

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
MAY 11, 2016

PRESENT

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

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

Jeff Killips gave the monthly report on the Fire Department.

A correction to the April minutes – Soo Township Clean-up Days are May 27th & 28th, and June 10th and 11th. **A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the April Board minutes as corrected. Motion carried.**

The Clerk read a letter from the Neebish Island Improvement Association requesting Brine for a total of 4.25 miles of gravel roads on Neebish Island. Supervisor, Larry Perron, will check with the Chippewa County Road Commission on this matter.

Holiday gas credit cards for Fire Department and the Cemetery replace the previous Autore Oil gas cards effective May 1, 2016.

The Clerk reported that a reimbursement has been requested from the State for the March 8th Presidential Primary in the amount of \$1915.13, which represents Soo Township's costs for the election..

Budget vs Actual for year-to-date through April was presented and discussed. **A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk for the following line item changes: Transfer \$420 from Assessor Office Supplies to Assessor Data Processing, transfer \$60 from Clerk's Mileage to Clerk's Salary, transfer \$70 from Elections Education/Training to Elections Salaries, Transfer \$1500 from Contingency to Fire Department Operating Supplies. A Roll-call vote was taken, Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, and Cheryl Thoresen-yes. Motion carried.**

Pine Grove Cemetery is opened as of May 1st.

The Treasurer received a letter from Chippewa County Treasurer, Marjorie Hank, with First Right of Refusal on the following Foreclosed properties in Soo Township: 012-033-009-50, 012-023-010-00, and 012-410-003-00. **A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk authorizing the Treasurer to respond to the County with an interest on Soo Township's behalf on Parcel #012-023-010-00 with a cap of \$5,000. A Roll-call vote was taken: Don Kucharczyk-No, Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-no, Cheryl Thoresen-no, and Larry Perron-no. Motion defeated.**

A Motion was made by Andree Watson and supported by Cheryl Thoresen authorizing the Treasurer to respond to the County with an interest on Soo Township's behalf on Parcel #012-023-010-00 with a cap of \$7,000. A Roll-call vote was taken: Jim Callon-no, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Larry Perron-yes, and Don Kucharczyk-yes. Motion Carried. Authority was given to the Supervisor to sign all documents pertaining to the purchase of this property.

Jim Callon reported that the Planning Commission is in the process of scheduling a public meeting for Tuesday, June 7th to solicit public input on the Master Plan.

One permit has been issued for the month.

Attorney Chuck Palmer gave the following report:

- Suit has been filed against Frank & Jaclyn King on their property on Baker Side Road
- Suit has been filed against Joshua & Sharon Gray on their property on Riverside Drive.
- Consent judgment signed May 5th on the Suit against the Riveria property on Seymour Road. Clean-up has been started.
- Letters written to residents in violation of Nuisance Ordinance
- Arbic case in pretrial

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to accept the following recommendations for salary increases for FY2016/2017: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees, Assessor, Board of Review, Park Security and Cemetery Manager, 3% increase, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, Cemetery Sexton, Cemetery Groundskeepers, Election Workers, \$.50 per hour increase. A Roll-call vote was taken: Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Larry Perron-yes, and Don Kucharczyk-yes. Motion carried.

The Insurance Committee of Larry Perron and Don Kucharczyk reviewed extensively all insurance coverage for the Township and recommended the Township pursue coverage with Ken Lind Insurance Company for better coverage and less money. **A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Andree Watson that the Board accept the recommendation and pursue insurance with Ken Lind Insurance Company effective July 1, 2016. Motion carried.**

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Andree Watson to pay the May bills from ck#8205 to ck #8254 totaling \$18,571 which includes the Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$1,477.16 for April payroll taxes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Andree Watson
Soo Township Clerk