SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
April 8th, 2015

Present
Larry Perron, Supervisor
Jim Callon
Don Kucharczyk

Absent
Cheryl Thoresen
Andree Watson

The April board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Larry Perron. The pledge of allegiance followed. Chuck Palmer, Luanne Kooiman, Ken Lind, Coral Howe, Steve Morely and Jeff Killips were in attendance

A motion was made and by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to approve the March 11th meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Luanne Kooiman presented two land splits one for Atkins (012-333) and Shunk (012-334). Roll call vote to approve splits. Jim Callon - Yes, Don Kucharczyk – Yes, and Larry Perron – Yes. Splits approved.

Public Comment

Steve Morley – Steve was representing his parents and wanted to assure the board that he and his family were going to get their property cleaned up.

Clerks Report

Reviewed DEQ permit to install water line in wetlands for Arbic (Sovereign Communications Site)

Reviewed letter from Jon and Sharon Morley

Andree Watson received a bill from our current insurance company for a total of $19,965. She called the insurance agent to see if we could do a partial year, but they are not willing to do so. The agent did call back and state we could pay quarterly but to hold off until April 1st so that he could see of he could get us a lower quote. Another quote is coming in from the Forrest Insurance Agency in Newberry. The Kenneth Lind quote was around 15,930 annually.

Reviewed letter from Lee Chatfield to come and speak to our township meeting. The board has no interest at this time.

The Clerk requested that $800.00 be transferred from insurance/bonds to election salaries. The money is to be used to cover the salaries for the upcoming May election.

A motion was made by Jim Callon and Supported by Don Kucharczyk to transfer the $800.00. Roll call vote: Jim Callon - Yes, Don Kucharczyk – Yes, and Larry Perron – Yes

A motion was made by Jim Callon and Supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the following Precinct workers for the May 5th election. Rose Talentino (Chairman), Gail Essmaker, Harold Essmaker, Beverly Harwood, Gloria Larke, Betty Suriano and Andree Watson. Roll call vote: Jim Callon - Yes, Don Kucharczyk – Yes, and Larry Perron – Yes

A motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to authorize the payment concerning Attorney Andersons recent charges of 6,250 dollars. The charges are to perform the Wendy's property appraisals for 2014 and 2015 assessment years. This relates back to the Tax Tribunal Order Docket # 14-004731. Roll call vote: Jim Callon - Yes, Don Kucharczyk – Yes, and Larry Perron – Yes

Treasurer's report

The treasurer was absent and no report was given.

Fire Department Report

Fire Department report was made by Jeff Killips. There were 3 Calls for the month and pump training was conducted with new volunteers. The department needs to buy a new siren for around $250.00.

Planning Commission Report

Planning commission reviewed Sovereign Communications request to construct a communications to tower on their new site at the corner of 3 Mile Rd and M-129. Approval was recommended with one acceptation. Sovereign had requested to not put up a fence around the structure but this was disapproved. A fence is required.

A motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk at the township meeting to approve the application to construct the tower. Roll call vote: Jim Callon - Yes, Don Kucharczyk – Yes, and Larry Perron – Yes

Permit Administrators Report

One permit was approved for the Month of March.

Attorneys Report

Morley Property - The case against the Morleys will be left open and the property is to be cleaned up by the end of the summer or the case will move forward.

McLouds – The property has been sold on a land contract. This person will be added to the complaint and the township will wait until the snow is gone to see if the area is cleaned up. (1 Month)

Bradley – Suit has been filed and default judgment was given for a fine of 500.00 a day plus all costs and attorney fees.

Pages – A suit is to be filed to revoke special use permit.

Kevin McCormick – House on 6 Mile that appears to be abandoned. Letter has been sent to the bank holding the mortgage for violation or ordinances.

Discussions on the house on Seymour that burned and the Arbic property on Baker Side Rd.

Supervisors Report

STC Minimum assessing requirements for assessors.

Reviewed IDI request for Soo Township School and had Jim Callon do the same. There are no Township Zoning related issues with the application.

Pay Bills

A motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to pay the March bills from check #7600 to check #7626 totaling 15,424.91 including the electronic transfer in the amount of 1,600.96 for March payroll takes. This also allows the Clerk to pay the remaining normal bills that come in after the 1st of the month. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 PM