

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
September 9, 2015

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. Luanne Kooiman, Chuck Palmer, Cory Parker and Eric Wedesky were in attendance.

Cory Parker, a Soo Township Resident expressed concern for a new pit opened off the East Side of Radar Road by Northern Sand and Gravel. The concerns involved safety, noise and the dirt. Supervisor to check into the concern.

Eric Wedesky, Economic Development Specialist from Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development gave a presentation on the 5-Year DNR Recreation Plan Development Project and the provision to provide technical assistance for each Township to develop a recreational plan.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2015, board meeting. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to accept the recommendation of Assessor Luanne Kooiman and approve the following Land Divisions:

#012-336 Resolution #2015-04 Sanderson

#012-337 Resolution #2015-05 Alexander

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 Cheryl Thoresen and supported by Andree Watson to keep the Soo Township Mileage rate for Operations the same, 1.6083 mills, for the 2015 tax season per Resolution #2015-06. 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 read a response from Stephanie Bumstead regarding her complaint on her taxes and the Assessor stating she was taking her cause to the Tax Tribunal.

The new FOIA forms have been added to the Soo Township Website.

Budget vs Actual for August 2015 was presented and discussed.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk that the following line item adjustments are made to the 2015-2016 budget:

<u>Transfer</u>	<u>From Line Item</u>	<u>To Line Item</u>
\$400	Contingency Fund	Website
\$500	Contingency Fund	Township Hall-Maintenance

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 Clerk to send a letter of intention to Brad Ormsbee on the Planning Commission.

The Clerk reported that six old grave sites have been discovered at Pine Grove since August. The Sexton continues to cut the grass and maintenance workers have returned to school.

Cheryl Thoresen reported that Monday, September 14th is the last day to pay summer taxes before being delinquent. The office will be open from 9:00-5:30 on the 14th.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to purchase new phones for the office at a cost not to exceed \$100. A Roll-call vote was taken: Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, and Jim Callon-yes. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Andree Watson and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to amend the previous motion to Transfer Funds for the 2015-2016 Budget to include the transfer of \$500 from the Contingency Fund to Permit Administrator. A Roll-call vote was taken: Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, and Cheryl Thoresen-yes. Motion carried.

Attorney Chuck Palmer gave the following report:

- Rivera Property – A call to the insurance adjuster was made with no call back.
A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Andree Watson to begin litigation against the Riveras to abate the Nuisance Ordinance and clean up the property. Motion carried.
- The Attorney to file a default in the Siegart case.
- Mike Pages and Proline Auto pretrial hearing has been set for the end of the month.
- The Morley suit has been dismissed.
- A letter to be sent in attempt to contact the McCormack’s on the house abandonment.
- **A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to grant authority to the Supervisor to work with the Attorney on litigation decisions on the following properties: King, McCormack, and Rivera. Motion carried.**

A Motion was made by Andree Watson and supported by Cheryl Thoresen that a committee be formed consisting of the Supervisor and one Board Member to review all insurance coverage for the Township and bring back a recommendation to the Board. Motion Carried.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to pay August bills from check #7866 to check #7869 totaling \$2,721.54 and September bills from check #7870 to check #7913 in the amount of \$23,403.35 including Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$3,662.94 for August payroll taxes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Andree Watson
Clerk