

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
June 12, 2019

PRESENT

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

The June Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, Larry Perron. Jeff Killips, Don McLean, Chuck Palmer, and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Starkweather were in attendance.

Mr. Richard Starkweather, a Neebish Island resident, reported that an Island resident has a snow fence with a sign that is considered inappropriate and not welcoming to other Islanders and visitors. The only possible Ordinance violation depends on the size of the sign. The Board referred the matter to the Neebish Island Improvement Association Board.

Mr. Don McLean, Chippewa County Commissioner, gave an updated report on the County Board of Commissioners. Mr. McLean presented a Resolution supporting the Michigan Launch Initiative.

Supervisor, Larry Perron, reported to Mr. McLean the problems, issues, and lack of support from the County we have had with an illegal apartment in Soo Township. There was a fire in said apartment. The Township could not get any support from the County Building Inspector to assist with an inspection and report to the Township the problems that existed. All of this resulted in Soo Township being in Court for almost two years to get the illegal apartment shut down. Mr. Perron also informed Mr. McLean that Pine Grove Cemetery has been a large expense for the Township without any assistance from the County.

Fire Chief, Jeff Killips distributed the monthly Fire Department report. Jeff reported that a rep from a Fire Truck Company will be at the hall July 2nd with specs and answer questions regarding the possibility of purchasing a new fire truck.

The Clerk reported the Spring Clean-up days resulted in 65 residents participating.

A Notice of Violation letter was received from the Chippewa County Health Department referencing property located at 3484 S. Reynolds Lane. The Health Department received a complaint about a pit with sewage in it. They examined the site and determined that sewage was ponding over the top of the septic tank. Owners were required to take recommended actions before June 24, 2019.

The Clerk stated a request has been received from a Soo Township resident to grant approval for the resident purchase and install a bench at Four-Mile Beach in memory of her daughter. The Board unanimously agreed to support the bench, but requested the resident submit a picture of the bench prior to installation.

Budget vs Actual for May 2019 along with Budget vs Actual to June 12th was discussed.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to make the following line item changes for the 2018/2019 Budget:

\$500	from	Neebish Island Propane #265-740
	To	Neebish Island Electricity #265-921
\$1200	From	Fire Department Equipment Maintenance #236-933
	To	Fire Department Operating Supplies #236-757
\$400	From	Sanitation Clean-up #328-218
	To	Park Security #751-702
\$4500	From	Contingency #899-957
	To	Office Equipment (for tax program) #901-983

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

An issue regarding Oaklawn Cemetery was discussed in length by the Board. No action is being taken.

The Clerk read a letter from resident, Tim Freebury, in regards to the barking dogs owned by Eric and Lisa Moran. Mr. Freebury stated that through the winter months, the dogs were not a problem. However, there has been an increase in the barking now that spring is here, but it is at a tolerable level.

The Treasurer, Cheryl Thoresen, reported that the new Software Company, BS&A does not print the tax rolls/bills like the former Company, Manatron, did. Therefore, the Equalization Department is now preparing the necessary information to give to each township treasurer who then has the responsibility to get the tax rolls/bills printed at a business of their choice. Soo Township is using National Office Supply for that purpose.

The Treasurer reported that Soo Township summer tax collection hours will begin Tuesday, July 2nd from 9:00 to 1:00pm and Fridays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The last day of collection will be September 16, from 9:00am to 5:00 pm.

Jim Callon reported on the Planning Commission.

Attorney Chuck Palmer recommended that the Soo Township vs Moran case be dismissed due to the improvement in the situation.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to dismiss the case against Eric and Lisa Moran and their barking dogs. The Motion carried with one dissension.

The Attorney reported that the Soo Township vs Sandhagen case has been dismissed. The Judge ruled that the Bond be forfeited, so the money goes to Soo Township for expenses incurred.

Northern Sand and Gravel is honoring the garnishment for Osborn of Osborn Junk Yard.

Laurie TenEyck Lewis has reported to the Attorney that a firm has been hired to demolish the abandoned house on Riverside Drive. It will be removed by July.

The Attorney has written letters to residents on Five Mile Road in Violation of the Nuisance Ordinance.

Supervisor, Larry Perron, reported that a resident on Five Mile Road called to complain about property next to her that has a lot of trash/garbage and there were rats in the area. The Attorney to contact resident to get more information.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to sign an Agreement between Soo Township and The Chippewa County Road Commission to begin work on Nicolet Road after July 1. The work will consist of grading, drainage improvements and road improvements on Nicolet Road from Riverside Drive proceeding southerly for a distance of approximately 1.12 Miles to Five Mile Road, as well as Four Mile Road between Riverside Drive and Nicolet Road. The cost to the Township for FY2019/2020 shall be \$111,877. A Roll-call vote was taken: Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Larry Perron-yes, and Don Kucharczyk-yes. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve Resolution #2019-07, requesting that the State of Michigan provide the necessary funding and support for securing Federal Aviation Administration licensing and authorization for conducting spacecraft launch and landing operations as a "Spaceport" at the Chippewa County International Airport, Kincheloe, Michigan. A Roll call vote was taken: Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes and Jim Callon-yes. Motion Carried.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to pay the May bills from check #9967 to #9980 totaling \$4,010.31 and June bills from check #9981 to #10020, totaling \$22,575.76, including Electronic payment in the amount of \$2,121.68 for May payroll taxes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Andree Watson
Township Clerk

