

**SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Soo Township Community Center**  
**September 12, 2018**

PRESENT

Larry Perron, Supervisor  
Don Kucharczyk  
Cheryl Thoresen  
Andree Watson

ABSENT

Jim Callon

The September Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Supervisor, Larry Perron, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Tim and Marianne Freebury, Wayne and Ada Gamelin, Jeff Killips, Kathy Smithers and Chuck Palmer were in attendance.

Resident Kathy Smithers had questions regarding the building along M129, which is the new DNR building and the access dirt piles at Albert Heating.

Residents Wayne and Ada Gamelin expressed concern of an upcoming law suit and fence placement on their property. It was explained to them that depending on Judge's decision in the matter, whether or not a fence permit be necessary. If the Judge rules against them, a permit would have to be requested of Zoning Administrator, Jim Callon, to move the fence placement and install a new fence. If the Judge rules in their favor, the existing fence would stay where it is, be repaired and not require a permit.

Tim and Marianne Freebury addressed the Board regarding the barking dogs in their neighborhood that has gone on for a couple of years. Many complaints have been made to Animal Control with nothing being done. A letter has been written by the Attorney. He will call the owners of the dogs to ask what they plan on doing and a time frame. If nothing is done, a law suit will be entered.

Fire Chief Jeff Killips presented the monthly Fire Department report to be placed on file. The Annual Fire Department Barbecue was enjoyed by all. Attendance wasn't what they hoped for.

The Fire Chief stated that Engine #401 is back in commission and that Engine #402 may need some repair work

**A Motion was made by Andree Watson and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to have the Supervisor and Fire Chief request of the Sault Tribe Chairman that we join in a partnership on behalf of the residents of Soo Township and ask for their assistance in the purchase of a new fire truck. A Roll-call vote was taken: Don Kucharczyk-yes, Andree Watson-yes, Cheryl Thoresen-yes, and Larry Perron-yes. Jim Callon was absent.**

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

The Clerk read a thank you letter addressed to the Soo Township Board and the Pine Grove Cemetery Manager and staff regarding the Larke/Bone headstone at the Cemetery which was straightened by the Staff and complimenting the overall improvements.

**A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Cheryl Thoresen that the following Election Precinct Workers be approved for the November 6<sup>th</sup> General Election: Karen McClenny, Chairperson, Gail Essmaker, Harold Essmaker, Beverly Harwood, Gloria Larke, Barbara Mapes, Betty Suriano, Rose Talentino, Andree Watson, and Beverly Youngs. Motion carried.**

The Clerk reported that a FOIA letter has been received from the United Impact Group, LLC of Astoria, NY and signed by Emily. The request has been sent to all Townships in the State of Michigan requesting copies of all records in connection with the November 8, 2016 Election. This request includes copies of all applications, ballots cast, including Absentee, and all related materials pertaining to that election. This request of copies is more than our copier can handle and a third party cannot copy the material per the MTA. Therefore, the Attorney will write a letter in response to this request stating that the materials are available at the Township Hall for inspection and to contact the Clerk.

The Budget vs Actual for August was presented and discussed.

The Board unanimously agreed that the Township will continue the practice of having both a Spring Clean-up Days and a Fall Clean-up Days. The Clerk to coordinate the days with Smith Sanitation and to advertise the dates in the newspaper and on the website.

The Clerk read an email received from Lori Miller, a member of the Neebish Island Improvement Association regarding their desire to purchase playground equipment for the Neebish Island Community Center area and additional Liability Insurance needed. Also, questions were raised regarding the Board's decision to continue with the present ambulance service to the Island. The Clerk to have Mrs. Miller contact the Supervisor for additional information that is needed for their project.

Treasurer Cheryl Thoresen reported that September 14, 2018 is the last the office will be open for Summer Tax Collection.

The Attorney reported that a court date of October 4<sup>th</sup> has been set for Entry of Judgment on the Soo Township vs Donald and Geraldine Osborn case and also a Show Cause hearing in the Soo Township vs Jody Sandhagen case has been set for October 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Attorney reported the status on the following suits:

- Soo Township vs Forejt Construction and Randy Forejt has been dismissed
- Soo Township vs Betty Faunt has been dismissed.
- Soo Township vs Bert White continues

**A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and Supported by Cheryl Thoresen to pay the August bills from check #9601 to check #9613 totaling \$13,389.08 and the September bills from check #9614 to check #9650 totaling \$18,692.39, including Electronic payment in the amount of \$2,856.34 for August payroll taxes. Motion carried.**

Andree Watson  
Clerk