

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
May 9, 2018

PRESENT

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

The May Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Supervisor, Larry Perron, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Tom Ball, Walt Brosco, David Denn, Jeff Killips, Larry Kirwan, Jim Miller, Chuck Palmer and Kathy Smithers were in attendance.

Walt Brosco and Kathy Smithers addressed the Board regarding the M129 corridor and the property presently owned by Mr. David Denn. The Supervisor reiterated that the Special Use Permit from Mr. Denn for a repair shop had been denied, however, the present scrap yard can continue as it had previously.

Mr Larry Kirwan addressed the Board with his displeasure over the process necessary to resolve the issue of a neighbor and zoning issues.

Jim Miller and Tom Ball addressed the Board on the Pickford Ambulance Service and their Service to Neebish Island residents. They have approximately 3-7 ambulance runs to the Island a year with limited advanced medical care provided on board.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the April monthly minutes. Motion carried.

The monthly Fire Department report was given by Jeff Killips.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to accept the bid of \$225 from Joseph Parr for the cutting of the grass at the Neebish Island Community Center and the Fire Hall. 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 there will be a State sponsored recertification for Clerks on June 15. There will also be recertification training for all precinct works on June 19th and June 26th.

The new state purchased voting equipment will be picked up at a special training for the new equipment on May 29th. The Clerk, Election Chairperson and all Precinct Workers will attend this training at the Court House.

Soo Township will have their Clean-Up days from Saturday, June 9th through Saturday, June 16th. Dates and times are posted on the website. Two publications will be placed in the Evening News.

The 72-niche columbarium for Pine Grove Cemetery will be in delivered the week of May 21st. Cemetery Manager, Tom Thoresen, is coordinating the deliver and set-up.

Budget vs Actual for the month of April was accepted and discussed.

The Treasurer reported that Delinquent Personal Property Tax notices have been sent out.

Soo Township has been given the first Right of Refusal on 5 foreclosed properties. The Board expressed no interest in acquiring any of the foreclosed properties.

Jim Callon presented the Planning Commission report and that one permit had been given for the month of May.

Attorney, Chuck Palmer, presented a draft Attendance Policy for the Soo Township Board. This was tabled until June to have the Board time to review the draft.

The Attorney has filed Suits on behalf of Soo Township for the following:

- Jody Sandhagen – violation of multi-family dwelling
- Donald and Geraldine Osborn – failure to obtain license and creating a nuisance
- Mary Rawlings – Automotive repair onsite without permit

The Attorney further reported that a lawsuit is pending against Randy Forejt Builders over the Nuisance Ordinance.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to file Suit against Nuisance Ordinance Violators notified by letter in February and have not responded. Motion Carried

The Attorney reported that he has been notified by an Attorney in lower Michigan regarding the lift station and sewer to Soo Township School. This was tabled until the June meeting.

Supervisor, Larry Perron, gave the following report on the status of roads in Soo Township:

- Resurfacing on Four Mile Road will start May 21st
- BakerSide Road project will begin after July 1st.
- Round About Project will be starting soon and take two years to complete.
- Nicolet Road project to be part of 2019/2020 Budget-Road Commission to schedule meeting with home owners affected.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to approve the projected 2018/2019 Payroll figures. 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 Soo Township Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, June 13th at 6:30 pm followed by the June monthly meeting at 7:00.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and Supported by Don Kucharczyk to pay the April/May monthly bills. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Andree Watson
Clerk

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Andree Watson, Clerk