

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
August 12, 2015

PRESENT

Jim Callon
Don Kucharczyk
Cheryl Thoresen
Andree Watson

ABSENT

Larry Perron, Supervisor

The August Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk, Andree Watson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Killips, Chuck Palmer and Darrell Siegwart were in attendance.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2015, board meeting. Motion carried.

Attorney Chuck Palmer stated that a Suit has been filed against Darrell Siegwart for violation of the nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Siegwart has 21 days to comply with the Suit. The matter will be reviewed at the September Board Meeting.

The Clerk read a letter from resident Stephanie Bumstead regarding her attending the July Board of Review and asking for a refund on her taxes for the past 11 years as her home was assessed incorrectly. Neither Ms. Bumstead nor the Assessor Luanne Kooiman was able to attend this meeting. A letter was also read from the Assessor regarding the March Board of Review meeting and the July Clerical Board of Review Meeting with Ms. Bumstead. According to the Assessor and Ms. Bumstead the matter had been resolved at the March Board of Review Meeting and the home is now assessed correctly. The July Clerical Board of Review has no legal authority to hear protests of valuation for the current or previous years. The Board concurred with the Assessor's decision on this matter that the Township is unable to refund 11 years of taxes and Ms. Bumstead will receive a letter to this affect.

The Clerk read a letter from the City of Sault Ste. Marie thanking the Soo Township Fire Department for their support in fighting the fire on Portage Avenue and their willingness to assist the Sault Fire Department whenever the need arrives.

The galvanized roof on the Neebish Island Fire Hall has a few rust spots and needs coating. The clerk to notify Les Laitinen that there is a line item in our budget for Neebish Island repairs and to get the material needed and submit the bills.

There were 204 voters for the August 4th Election for the Library millage renewal.

The clerk reported that there was an incident at the Pine Grove Cemetery where someone buried ashes in a family plot on their own and did not contact the cemetery manager or sexton. The matter was turned over to the State Police.

The Clerk and Fire Chief Dan Frechette met with Michigan Township Par Plan Risk Control Representative, Tom Lindeman. The response has been received and filed.

Budget vs Actual for July 2015 was presented and discussed.

Jeff Killips gave the Fire Department report for the month.

The Fire Department will host an Open House and Barbecue at the Fire Hall on Saturday, September 19 from noon to 4:00. Everyone is invited.

Jim Callon reported that the Master Plan is being reviewed and the Regional Planning Commission has been approached for assistance if needed. A public meeting is being discussed.

Four building permits have been issued for August as of August 12th.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to dismiss the suit and costs associated with the suit against Jon and Sharon Morley as clean-up has taken place on their property on M129. A Roll-call vote was taken: Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, and Cheryl Thoresen-yes. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to pay bills from check #7805 to check #7813 totaling \$14,867.96 for the month of July and August bills from check #8147 to check #7865 in the amount of \$45,894.26 including Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$3,525.14 for July payroll taxes and Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$687.03 for Quickbooks update and updated Federal Posters. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Andree Watson
Clerk