

**SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Soo Township Community Center**  
**November 12, 2014**

PRESENT

Larry Perron  
Jim Callon  
Don Kucharczyk  
Cheryl Thoresen  
Andree Watson

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

**A motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2014 board meeting with the following correction:** *A Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for October 1, 2014 on the Pezzolesi property. Reports indicate that the property has been sold on a land contract and Mr. Pezzolesi will pay the Township \$500 as cost to have the Hearing cancelled. Once the money is received, the Hearing will be adjourned.* **Motion carried.**

Jeff Killips submitted the Fire Department report for the month.

**A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to adopt Ordinance #2014-1, an Ordinance Addressing Floodplain Management Provision of the State Construction Code. A Roll-call vote was taken: Jim Callon-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Larry Perron-yes, and Andree Watson-yes. Motion carried.**

The October budget vs actual was presented and discussed. **A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to transfer \$550 from cemetery capital outlay to cemetery repair of tombstones and transfer \$50 from Clerk Office Supply to Clerk Education/Training. A Roll-call vote was taken: Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, and Larry Perron-yes. Motion carried.**

The Clerk reported that letters were sent to the following politicians and company representatives on behalf of the Soo Township Board and the residents of Soo Township regarding the upgrades necessary for the Presque Isle Power Plant in Marquette and the Upper Peninsula residents having to assume 100 percent of the costs:

Congressman Dan Benishek, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Senator Carl Levin, Mr. John R. Bear, President and CEO of MISO

The Clerk reported that 1161 Soo Township voters voted in the November 4<sup>th</sup> election. This represents over a 50% turnout.

**A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to approve and pay the balance due Bitnar Construction of \$2900. This is the balance due for work done at the cemetery pavilion, two new construction grade doors for the hall and a mail drop box at the hall. This represents an additional \$500 from the original bid for additional costs involved for the job. A Roll-call vote was taken: Jim Callon-no, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Larry Perron-yes, and Don Kucharczyk-yes. Motion carried.**

A letter has been received from the Chippewa County Treasurer stating that foreclosed Property #17-012-022-057-50 will become Township owned per MCL Sec 211.78M(6), unless a written objection is sent to the County Treasurer within 30 days. **A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to object to retention of foreclosed property #17-012-022-057-50 as offered by the Chippewa County Treasurer. The Clerk to send the letter to the Treasurer. Motion carried.**

The Treasurer reported that Winter Tax collection will begin December 2, 2014 on Tuesdays from 9:00-1:00 and Fridays from 1:00 to 5:00 pm and on March 2, 2015 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Following discussion, the Board agreed that approval for signs should come from the Board, not the Planning Commission, if there is a variance from the Ordinance. The Planning can approve all other signs as per the Ordinance.

The Permit Administrator reported that 2 permits were issued in October.

The Supervisor has been in contact with the Road Commission regarding the drainage issues on Three Mile Road. The Road Commission stated that they have been assured that the contractor would be working on the project in the coming weeks once they finish setting pipes within the housing project.

The black topping on Neebish Island has been postponed until Spring due to the weather.

The water issues along Nicolet Road have been addressed and the Road Commission is looking into federal/state aid for that project. However, they can improve some of the issues.

**A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to pay the October bills from ck #7391 to ck #7405 totaling \$6,232.30 and November bills from ck #7406 to ck #7455 totaling \$20,356.78 including Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$2,952.70 for October payroll taxes. Motion carried.**

Andree Watson  
Clerk