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

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

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the December 11, 2019 meeting minutes with the following correction; Motion to approve the November 13, 2019 minutes was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk. **Motion carried.**

The monthly Fire Department report was given by Fire Chief, Jeff Killips. Chief Killips reported there were Mutual Aid calls from Dafter on December 30 and from the Sault Ste. Marie Fire Department on December 26th. Soo Township Fire Department responded to both. The Soo Township Fire Department did a pre-fire walk-thru for the new DNR Building on January 7th.

Fire Chief Killips also reported that there is a possibility of an "Accountability System" to be in place where all Fire Departments have a board on all trucks responding to a fire call that indicates who is responding to that call. Jeff will check into the cost of initiating this.

The Clerk reported that paperwork has been submitted for a Grant to assist with the purchase of a Dominion Voting Tabulator.

Deputy Clerk, Rose Talentino. passed away the end of December 2019. She had been Deputy Clerk since March 2004 and also in recent years, Chairman of the Elections. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Soo Township Hall on May 22nd. All Election Precinct workers will assist with luncheon.

The Clerk is in the process of finding a new Deputy Clerk and also additional Precinct Workers for Soo Township. There will be a training and recertification conducted by Cathy Maleport, County Clerk, on February 13th for Precinct workers.

The Clerk asked that Board members check our website before the February meeting for the possibility of upgrading the site and what changes they would like to see.

Budget vs Actual report for December was discussed.

Cheryl Thoresen has been collecting winter taxes and will collect them at the hall on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-1:00 and Friday afternoons from 1:00 – 5:00 pm until Monday, March 2, 2020. On March 2nd the hours will be from 9:00 to 5:00 pm.

Jim Callon reported that the Planning Commission continues to work on the Master Plan

Attorney, Chuck Palmer, reported that a Default Judgment and Proof of Service will be filed in Circuit Court against Kevin McCormack.

Mr. Palmer reported that no response has been received from Mr. Jose Rivera as of meeting date regarding the Nuisance Ordinance Violation against him.

A new contract has been received from the Chippewa County Road Commission to resurface Nicolet Road from Riverside Drive to 5 Mile Road and 4 Mile Road between Riverside and Nicolet. The estimated cost of the project to the Township is $137,039.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the contract from the Chippewa County Road Commission for improvements on Nicolet Road from Riverside Drive to 5 Mile Road and 4 Mile Road between Riverside and Nicolet Road at a cost of $137,039. This cost will be part of the 2020-2021 Budget. 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 recent extensive power outage was discussed. The Supervisor asked the Clerk to write a letter on behalf of the Soo Township residents to The Chippewa County Road Commission and Cloverland Electric Cooperation for their efforts in restoring power to the area.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to pay December checks from #10316 to #10317 totaling $312.27; January bills from check #10318 to check #10341 totaling $9,426.39, including Electronic payment in the amount of $1,691.94 for December payroll taxes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Andree Watson
Township Clerk