

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
June 12, 2013

Present:

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

The June meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor, Larry Perron. Jack & Marilyn Boone, Ann Earle, Jeff Killips, Luanne Kooiman, Les Laitinen, Jeff Killips, Don McLean and Rodney Sadler were in attendance.

A correction was made to the May 9th minutes. Notification was received of the formation of the Superior District Library. Bayliss Library name will remain the same. **A motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2013 Board Meeting as corrected. Motion carried.**

Resident Rodney Sadler expressed his disapproval of the time frame the Township is handling the nuisance ordinance violation posed by his neighbor. The Supervisor explained that the township, with the help of the attorney, has been following the progress of the clean-up and the attorney and Supervisor will meet with Miss Clement next week and inspect the area for progress.

Questions were raised regarding the Assessor's request for a laptop computer and the computer being kept at the township hall. The Assessor reported that in order to perform her duties with the computer, she would have to be able to take the computer home. It was understood that the computer was township property and that it would be used for Soo Township business only. The Assessor stated that she would go ahead and purchase the laptop computer and assessing program with funds that were approved at the annual meeting with the Board's approval the laptop could leave the hall.

A notice from MTA regarding Principles of Governance was received and reviewed by the Board. This was tabled until the July meeting.

Jeff Killips presented the monthly fire department report and explained the bills from Apollo Fire Apparatus Repair. The bills are the result of all fire trucks having to be repaired and brought up to compliance.

Don McLean, County Commissioner for our district gave an updated report on the Chippewa County Commission.

A letter and bid was received from Dorla Parr, Neebish Island, to cut the grass. **A motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to accept the bid of \$200 from Dorla Parr, Neebish Island resident, to cut the grass at the Neebish Island Fire Department and the Neebish Island Community Center for the year 2013. A Roll-call vote was taken: Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, and Cheryl Thoresen-yes. Motion carried.**

The Clerk reported that a bill of \$1,079.61 was submitted to the County Clerk by Soo Township for the expenses incurred by the township for the May 7th School election.

Requests were received from Soo Motors and Best Maintenance and Lawn Care as formal requests to connect to the City of Sault Ste. Marie proposed water main that is to be installed along Three Mile Road. The Clerk to write a letter to the Best Maintenance and Lawn Care and Soo Motors that their request will be contingent on the Ordinance going into effect 10 days following publication.

The clerk reported that the hall rental of May 26th resulted in two damaged ceiling tiles and that \$25.00 would be deducted from the deposit to replace the tiles. Also, the hall rental May 31st for a child's birthday party resulted in the hall being unfit for the June 1st renters according to a phone call received by the clerk on the 1st. Both the clerk and the Janitor were unavailable for the normal inspection following a rental. As a result of the June 1st renters having to clean the hall before use, the Board agreed that the May 31st deposit would be given to the June 1st renters for the inconvenience. The clerk to write a letter of explanation to all parties involved.

The Clerk presented the May budget vs actual. **A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to make the following line item changes:**

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
\$ 16	Assessor's Data Processing	Assessor's Office Supply
\$ 415	Election Salaries	Election Office Supply
\$ 250	Road Construction	Fire Department Training
\$8,000	Road Construction	Attorney
\$1,000	Road Construction	Fire Dept. Operating Supplies
\$5,200	Road Construction	Fire Dept. Equipt. Maint.

A Roll-call vote was taken: Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Larry Perron-yes, and Don Kucharczyk-yes. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to have Tom Thoresen attend a MTA Seminar on cemetery management in Gaylord on July 16th. Expenses not to exceed \$250. A Roll-call vote was taken: Andree Watson-yes, Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes. Cheryl Thoresen abstained. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that Michigan Chloride will be applying brine on the Neebish Island roads on June 20th. Les Laitinen to meet the driver at 8:00 am at the Neebish Island dock.

Information regarding the Soo Township website to be included in the July 1st tax bills that will be mailed out.

Treasurer Cheryl Thoresen reported on a parcel foreclosure in Soo Township and the first right of refusal. The property is located at 11075 E. 16 Mile Road, Neebish Island. **A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to refuse the waiver of first right of refusal on the property. Motion carried.**

Permit Administrator, Jim Callon reported that 6 permits issued in May.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to accept the changes made to the Zoning Ordinance Book to be effective July 1, 2013. Motion carried. The clerk to put a notice in the paper regarding the changes made to the Ordinances.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to accept the Ordinance to amend Sections 1 & 2 of the August 25, 1992 Ordinance for a water supply and sewage disposal system for certain plats of land in Soo Township. Motion carried. The Ordinance to take effect 10 days following publication in the Evening News.

Requests were received from Soo Motors and from Best Maintenance and Lawn Care to connect to the City of Sault Ste. Marie proposed water main that will eventually be installed along Three Mile Road to the Sault Tribe Housing project. Letters to be written to the two businesses honoring their request, contingent on the Ordinance taking effect ten days following publication.

The Attorney, Chuck Palmer reported that a garnishment will be sent out to Stub's on the Soo Township vs. Stub's Trucking and Excavating case for back 2010 taxes.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk that the Supervisor and Attorney meet next week at the Clement property at 4863 S. Nicolet Road for the purpose of a nuisance ordinance violation inspection. If clean-up is not to their satisfaction, a lawsuit will follow. Motion carried.

Several properties in Soo Township were mentioned to receive letters from the attorney for nuisance ordinance violations.

Road improvements for 2013 were discussed and tabled until the July meeting.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Cheryl Thoresen that the Supervisor, Larry Perron, be given the authority to participate in the settlement negotiations with the attorney regarding all tax tribunals. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the May bills from check #6548 to check #6570 totaling \$16,607.72 and June bills from check #6571 to check #6606 totaling \$15,278.32 including Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$1,515.32 for May payroll taxes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Andree Watson
Clerk