

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
June 13, 2018

PRESENT

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

The June 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, Chuck Palmer and Kathy Smithers were in attendance.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve Land Division #012-349, recommended by Assessor, Luanne Kooiman, for Atto/Parcel A, Resolution #2018-02. A Roll-call vote was taken: Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, and Larry Perron-yes. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Andree Watson and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve Resolution #2018-03, A Resolution for Waiver of Penalty and Interest for Untimely Filed Property Transfer Affidavits. A Roll-call vote was taken: Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Larry Perron-yes, and Don Kucharczyk-yes. Motion carried.

Resident, Larry Kirwan, inquired as to the status of his complaint against his neighbor. Attorney, Chuck Palmer, stated that Mr. Sandhagan was served May 23rd. The Attorney noted that a default would be filed if his office had not received any communication from Mr. Sandhagan by the end of the day.

Mrs. Kathy Smithers, had the Clerk read a letter from Mr. David Smithers regarding the method currently used to inform residents of upcoming meetings, permit requests, etc. Mr. Smithers urged the Board to consider a Facebook page for Soo Township that could be easily managed.

Fire Chief, Jeff Killips, gave the monthly Fire Department report and it was placed in file.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the May monthly minutes. Motion carried.

The Clerk read a notice from EUP Regional Planning & Development Commission regarding Water Trail Signage for the 4 Mile Beach. The Commission had purchased water trail signage that would mark the landing/launch area of a water trail access site. The Clerk to make arrangements to pick up the sign.

The Columbarium has been delivered and set in place at the Pine Grove Cemetery. The Cemetery Committee to meet to establish costs for each of the 72-niche Columbarium.

Budget vs Actual for May was presented and discussed.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to have the clerk make the following line item changes on the 2017/2018 Budget:

Amount	To	From
\$100	Supervisor Salary	Supervisor/Education/Training
\$1080	Assessor Salary	Contingency
\$50	Clerk Salary	Deputy Clerk
\$125	Clerk Education/Training	Contingency
\$400	Election Training	Election Salaries
\$425	Printing/Advertising	Township Hall/Repair
\$536	Neebish Island/Natural Gas	Contract Services
\$10,000	Ambulance	Road Construction
\$2050	Fire Dept. Operating. Sup	Fire Dept. Training
\$340	Park Security Wages	Park Upkeep

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

A Motion was made by Jim Callon land supported by Don Kucharczyk to grant a Special Land Use Permit to Shawn Joabar, 264 W. 3 Mile Road, Rd 89 Split 511/651 23A Sec 19 T47N R1E E½of W½ of NW ¼of NW¼. Special Performance Standards placed on file.

Cheryl Thoresen, Treasurer, reported that the summer tax bills have not arrived yet, but tax collection will start with office hours Tuesday mornings from 9:00 until 1:00 and Friday afternoons from 1:00 until 5:00 pm beginning Tuesday, July 3rd. The last day of tax collection will be September 14th and the office will be open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Attorney, Chuck Palmer reported that there are 6 suits pending.

The proposed Attendance Policy was tabled until the July meeting.

Supervisor, Larry Perron, reported that there was a complaint of barking dogs in Radar Subdivision. The attorney to write a letter to the County regarding this issue.

The 4 Mile Road resurfacing is completed.

The Supervisor received a complaint from a Neebish Island resident regarding property on the Island with Junk cars.

Larry Perron and Don Kucharczyk visited Neebish Island. Bob Malpass took them to the Neebish Island Community Center and discussed the Center renovations that are necessary.

The Board discussed the request from Neebish Island residents to change the Ambulance Service provided to the Island residents from Pickford Ambulance Service to Kinross EMS. Following discussion, it was the Board’s decision to keep the ambulance service with Pickford EMS at this time.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and Supported by Don Kucharczyk to pay the May/June monthly bills. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Andree Watson
Clerk

