

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
November 11, 2015

PRESENT

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

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

Don McLean, County Commissioner for Soo Township gave a report and update on the Commission.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to accept the recommendation of Assessor Luanne Kooiman and approve the following Land Division:

#012-338 Allott Resolution #2015-07

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 Assessor reported that Tax Management and Associates conducted an Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirement (AMAR) for the State Tax Commission and Soo Township came back at 92% which is among the highest in the County. The Auditor supplying the information required.

Jeff Killips and Rob Shields gave the Fire Department report for the month. A Grant the Fire Department was applying for is not available for AED's. Beginning December mandatory classes are starting and Soo Township is sending Dan Remer.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to accept the minutes of October 14, 2015. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to support pass Resolution #2015-08 in Support of Michigan Senate Bill No. 282 and Michigan House of Representatives Bill No. 4575 to allow for construction of electric infrastructure to connect the upper and lower peninsulas to the same electric grid enabling transmission from one to the other. 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 Cheryl Thoresen to transfer \$10,000 from the Contingency line item to the Attorney line item. A Roll-call vote was taken: Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Larry Perron-yes, and Don Kucharczyk-yes. Motion carried.

Information has been received and shared from the TransCanada Pipelines for Emergency Response Agency Awareness. A file will be set up.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to give the Clerk authority to sign the necessary paperwork from Burnham and Flower regarding the Soo Township 401 (a) Defined Contribution Plan as provided by the IRS. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Cheryl Thoresen. Winter tax collection will begin December 1. The Treasurer will be at the office on Tuesdays from 9:00 - 1:00 and Fridays from 1:00 - 5:00. The office is closed Holidays. February 29th is the last day to pay taxes and the office will be open from 9:00 - 5:00.

Attorney Chuck Palmer gave the following report:

- Some changes have been made by Pro-line Auto. Mediation will take place in early December
- Judgment has been filed in the case of Soo Township vs the Siegwarts for costs and attorney fees.
- Suit has been filed against Jose and Kara Rivera.
- Suit has been filed against the Neebish Island Resort.

Larry Perron and Don Kucharczyk have reviewed the proposals for Soo Township Insurance and will be putting together bid packages for the Agencies.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to pay the November bills from ck #7961 to ck #8002 totaling \$21,927.43 including Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$2391.92 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Andree Watson
Clerk