

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
August 14, 2019

PRESENT

Jim Callon
Don Kucharczyk
Cheryl Thoresen
Andree Watson

ABSENT

Larry Perron

The August Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Clerk, Andree Watson, following the Pledge of Allegiance. Rodney Sadler, Kris Clark, Linda Little, Paula Jarosz, Kay Miller, Paulette Lightfoot, Pat Lightfoot, Kay Kittle, Bonnie Langner, Lori Miller, Tony McLain, Tim Moher, Bridgette Moher, Dave Kauer, Jeff Killips, Luanne Kooiman and Chuck Palmer were in attendance.

Resident, Rodney Sadler, presented to the Board his desire to develop 10 acres of commercial property located at 3185 S. Mackinac Trail. He has a prospective buyer, but would like to apply to the city for the extension of water and sewer to the property. Mr. Sadler completed and signed a township form to request this service that will be signed by the Supervisor and Clerk and presented to the city.

Dr. Tony McLain presented to the Board a Resolution for Federal Oversight and State Assistance in the ferry service transportation to and from the Islands. **A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to approve Resolution #2019-21 as written, for Federal oversight and State Assistance in the effectiveness of the St. Mary's Ferry system. A Roll-call vote was taken: Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, and Jim Callon-yes. Larry Perron was absent. Motion carried.**

Several residents of Neebish Island and the Barbeau area expressed concern about the high water and the speed of the ships on the St. Mary's River contributing to major soil erosion and debris being washed on the property.

Neebish Island residents expressed appreciation for the Board's approval on the installation of Play Ground Equipment that was added to Neebish Island.

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

#012-359 Fournier

Resolution #2019-22

#012-360 Fournier

Resolution #2019-23

A Roll-call vote was taken: Andree Watson-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, and Cheryl Thoresen-yes. Larry Perron was absent. Motion Carried.

Luanne Kooiman, Assessor, reported on the 2019 Soo Township Operating Taxes, the percentages the Township could request from residents and the impact in Revenue. The decision by the Board was tabled until the September meeting when a full Board would be present.

Fire Chief, Jeff Killips distributed and detailed the monthly Fire Department report. This was placed on file.

The July minutes stated that the last day of tax collection was September 14th. This should have read that the last day of tax collection will be September 16th. **A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the July Board Meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried.**

The Clerk read a letter of appreciation directed at Pine Grove Cemetery Manager, Tom Thoresen and Sexton Harold McKenzie for the time spent assisting a gentleman update his grandfather's military marker at Pine Grove. His Grandfather served in WWI.

The Notice of Violation from the Health Department for a residence on S. Reynolds Lane has been cleared up.

Budget vs Actual for July 2019 was discussed.

The Treasurer, Cheryl Thoresen, reported that two small claims have been filed in 91st District Court for 2018 Personal Property Taxes; Fox Aggregates LLC and Sovereign Communications.

Jim Callon reported that 4 permits had been issued for July.

Attorney Chuck Palmer reported that a letter with questions has been received from Wells Fargo regarding the Soo Township vs McCormick suit. Wells Fargo will be sending a letter to Mr. Kevin McCormick according to the terms of the Mortgage. Mr. Palmer is waiting for Wells Fargo's response before proceeding.

Mr. Palmer reported that the suit filed against the Estate of Burt White last month has resulted in the trailer being removed. **A Motion was made by Cheryl Thoresen and supported by Jim Callon to dismiss the suit. Motion carried.**

A letter has been sent to Dennis Riordan regarding the violation of the Noxious Weeds Ordinance. This letter was returned.

Following discussion, **A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to start suit against Mr. Kevin McCormick for violation of the Nuisance Ordinance and dangerous building. Motion carried.**

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to pay the July checks from #10073 to #10088 totaling \$12,325.72 and August bills from ck #10089 to ck #10130, totaling \$105,016.72, including Electronic payment in the amount of \$3,476.38 for July payroll taxes and Electronic payment in the amount of \$825.98 for Fed/State posters and Annual QuickBooks fee. Motion carried.

Andree Watson
Township Clerk