

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
July 11, 2012

Present:

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

The July meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Larry Perron at 7:00 p.m. Carmine Bonnaci, Luanne Kooiman, and Chuck Palmer were in attendance.

A motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2012 annual meeting as presented and the minutes of the June 24, 2012 (email poll) as presented and to approve the June 13, 2012 regular monthly meeting minutes with the following correction: the acceptance of Dora Parr's bid of \$200 to cut the grass on Neebish Island. Motion carried.

Assessor Luanne Kooiman presented the following Land Divisions:

#012-314	Resolution #2012-8	Lehman-parcel 1
#012-315	Resolution #2012-9	Lehman-parcel 2
#012-316	Resolution #2012-10	Lehman-parcel 3

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

The DEQ permit for improvements to the Soo Township Park beach has been approved in Lansing.

The clerk read a letter received from the Neebish Island Improvement Association, Marilyn Boone, President, and from Stephen Earl from Neebish Island. The letters referred to the need of paving roads on Neebish Island. The supervisor to send a letter to Marilyn Boone and the Neebish Island Improvement Association regarding the concern about the roads on the Island and paving requested for next year.

The clerk to order brine to be spread on roads on Neebish Island.

The clerk presented the final budget vs actual figures for FY2011-2012. Also presented was the 2012/2013 budget

A motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to approve the following Precinct Workers for the upcoming August 7th Primary Election: Rose Talentino, Chairperson, Gail Essmaker, Harold Essmaker, Susan Faunt, Beverly Harwood, Gloria Larke, Barb Mapes, Betty Suriano, Andree Watson and Beverly Youngs. Motion carried.

The Treasurer reported on the following delinquent personal property taxes:

- Stubs Trucking made a payment
- Osborn junkyard has not paid 2011 personal property or 2012 business permit fee
- Neebish Island Campground owes back taxes

There was no monthly report from the Fire Department.

The Board received notice that a mobile home residence at 5083 Bakerside Road is uninhabitable and the resident appears to be living in a fifth wheel behind the mobile home.

Permit Administrator, Jim Callon, reported that 6 permits were issued for the month of June.

Attorney, Chuck Palmer reported that the Pezzolesi case has been resolved. Mr. Pezzolesi will have to apply for a license, begin cleanup of the property and either be out by May 1, 2013 or have a fence installed to be in compliance with the ordinance.

The Attorney has sent a letter to the Assessor regarding the desire to renegotiate her contract. The Treasurer, Cheryl Thoresen, expressed disapproval of renegotiation at this time. The present contract expires April 2014.

A motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk that the Board explore the renegotiation of the Assessor's contract at this time. Ayes-4, Nays-1. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Dan Frechette, met with the Supervisor regarding the Fire Department and volunteers. Dan said he would be taking a more active roll in the Fire Department's operations and will provide monthly reports as required.

Supervisor, Larry Perron, reported that a letter had been sent to Tom Thoresen, Pine Grove Manager, thanking him for the straightening of headstones that has been done and informing him of the many compliments received on the appearance of the cemetery.

Larry Perron asked Jim Callon to prepare a sketch of the discussed pavilion for the cemetery and bring it to the next meeting.

The supervisor reported on the following:

- Spoke with the Morleys regarding the pile of concrete and blacktop on their property on M129. They plan to get rid of all of the pile.
- Pro-Auto on six mile road needs to be revisited.
- City Limits Auto has worked on the fence and the enclosed section
- Goods property on 5 Mile has been cleaned up by the road, but back section of the property needs monitoring when the foliage is off the trees.
- Old Bradley farm on 5 Miles needs to be checked into regarding cleanup

The Chippewa County Road Commission gave a quote of \$160,000 for resurfacing of 5 ½ Mile Road, including bike trails and approximately \$237,000 for Neebish Island. The Board agreed that no roads would be done this fiscal year.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to pay the June monthly bills from check #6058 to check #6080 totaling \$14,673.65 and July bills from Check #6081 to check #6105 totaling \$14,673.65, including Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$2,645.36 for June payroll taxes. Motion carried.

Andree Watson
Clerk