

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
September 14, 2016

PRESENT

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

The September 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 and Chuck Palmer were in attendance.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the August monthly minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Cheryl Thoresen and supported by Jim Callon to keep the Soo Township Mileage rate for Operations the same, 1.6083 mills, for the 2016 tax season per Resolution #2016-12. 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, Luanne Kooiman, reported that effective October 1st, the cost of filing Land Divisions is increasing from \$14.00 each Land Division to \$30.00 each.

A copy of the Policy for Land Division, Michigan Public Act 288 of 1967, as amended, and Act 246 of 1945, as amended was received from the Assessor and placed on file.

A Motion was made by Andree Watson and supported by Cheryl Thoresen that effective October 1, 2016, Soo Township increase the cost of a Land Division from \$70.00 to \$100.00. The amount paid to the Assessor will remain at \$50.00 per Land Division. 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 Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to approve Resolution #2016-13, Land Division #012-341 for Mike Weston. A Roll-call vote was taken: Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, and Jim Callon-yes. Motion carried.

Jeff Killips, Fire Chief, gave the monthly report on the Fire Department. The Fire Department is holding their annual Open House Barbecue on October 1st from noon to 4:00 pm. The new pumper truck will hopefully be delivered prior to the event.

The fire department will purchase a safety cabinet for the storage of flammables to be in compliance with insurance.

The MSDS sheets for the state have been completed by the Fire Department.

Ken Lind Insurance is working with the Neebish Island Fire Department to get paperwork and reports up-to-date.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to have the Township go with Charter Communications for phone service and internet effective immediately. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to support the Neebish Island Boat Landing Project at the end of Brander Road with a donation not to exceed \$800. Donation contingent on Roger Parr obtaining copies of all required approved permits. 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 the Soo Township Park gate was vandalized on August 20th. A car had rammed the closed gate. Total cost was \$434. Paperwork has been filed. There is a \$250 deductible. Robinson Fence Company will replace the gate.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the following precinct workers for Soo Township for the November 8th Presidential Election: Harold & Gail Essmaker, Beverly Harwood, Gloria Larke, Barb Mapes, Karen McClenny, Dorothy Mrozek, Betty Suriano, Rose Talentino, Chairperson, and Beverly Youngs. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that a notice was received from Mackinac Environmental Technology, Inc. regarding corrective plan for the leaking of underground storage tank at 4249 I-75 Business Spur owned by Blarney Castle Oil Company. Notice placed on file.

A Notice has been received from the United States Department of the Interior regarding a Notice of (Non-Gaming) Land Acquisition Application.

Budget vs Actual for August was presented and discussed.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve Resolution #2016-14 regarding Township Investment and Depository Designation. 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 Attorney reported that the King property has been cleaned up satisfactorily and the suit has been dismissed.

A complaint was received from a resident regarding the burning of rubbish in his neighborhood. The issue of campfires in the township was discussed. There is no Ordinance that addresses the campfire question, however the burning of trash is against the Ordinance. The attorney to contact the DEQ and follow-up with the Supervisor.

The Supervisor reported that the Chippewa County Road Commission will start the road improvements on 5 Mile Road and Cedar Drive in October.

The property and building acquired by Soo Township on Riverside Drive/Nicolet Road has had lead and asbestos testing completed. Before the building can be demolished, the asbestos problem must be abated.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the August bills from ck #8451 to ck #8457 totaling \$7,580.49 and September bills from ck #8458 to ck#8501, including ck #8512 out of sequence, totaling \$31,958.20 including Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$3,545.46 for August payroll taxes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Andree Watson
Soo Township Clerk