

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
February 14, 2018

PRESENT
Larry Perron, Supervisor

ABSENT
Jim Callon

Don Kucharczyk
Cheryl Thoresen
Andree Watson

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

Jeff Killips presented the monthly Fire Department report which included two fires, one being a Mutual Aid. The Fire Chief asked and received Board Permission to add at least one more volunteer fireman and that new pagers have been purchased.

Resident Larry Kirwan reported to the Board that a neighbor is in violation of the Township Ordinances and that there was a fire there a few days prior.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Andree Watson to approve the January monthly minutes. Motion carried.

The 2016/2017 Township Audit was distributed and discussed.

New voting equipment will be implemented in the State by May 2018. **A Motion was made by Cheryl Thoresen and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve Resolution #2018-01, authorizing Andree Watson, Soo Township Clerk, to submit the Grant Application on behalf of Soo Township and to receive the equipment when Grant approval is given. A Roll-call vote was taken: Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Andree Watson-yes, and Cheryl Thoresen-yes. Jim Callon was absent. Motion carried.**

The Budget vs Actual for January was discussed. **A Motion was made by Andree Watson and Supported by Cheryl Thoresen to transfer \$500 from Road Construction to Road Maintenance/Supplies. A Roll-call vote was taken: Don Kucharczyk-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, and Larry Perron-yes. Jim Callon was absent. Motion carried.**

The Treasurer reported that winter tax collection ends February 28th when the office is open from 9:00 until 5:00. As of February 14th, there are 791 tax bills outstanding.

The Attorney to send a letter to Osborn Salvage Yard to cease and desist.

Suit has been filed and pending against Foreijt Builders on Three Mile Road.

Letters have been sent to Sault RV and Trailer Service and to David Denn regarding the need for Special Use Permits on their properties. Permits have been received and Public Notices to be placed in the Evening News regarding their requests being presented at the March 6th Planning Commission Meeting.

The Planning Commission requests A Public Notice be placed in the Evening News for the March 6th meeting regarding the proposed addition of a Noxious Weed Ordinance and an amendment to the Noise Ordinance.

Supervisor, Larry Perron reported that 4 Mile Road resurfacing will be completed in June and that Baker Side Road rework will be done this summer.

The roundabout at the Business Spur will be starting in the Spring of 2018 and will take two years to complete.

The Supervisor has been meeting with City Manager, Oliver Turner on a 425 Agreement for Soo Township.

The Cemetery Board submitted a recommendation to the Township Board that a 72 Niche Columbarium be purchased for the Cemetery. Two quotes were submitted and it was recommended that the Township accept the bid from Hovie Monuments for \$38,275. This quote includes the Columbarium, foundation, delivery, installation and warranty. The granite for this Columbarium comes from North America. The Columbarium to be delivered late Spring. The Cemetery had budgeted \$30,000 for this item. **A Motion was made by Cheryl Thoresen and Supported by Don Kucharczyk to accept the recommendation of the Cemetery Board and purchase the 72 Niche Columbarium from Hovie Monuments at a cost of \$38,275 and to transfer \$8,275 from the Contingency Fund to the Cemetery Budget line item Capital Outlay. A Roll-call vote was taken: Don Kucharczyk-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, and Larry Perron-yes. Jim Callon was absent. Motion carried.**

The Cemetery Board further recommended that the Cemetery Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 5. Grave Opening Charges

(d) If a deceased's family requests a winter burial, they must contact the Cemetery Manager for arrangements. The applicable charges for this service to be determined. These charges will include, but not limited to the follow:

- 1. Cost to clear snow from entrance burial site**
- 2. Cost to rent steamer to thaw ground for burial**
- 3. Cost to bring burial equipment to the site, dig grave, close following burial.**
- 4. Cost of Sexton and Cemetery Manager for their services.**
- 5. The requestor is responsible for the Liability and cost of damages associated with the burial process.**

The Cemetery Board also discussed and approved to recommend to the Township Board increasing the cost of lots purchased by \$50.00 effective May 1, 2018.

If lots are purchased at the same time, following are the new costs:

One lot	\$ 500	
Two lots	\$ 700	
Three lots	\$ 900	
Four lots	\$ 1,100	
Five lots	\$ 1,300	
Six lots	\$ 1,500	
Seven lots	\$ 1,700	
Eight lots	\$ 1,900	(full plot – purchased at one time)

It was further agreed to recommend to Township Board increasing the costs for a full burial, opening and closing to \$600 and increasing the cost to bury cremation remains to \$350 effective May 1, 2018.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to accept the Cemetery Board’s recommendations to change the Cemetery Ordinance as stated: raise the purchase price of cemetery lots by \$50.00 and the fees for burials opening and closing by \$100. Motion carried. A Roll-call vote was taken: Don Kucharczyk-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, and Larry Perron-yes. Jim Callon was absent. Motion carried.

The additional charge of \$200 for burials after 3:00 pm or on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, will remain at \$200.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to pay the January bills from check #9253 to check #9257 totaling \$8,774.49 and February bills from check #9258 to check # 9304 totaling \$30,040.50, including Electronic Payment in the amount of \$1,476.24 for January payroll taxes. Motion carried.

Andree Watson
Clerk