

**SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Soo Township Community Center**  
**August 14, 2013**

**Present:**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor, Larry Perron. Chuck Palmer, Jeff Killips and Rodney Sadler were in attendance. The Pledge of Alliance was given.

A correction was made to the July 10<sup>th</sup> minutes. Jim Callon issued 2 permits for the month of June. **A motion was made by Don Kucharczyk, supported by Jim Callon to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 as corrected. Motion carried.**

Property owner Rodney Sadler inquired as to who inspected the Clement property at 4863 Nicolet Rd. Jim Callon responded that he did and felt the property is now acceptable. Mr Sadler is still not satisfied with the noise of the rooster, smell of the chickens and the shed being used for a coop. He also feels the set back dimensions of the coop are in violation of the ordinance.

Jeff Killips presented the July fire department report. Possible plans are in the works for an Open House in October to showcase our fire department and the new fire truck which should arrive in September. He also requested approval to order Fire Prevention Week materials. **Jim Callon made a motion, seconded by Don Kucharczyk to approve the expenditure of \$549.11 for these materials. A Roll-call vote was taken: Larry Perron-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes and Andree Watson-absent. Motion carried.**

The Clerk's report was presented with the 2013/2014 budget vs actual for the month of July. **A motion was made by Cheryl Thoresen and supported by Jim Callon to transfer \$51.20 from the clerk office supply to unemployment insurance. A roll-call vote was taken: Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes and Cheryl Thoresen-yes. Andree Watson was absent. Motion carried.**

The August 6 election found in Soo Township that the renewal of the Senior Program millage passed overwhelmingly with 151 yes votes and 37 no votes.

Permit Administrator, Jim Callon reported 2 permits issued in July. Jim also reported that our Master Plan will be reviewed and updated in the near future.

Attorney, Chuck Palmer reported speaking to Sharon Woodgate concerning the property located at 3040 S M-129. She indicated there was an insurance claim on said property and when it is resolved they will tear down the old building that is in violation of the nuisance ordinance.

Chuck stated that Jess Sobas is also aware that his property on Croy Lane needs to be renovated or else torn down.

Concerning the complaint from a Neebish Island resident about the wake from freighters damaging his property, Chuck listed all the steps the township would have to go through to address this problem. The Board felt it entailed too much legal work for one complaint.

Attorney, Chuck Palmer and Soo Township Assessor, Luanne Kooiman are scheduled to attend the Tax Tribunal Hearing in Lansing MI on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. This concerns the Best Western Hotel on the Business Spur. At issue is the value of the property; Soo Township has an appraised value of 2.8 million and the hotel's appraiser has it set at 2.1 million. **A motion was made by Jim Callon and seconded by Don Kucharczyk to give Larry Perron the authority to authorize a reasonable settlement if possible before the Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> date. A Roll-call vote was taken: Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Larry Perron-abstain and Andree Watson-absent. Motion carried.**

Larry Perron addressed the cemetery issue concerning Ron and Bonnie Raeffele and the numerous items placed at their daughter's burial site. He felt the matter has been resolved.

**A motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to approve the July bills from ck #6668 to ck #6689 totaling \$8,935.43 and August bills from ck #6690 to ck #6731 totaling \$77,584.13 including Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$3,199.02 for July payroll taxes. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.