

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
June 10, 2015

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, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ellen Benoit, Jeff Killips, Luanne Kooiman, Ken Lind, Roland Mayer and Chuck Palmer were in attendance.

A motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2015 board meeting with the following correction; Jim Callon reported from the Planning Commission that Bonnel Auto and Off Road Customs on Francis Street is in violation of zoning for residential properties. The Attorney to write a letter. Motion carried.

Ellen Benoit, Assistant Director of the EUP Regional Planning & Development Commission, gave an update on the Water Trail planning project for the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

Roland Mayer questioned the Board regarding a land survey and his desire to purchase property that has not been deeded. He was given instructions what has to be done as this was out of the hands of the Township.

Luanne Kooiman, Assessor gave an update on Wendy's Tribunal with a recommendation we move forward on appraisal.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to receive the following Land Division as presented by the Assessor.

LD #012-335 Tom Edie/9 acres Neebish Island Resolution #2015-03

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

The Board received the minutes of the Board of Review meetings from the Assessor and placed in file.

The Board agreed to purchase a trak phone for the Cemetery in case of an emergency. Phone to be used by Manager and Sexton.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk that we become compliant with Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, et seq., by July 1. Motion Carried.

A letter of appreciation written by Anne Earl on behalf of the Neebish Island residents for the road improvements done on the Island was read by the clerk.

Following discussion, it was recommended that the determination of an insurance company for Soo Township would be tabled until the Board has ample time to review all quotes.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to hire Dorla Parr to cut the grass at the Neebish Island Fire Hall/Community Center at a cost of \$225 for the year. 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 Cheryl Thoresen to transfer \$9795 from the Ambulance line item to the following listed line items:

\$250	Trustees
\$300	Printing and Advertising
\$300	Elections Office Supplies
\$3000	Attorney
\$75	Telephone-Mainland
\$50	Telephone-Neebish Island
\$200	Planning Commission Wages
\$1500	Fire Department – Operating Supplies
\$100	Fire Department Equipment Maintenance
\$20	Park Enforcer
\$4000	Cemetery

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

Cheryl Thoresen, Treasurer, reported that the collection of summer taxes begins July 3rd with office hours on Tuesdays from 9:00 – 1:00 and Fridays from 1:00 – 5:00. The last day to pay summer taxes without penalty is September 14th and office hours will be from 9:00 – 5:00 pm.

A letter was received by the Treasurer from the City of Sault Ste. Marie with first Right-of-Refusal on 2 parcels in Soo Township: #012-520-001-00 and #012-520-002-00. The Board agreed that a letter be written stating that the Township was not interested.

Jeff Killips gave the Fire Department report for May and June. This was placed in file.

Supervisor, Larry Perron, has received calls of concerns for the safety of the Amish families moving into the area. Signage was discussed.

The 425 Agreement with the City was discussed.

A quote from Superior Seal Coating was received for the parking lot.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to allow the Special Use Permit of a mini-storage unit at 3110 W. 5 Mile Road. There must be a 45 foot setback from all property lines and hours of operation from 7:00 am – 10:00 pm. Motion carried.

The Master Plan is being reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Four Permits were issued in May by Jim Callon, Permit Administrator.

Attorney, Chuck Palmer reported that a judgment has been filed for the Bradley property and also Summons have been issued for Michael Pages, Pro-Auto and the McCormack property located in Soo Township.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to contract Roy Electric to install 3 new security lights for the community center if the \$925 proposal dated February 2015 is still valid. 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 Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to pay the May bills from 7692 to ck #7695 totaling \$1,292.83 and June bills from ck #7696 to ck #7748 totaling \$122,548.42 including Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$2075.14 for May payroll taxes. Motion carried.

Andree Watson
Clerk