

**SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Soo Township Community Center**  
**September 12, 2012**

**Present:**

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

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

**A motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2012 Board Meeting. Motion carried.**

Assessor Luanne Kooiman presented the following Land Division:

#012-317                      Resolution #2012-11                      Green Hamlin

**A motion was made by Cheryl Thoresen and supported by Don Kucharczyk to accept the Land Division as recommended. 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 presented the 2012 Tax Rate options for Soo Township Operations for 2012. **A Motion was made by Andree Watson and supported by Cheryl Thoresen that per Resolution #2012-12, the total millage rate of 1.0683 mills be levied upon property located within Soo Township for 2012. A Roll-call vote was taken: Larry Perron-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes and Jim Callon-yes. Motion carried.**

The Assessor informed the Board that she will be going into Tribunal with Wendy's and Best Western.

The Budget vs Actual figures for the month of August were presented and reviewed.

**A motion was made by Jim Callon and supported Don Kucharczyk to grant permission for the clerk to purchase a coffee pot for the community room at a cost not to exceed \$100. 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 schedule for the 2012/2013 Chippewa County MTA meeting dates was distributed.

The Clerk reported that there have been two cars parked and never moved for about the past four to five months at the intersection of Nicolet Road and Riverside Drive. It is not known if the license plates are expired or not. A township resident also reported that a car has been abandoned behind trees on Croy Lane. A letter to be written when ownership has been determined.

The Clerk gave the following report:

- There will be an operating millage proposal on the November 6, 2012 ballot from the Sault Ste. Area Public Schools.
- We now have wireless internet at the hall so that the internet for State look-up can be accessed during elections at another location in the hall besides the office.
- Township Park security reported that construction work on private property north of the Park had been dumping branches and sod into the river and this was subsequently drifting down river to the Park and settling on the beach. The Health Department had been notified and the Park Security cleaned up the beach.
- The ordering of 2 benches for the park was postponed until spring.
- Notice was received from the Equalization Department that there is a new Right-of-way (ROW) on Neebish Island. This is to be called E. Fournier ROW and is off Cumming Road.
- Phone bills for Neebish Island and Mainland have been high. The Clerk checked with AT&T and the Township qualifies for a plan at both halls for a monthly charge of \$35 with no usage charges and caller ID included, plus appropriate taxes.

**A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to change the phone service on mainland and Neebish Island Community Centers for a base rate of \$35.00, with no usage charges, caller ID included, and remove the line backer on the Neebish Island bill. A Roll-call vote was taken: Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Larry Perron-yes, and Don Kucharczyk-yes. Motion carried.**

**A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to purchase a new 25-35 coffee maker for the Community room at a cost not to exceed \$100. 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 Cheryl Thoresen and supported by Jim Callon to approve the following precinct workers for the upcoming General Election November 6, 2012: Rose Talentino, Chairperson, Gail Essmaker, Harold Essmaker, Susan Faunt, Beverly Harwood, Gloria Larke, Barbara Mapes, Betty Suriano, and Beverly Youngs. The Clerk will be in the office during the open hours of the precinct to assist as needed. Motion carried.**

The Treasurer reported that Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to collect taxes. The office will be opened from 9:00 – 5:00.

A Soo Township resident reported that the sign on Thompson Road had been removed. Also, the Township should have a "dead end" sign on 3 ½ Mile Road. The Clerk to order the signs.

Jeff Killips reported that the Fire Department responded to 1 car accident on Nicolet Road August 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Fire Department to hold an Open House and barbecue on September 15 at the Fire Station from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Jim Callon reported that the Planning Commission had a presentation on the new Zoning Book at their September meeting and will continue with that presentation at the October meeting.

**A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Andree Watson to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation and appoint Bill Nelson to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission Board. Motion carried with 1 no vote.**

The Supervisor reported that the DEQ has requested more information on the Park project.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Haywood, Neebish Island, was read.

**A Motion was made by Andree Watson and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to hire Jeff Killips for building maintenance at a salary of \$320 per month or \$3,840 per year, effective immediately. A Roll-call vote was taken: Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, and Jim Callon-yes. Motion carried.**

Attorney, Chuck Palmer reported that a letter has been received from Mr. Pezzolesi's Attorney requested approval for a berm instead of a fence. The required license fee has not been paid as of this meeting.

**A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to pay the August monthly bills from check #6174 to check #6187 totaling \$21,581.09 and September bills from Check #6188 to check #6212 totaling \$11,435.19, including Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$2,915.00 for August payroll taxes. Motion carried.**

Andree Watson  
Clerk