

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
August 9, 2017

PRESENT

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

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

A correction was made to the July minutes: Letters have been written by the Attorney to Amber Clement, Mike LaPonsie, and Gary Maleport regarding violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. **A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the July monthly minutes as corrected. Motion carried.**

Luanne Kooiman, Assessor, reported on the 2017 Soo Township Operating Taxes, the percentages the Township could request from residents and the impact in Revenue. **A Motion was made by Cheryl Thoresen and supported by Jim Callon to keep the Soo Township Mileage rate for Operations the same as previous years, 1.6083 mills, for the 2017 tax season per Resolution #2017-06. A Roll-call vote was taken: Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, and Cheryl Thoresen-yes. Motion carried.**

Jeff Killips gave the monthly Fire Department runs' and it was placed in file.

The Clerk read a thank you from the Neebish Island residents for brine that was spread on their roads.

The State of Michigan is planning on purchasing a new voting system for the State. Governmental Business Systems has been awarded the bid with the ImageCast Precinct tabulator. The Upper Peninsula will be supported by Mr. Dave Carmody from Newberry. The new System will be in place by 2018.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Andree Watson to return a hall rental deposit that was previously withheld as decorations were placed on the walls with putty. The contract to be modified to state that absolutely nothing is to be placed on walls, ceilings, or cabinets. Motion Carried.

The Clerk reported that the August 8th Special Election had a total number of voters of 194 residents – 138 absentees and 56 walk-ins.

The Fall Clean-up days have been scheduled for October 2nd thru the 7th at Smith Sanitation on M-28. Publications will be placed in the Evening News.

Jim Callon reported that the future use maps for the Master Plan are completed.

The Attorney reported that the Bradleys did not appear at the hearing scheduled on July 31, 2017, regarding the condition of their property located on East Five Mile Road in Soo Township. The judge ordered Bench Warrants for failure to appear.

A letter has been written to Mike LaPonsie on his property located at South Baker Side Road and the tenant not taking any action on a previous letter sent regarding a violation of the nuisance ordinance.

The Supervisor reported that speed signs have been placed along 5 Mile Road.

The developer is moving forward on the property by Burger King.

A letter is to be sent to the Pine Grove Cemetery Team on behalf of the Board for the outstanding job they have done this summer on the upkeep and maintenance of the Cemetery.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the payment of July bills from ck #8988 to ck #8999 totaling \$14,327.57 and August bills from ck #9000 to ck #9046 totaling \$29,626.46 including Electronic payment in the amount of \$3,275.10 for July payroll taxes and \$785.98 Electronic payment for Federal Posters and Annual Quickbooks Fee. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Andree Watson
Clerk