

**SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Soo Township Community Center**  
**February 12, 2020**

PRESENT

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

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

Assessor, Luanne Kooiman, presented an After-The-Fact Land Division #012-362, Stebleton/Poirer. **A Motion was made by Cheryl Thoresen and supported by Jim Callon to approve and After-The-Fact Land Division #012-362, Stebleton/Poirer, as recommended by the Assessor, Resolution #2020-01. A Roll-call vote was taken: Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, and Cheryl Thoresen-yes. Motion carried.**

The Assessor reported that the Board of Review will be meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-3:00 at the Soo Township Hall and March 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-9:00 pm at the hall. Hours have been posted.

Fire Chief, Jeff Killips presented the monthly Fire Department report. Grayson Marshall has been added to the Fire Department team.

**A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the January 8, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes with the following correction:**

*A possibility of an "Accountability System" to be in place where all Fire Departments have boards on all trucks responding to a fire call indicating the positioning of the firemen for the emergency.*

**Motion carried.**

Clerk, Andree Watson, introduced Karen McClenny, as the newly appointed Deputy Clerk of Soo Township. Karen, a retired middle school teacher, has been Chairman of the Elections for the past two years. The Oath of Office was given to Karen by the Clerk.

The Clerk reminded the Board of the Presidential Primary March 10<sup>th</sup>, Primary August 4, 2020 and the General Election November 3, 2020. Paperwork was distributed for candidates seeking a township office for the August 4<sup>th</sup> Primary. Paperwork must be completed and turned into Clerk by the April 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting as all paperwork must be submitted to the County by April 21, 2020.

**A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to accept the following Precinct Workers for the March 10, 2020 Primary Election: Karen McClenny, Chairperson, Brenda Arbic, Lovada Bell, Gail Essmaker, Beverly Harwood, Betty Suriano, Betsy Tester, Cindy Wagner, Andree Watson, and Beverly Youngs. Motion carried.**

Copies of the 2019/2020 Audit were distributed and discussed.

The Clerk reported that the annual contract between AT&T and Neebish Island will be up in March. The base monthly fee will be going up from \$55.00 to \$65.00 per month. AT&T Representative presented an Upgrade to the Voice Over the Internet Protocol Plan which will be a \$70 a month base rate. This will give internet service to the Community Center at Neebish Island. The Clerk working on the details with AT&T.

Correspondence was read from the Office of Emergency Services regarding Emergency Plans for future power outages and specific questions regarding a Shoreline Erosion Survey being prepared. The Supervisor and Clerk will respond to these items.

Budget vs Actual for the month of January was discussed.

**A Motion was made by Don Kurcharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to approve the following line item changes for the 2019/2020 Budget.**

<b>Transfer Amt.</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
<b>\$1000</b>	<b>#262-727 Election Off. Supp.</b>	<b>#262-702 Election Salaries</b>
<b>\$1000</b>	<b>#446-970 Road Maint/Supp</b>	<b>#262-702 Election Salaries</b>
<b>\$200</b>	<b>#899-957 Contingency</b>	<b>#223-808 Auditing</b>
<b>\$576</b>	<b>#257-728 Assessor/Data Proc.</b>	<b>#257-727 Assess/Off. Supplies</b>
<b>\$2100</b>	<b>#899-957 Contingency</b>	<b>#236-933 FD Equipt. Maint.</b>

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

Treasurer, Cheryl Thoresen reported Winter taxes will be collected at the hall on March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Planning Commission is working on the Master Plan.

**A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to pay the January checks from #10342 to #10352 totaling \$16,549.23, including Electronic Transfer of \$69.65 dated January 31<sup>st</sup>. February bills from checks #10353 to #10385 including Electronic Transfer of \$1,650.96 for January payroll taxes.**

Andree Watson  
Clerk

Don McLean, Chippewa County Commissioner, gave a report on the County, including a discussion on the major power outage in January.

**A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the February 12, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion carried.**

Clerk, Andree Watson, reported that Soo Township had a total of 436 voters, including Absentee for the March 10<sup>th</sup> Primary. The new Dominion Tabulator for Absentee Voters worked very well. Hand sanitizers and gloves were provided to election workers that wanted them.

The Clerk received word from AT&T that to bring internet service to the Neebish Island Community Center would be \$105 per month plus taxes. The subject is closed at this time because of additional costs.

Budget vs Actual for the month of February was discussed.

Treasurer, Cheryl Thoresen reported that tax season went well. A total of 4,163 summer and winter tax bills were sent out.

Jim Callon reported that the Planning Commission has started on the Master Plan. A request has been received for a doggy day care that the committee is checking into.

Attorney, Chuck Palmer gave a report on the following:

- Still attempting to serve Jose Rivera
- A Judgment has been filed against Kevin McCormack
- Mrs. Rawlings intending to sell salvage yard. She is aware of the outstanding issues

Supervisor, Larry Perron, reported that the estimate for upgrades to the Neebish Island Community Center is approximately \$22,000.

**A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to pay the February bills totaling \$4,978.27 and March bills totaling \$14,926.79 including \$1,676.82 for February payroll taxes.**

Andree Watson  
Clerk