ordinance was discussed and tabled until the September meeting.

The Clerk reported that Fall Clean-up days has been scheduled for Soo Township residents from Monday, October 5th through Friday, October 9th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday, October 11th from 8:00 am to noon. This will be posted on the website and ad placed in the newspaper.

Attorney, Chuck Palmer, reported that the Pretrial of Soo Township vs Rivera is scheduled for the end of August.

Supervisor, Larry Perron, reported that the grass has been cut at the McCormack residence on 6 mile at home owners expense.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to pay the July bills from check #10582 to #10611 totaling \$17,240.88, August bills from checks #10612 to #10660 totaling \$28,686.53, including Electronic Transfer of \$3,914.40 for July payroll taxes and \$650 for annual QuickBooks subscription. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Andree Watson
Clerk