

**SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Soo Township Community Center**  
**January 13, 2016**

**PRESENT**

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

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

**A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.**

Jeff Killips and Rob Shields submitted the Fire Department report showing our firemen responded to 9 fire calls in December with a total of 38 runs for 2015.

A letter was read from Margaret Mathews thanking our Fire Department for their presence at her husband, Charles Mathews' funeral. She also gave a \$200 donation to the fire department.

A letter of resignation was read from Dan Frechette giving the date of February 29, 2016 as the last day to perform his duties as Soo Township Fire Chief. A new Chief will be chosen at a later date.

**Clerk's Report:**

Budget vs actual for the month of December needed no adjustment.

The security light at the old ferry dock on Neebish Island was discussed with a decision made that it is not Soo Township's responsibility to incur the cost of this light bill anymore.

**A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk, seconded by Jim Callon, to accept the following precinct workers for the Presidential Primary on March 8, 2016: Rose Talentino, Chairperson, Gail Essmaker, Harold Essmaker, Beverly Harwood, Gloria Larke, Betty Suriano, Andree Watson and Bev Youngs. Motion carried.**

Cheryl Thoresen is scheduled to represent our township at the monthly MTA meeting on January 21, 2016.

A letter was read from State Senator, Wayne Schmidt acknowledging our support of Senate Bill 282 and House Bill 4575. If this legislation becomes law, Northern Michigan and the Eastern U.P. would benefit from a shared electrical grid.

The 2014/15 Fiscal Year Audit Report from Gillette, Halvorsen & Leonhardt was given to each Board member to review. No significant findings were reported.

The Planning Commission continues to work on the township's Master Plan.  
**motion was made by Don Kucharczyk, seconded by Cheryl Thoresen to pay Crystal Hope \$3.00 per page, not to exceed \$100.00, to type the Master Plan into electronic form. Larry - yes, Don - yes, Cheryl - yes, Jim - yes and Andree - absent. Motion carried.**

Jim Callon reported one permit was signed for in December.

The township Board reviewed the Siegwart Judgement and agreed to allow the township attorney to begin collection efforts. Attorney, Chuck Palmer will also contact Frank & Jacklynn King in regards to their clean up efforts at 4547 Baker Side Rd.

Larry Perron reported the township can acquire an air strip with grant monies available for this purpose. Liability issues and insurance coverage would be things to consider prior to any decision made to do so

Larry will set up a meeting with Jeremy from U.P. Engineering & Architecture and Rob Laitinen from the Chippewa County Road Commission to further discuss the issue of all the water lying on the corner of 3 Mile Rd and M-129. This was caused from recent work done by the Sault Tribe for their housing project.

A decision still has not been made as to which insurance company we will go with in the future. Larry and Don will continue to meet to go over the two different proposals before a recommendation is brought before the Board for a final decision.

**A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to pay the January bills from check #8034 to check #8075 totaling \$20,388.94 including Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$1, 447.86 for December payroll taxes. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Cheryl M Thoresen  
Acting Secretary