

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
March 14, 2018

PRESENT

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

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

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to approve the February monthly minutes. Motion carried.

Soo Township will hold clean-up days for a week in June and again in the fall. Dates to be determined. Jeff Killips presented the monthly Fire Department report.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to approve the following line item changes in the 2017-2018 Budget:

<u>Transfer to:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Transfer From:</u>
Attorney Fees	\$10,000	Contingency Fund
Neebish Isle Phone	\$ 200	Contingency Fund
Mainland Phone	\$ 350	Contingency Fund
Ambulance	\$20,000	From Carry-Over Funds*
Fire Dept. Operating Supplies	\$ 5,000	From Carry-Over Funds*

***This raises the 2017-2018 Budget Figures from \$562,578 to \$587,578**

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 Clerk reported that the new Voting System will be available for pickup at the Court House in May or June. Training will be held on the new system and it will be implemented for the August election.

Jim Callon reported the Planning Commission approved and recommended approval to the Soo Township Board the amendments to the Noxious Weed Ordinance and the addition of the Noise Ordinance. The Board tabled this decision until the April meeting to give the Board members a chance to read over the new Ordinance and the recommended change to the Noxious Weed Ordinance.

The Planning Commission's March 13th Public Meeting to hear the request for a Special Use Permit on property owned by David Denn on M129 was well attended. Comments were heard and questions answered. The Special Use Permit request was tabled.

The requested Special Use Permit by the Sault RV & Trailer Sales was tabled until the April meeting.

The Attorney has written a letter to a Soo Township resident in violation of a two-resident home. No response has been received, so a second letter to be written prior to filing suit.

A letter was written to Don Osborn to cease and desist on the operation of a junk yard and failure to acquire a license. No Response was received. **A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to proceed with a lawsuit in this matter. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to proceed with lawsuit against Rawlings Junkyard for operation of an unlicensed automotive repair. Motion carried - 4 yes – 1 no.

The Supervisor has been meeting with City Manager, Oliver Turner, on a 425 Agreement to benefit Soo Township and the City.

The Supervisor has been meeting with the Developer and Aldi's and also working with MDot and the Road Commission on the roundabout project planned on the Business Spur.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk granting permission to the Supervisor, on behalf of Soo Township, to sign letters in support of the project connected with Aldi's, MDot, and the Road Commission. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Cheryl Thoresen and supported by Don Kucharczyk to re-approve the changes to the Cemetery Ordinance and to publicize these changes. Motion carried.

Section 4. Purchase price and Transfer Fees

- (a) Each adult burial space shall cost the sum of \$500 for a single space and \$700 for a double space. An 8-plot lot may be purchased for \$1900.**

Section 5. Grave Opening Charges

- (a) The opening and closing of a burial space for a full burial is \$600 and the cost for burying cremation remains is \$350.**

Section 5. Grave Opening Charges (continued)

(d) If a deceased's family requests a winter burial, they must contact the Cemetery Manager for arrangements. The applicable charges for this service to be determined. These charges will include, but not limited to the following:

- 1. Cost to clear snow from entrance to burial site**
- 2. Cost to rent steamer to thaw ground for burial**
- 3. Cost to bring burial equipment to the site, dig grave and close following burial.**
- 4. Cost of Sexton and Cemetery Manager for their services.**
- 5. The requestor is responsible for the Liability and cost of damages associated with the burial process.**

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to pay the February bill covered by check #9305 totaling \$3,827.50; March bills from Check #9306 to check #9339 totaling \$29,618.19, including Electronic payment in the amount of \$1,455.66 for February payroll taxes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Andree Watson
Clerk