

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
October 14, 2015

PRESENT

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

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

Adam Gandolfi, from Municipal Underwriters of Michigan and the Michigan Township Participating Plan, presented the Board with a summary of Soo Townships Insurance and Liability coverage through the Plan.

Luanne Kooiman, Assessor, reported on the Wendy's Tribunal. **A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve that Luanne Kooiman and Chuck Palmer move forward in the selection of a Tax Tribunal Attorney to represent Soo Township in the Tribunal case of Soo Township vs. Wendy's. A Roll-call vote was taken: Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes,- Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, and Cheryl Thoresen-yes. Motion carried.**

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the September Board meeting minutes with the following correction: \$500 be transferred from Contingency Fund to Neebish Island Land/Buildings, not Township Hall Maintenance and Repairs. Motion carried.

Jeff Killips presented the Fire Department monthly report. The Open House and Barbecue was a success. The topic of charging for Fire Department runs was discussed with no decision made.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to accept the snowplowing bid by Thoresen Excavating for the 2015/2016 Winter Season at a cost of \$60 per time. A Roll-call vote was taken: Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Larry Perron-yes, and Cheryl Thoresen-abstain. Motion carried.

The September Budget vs Actual was discussed. **A Motion was made by Andree Watson and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to transfer \$250 from the Contingency Fund to the Website to cover the annual cost. 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's report was given by Cheryl Thoresen.

Jim Callon, Permit Administrator, reported that 7 Permits were issued in September.

Attorney Chuck Palmer gave the following report:

- Siegwart judgment has been filed and default judgment has been granted. A hearing has been set.
- Mike Pages and Proline Auto pretrial hearing was not resolved. Mediation to be November or December.
- The realtor for the McCormack property on 6 Mile has been working with owner to get the property marketable.

The Supervisor, Larry Perron, has met with the City Manager, Oliver Turner, on moving forward regarding the 425 Agreement. Following review and discussion, the Board agreed that at this time, the Board has no interest to enter into a 425 Agreement with the City of Sault Ste. Marie. The Board is willing to review and will consider future projects between the City of Sault Ste. Marie and Soo Township. The Clerk to write a letter to the City Manager on behalf of the Board regarding this decision.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that Northern Sand and Gravel has been operating a new gravel pit further south of the current gravel pit. After checking our records, the Township has no documentation of this being authorized by Soo Township. A letter to be written by the Clerk to Northern Sand and Gravel regarding this.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to pay the September Electronic Transfer bills of \$116.37 and \$52.77 for tax account checks and deposit slips and cks #7914 to ck #7917 totaling \$3,109.49 and October bills from check #7918 to check #7960 totaling \$27,906.99 including Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$2,773.34 for September payroll taxes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Andree Watson
Clerk