

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Community Center
November 13, 2013

Present:

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

The November meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor, Larry Perron, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Killips, Luanne Kooiman and Chuck Palmer were in attendance.

A motion was made by Jim Callon supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2013 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Luanne Kooiman, Assessor, presented the following Land Divisions for approval:

#012-324 Miller/Parcel B (Neebish Island) Resolution #2013-7

#012-325 Miller/Boone (Neebish Island) Resolution #2013-8

#012-326 Miller/Parcel A (Neebish Island) Resolution #2013-9

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to approve the Land Division as presented. A roll-call vote was taken: Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, and Cheryl Thoresen-yes. Motion Carried.

Jeff Killips gave the Fire Department report for the month of September/October. Jeff also reported that new batteries for portable pagers and a new pager were purchased at a cost of \$1164.20

The Maleport Subdivision easement issue was discussed. The Supervisor to meet with Rob Laitinen from the Chippewa County Road Commission regarding road upkeep and maintenance. A decision was tabled until the December meeting.

A letter has been written to all Township employees with instructions how they may enroll in health insurance plans offered through state-based health insurance exchanges. This is per the Affordable Care Act as Soo Township does not offer health insurance coverage to anyone through the Township.

A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the payment of \$250 to EUP Technology for the website domain and hosting plus ½ hour of site maintenance per month. A Roll-call vote was taken: Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, and Larry Perron-yes. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to grant permission to the Clerk and Treasure to attend the MTA Annual Educational Conference in Traverse City from January 28 to January 31, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$700 per person and to transfer \$500 from Fire Department Equipment to Clerk Education/Training and \$500 to Treasurer Education/Training. 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 Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to accept and approve the 2013/2014 snowplowing bid of \$60.00 per run for the Soo Township Community Center and Fire Department parking lots by Thoresen Excavating. A Roll-call vote was taken: Andree Watson-yes, Larry Perron-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Jim Callon-yes, and Cheryl Thoresen-abstained. Motion carried.

The October 2013 actual vs budget figures were presented and discussed.

The Treasurer reported that Winter Tax collection will start December 3, 2013 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesdays and on Fridays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on February 28, 2014.

The Treasurer reported she is looking into allowing residents to pay their property taxes by a credit card. A credit card reader would be attached to the computer or phone line at no cost to the township. The tax payer would pay 3% for this service if used.

The installation of a lock box was discussed for tax payers and voters to use. The Supervisor to look into options available.

Jim Callon reported that the Planning Commission reviewed the original survey for the Master Plan and the Commission is receiving information from Jeff Hagan to update this Plan.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to approve the October bills from ck #6829 to check #6848 totaling \$5,958.92 and November bills from ck #6849 to ck #6881 totaling \$15,857.51 including Electronic Transfer in the amount of \$3,040.84 for October payroll taxes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Andree Watson
Clerk