

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
November 14, 2012

Present:

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

The November meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, Larry Perron. Jeff Killips, Luanne Kooiman, Chuck Palmer and Jake Perron were in attendance.

A motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2012 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Assessor Luanne Kooiman presented the following Land Division:

#012-318 Resolution #2012-14 Bell

A motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to accept the Land Division as recommended. 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 October and November Fire Department report was reviewed and placed on file.

Jeff Killips reported that the October 25th Upper Peninsula Firemen's meeting and dinner held at Soo Township hall was successful and well attended.

The clerk reported that 1654 residents voted in the November 6th Election. This represented 65% of the eligible voters. The State's new Electronic Poll Book was used along with the paper poll book. The clerk would like to send two precinct workers to the next training session provided by the State. Nine precinct workers were employed for this election.

A motion was made by Cheryl Thoresen and supported by Don Kucharczyk to transfer \$1,685 from Road Construction to Election Salaries. 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 necessary permit for improvement to the Four Mile Beach project has been received from the Corps of Engineers. Bids will now be accepted for the project.

The clerk reported that acknowledgement has been received from the IRS regarding the 2010 tax year paperwork sent to them as requested. Duplicate tax forms for the 2010 tax year were sent to the IRS when a letter was received stating there was a shortage of taxes paid for that year. All forms were sent for both the general fund and the cemetery fund. The IRS will respond within 60 days.

The Budget vs actual report was presented for the month of October.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve up to \$1000 to establish a website for Soo Township. The clerk to work with a Lake State IT person to see that this is done by the first of the year. 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 Treasurer reported that winter tax collection will start December 4th on Tuesdays from 9:00-1:00 and Fridays from 1:00-5:00. February 28th, the hours of tax collection will be from 9:00 to 5:00. There are less than 200 tax bills owing for the 2012 summer taxes.

The Treasurer will appoint a Deputy Treasurer to replace Luanne Kooiman who is now the Treasurer of Kinross Township.

Jim Callon reported that 1 building permit was issued for October and two building permits were issued for November.

Attorney Chuck Palmer reported that the USDA Building has now been classified as Trust Land with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to pay the October bills from check #6262 to check #6282 totaling \$11,497.17 and November bills from check #6283 to check #6327 totaling \$15,425.66, including Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$2013.62 for October payroll taxes. Motion carried.

Andree Watson
Clerk