

**SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Soo Township Hall**  
**February 9, 2022**

PRESENT

Larry Perron  
Allen Walther  
Jim Callon  
Don Kucharczyk

EXCUSED

Cheryl Thoresen

The February monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Larry Perron, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Pam Chipman, Chuck Palmer, & Jeff Killips were in attendance.

**Public Comment:**

No members of the public in attendance.

**Board Meeting Minutes:**

-The January board meeting minutes were discussed.

**-A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Larry Perron to approve the minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting of January 12, 2022. Motion carried. (D. Kucharczyk abstained).**

**Assessors Report:**

-Pam Chipman reported that the Michigan DNR has requested a land division of approximately 4.5 acres from approximately 1000 acres. The land has no road access and is not buildable. The board agreed that the land division request should be denied.

-Pam Chipman discussed the increase in property taxes being driven by the inflation multiplier (3.3%) that is mandated by the State of Michigan. Assessment change notices explaining the increase will be sent out soon.

-Pam Chipman is having difficulty getting a hold of Sam White (BofR member). She will continue to reach out to him.

-Pam Chipman requested that the board pass a Resolution to change the mandated dates of the March Board of Review to Tuesday March 15, 2022 (9am-3pm) Appeal Hearing and Wednesday March 16, 2022 (3pm-9pm) Appeal hearing.

**A Motion was made by A. Walther and supported by J. Callon. A roll vote was held: A. Walther-yes, J. Callon-yes, D. Kucharczyk-yes, L. Perron-yes. Motion carried in support of the above resolution.**

**Fire Dept report:**

-Jeff Killips reported 3 fire department runs for the time period between 01/23/22 and 2/05/22. J. Killips gave a brief synopsis of each run.

-J. Killips reported one new member of the fire department.

-A discussion was held on once again requesting assistance from the Sault Tribe for the purchase/outfitting of the new fire truck. It was agreed that funding would be requested to assist with the outfitting of the new fire truck. Larry Perron will follow up on this.

**Clerk's Report:**

-A. Walther reported that he and Karen McClenny had caught up the electronic voter file (QVF).

-A. Walther reported that all federal and state tax forms had been submitted. Individual W-2's have also all been sent out.

-A. Walther reported that the Township had received \$647.06 in ARPA funds had been received. This was left over funds split up among townships participating in the funding program

-A. Walther recommended that we transfer \$2000 from the Contingency Fund (899-957) to the Township Hall Contractual Services (265-805) to cover the shortfall created by the snow plowing this winter.

It was also recommended that we transfer \$2000 from the Contingency Fund (899-957) to the Fire Dept Vehicle Gas & Oil (336-751) to cover a shortfall created by higher fuel costs.

**J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the transfers. A roll call vote was held, J. Callon (yes), D. Kucharczyk (yes), A. Walther (yes), L. Perron (yes). The motion passed.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

-C. Thoresen passed the following information to the board via A. Walther:

-The General Fund balance is 403,103.78

-The ARPA fund balance is \$160,754.61

-C. Thoresen had asked 4 individuals if they were interested in the Treasurer's job. All declined.

-Last day to collect taxes will be Feb 28 from 9am-5pm.

-Outstanding tax payments are: 637 winter bills and 93 summer bills out of 4154 bills.

**Planning Commission Report:**

-J. Callon reported that the commission recommended that Mr. Owen Bell be approved for membership on the Planning Commission. **J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve Mr. Owen Bell be a member of the Planning Commission.**

-J. Callon also reported that the board continues to work on the Master Plan.

**Permit Administrator:**

-J. Callon reported no permits issued recently.

**Attorney's Report:**

-C. Palmer reported that a letter had been sent to the suspected marijuana grow operation, awaiting a response.

-A discussion was held on the ongoing marijuana grow and selling operations within the State of Michigan.

-Judgments for the Caster and Siegwart cases have been set for February, 17 2022.

-Proline Auto suit has been filed and should be served soon.

**Supervisor's Report:**

-L. Perron asked P. Chipman to ensure that Mr. Norris get the needed paperwork for his land division. P. Chipman will contact him.

-L. Perron reported he had received a call from Gene Raymond who lives on 4 Mile Rd. Mr. Raymond reports that a neighbor is running a large generator for 10-12 hrs a day creating a disturbance. L. Perron stated he had visited the area but did not hear the generator running. J. Callon will ask another resident in the area if he knows of the situation.

-L. Perron brought up that it seemed there were many public inquiries into how ARPA funds were being spent by local governments. It was discussed and the board felt that given public notice via meeting minutes that Soo Township intends to use our ARPA funds to purchase/outfit the new fire truck expected in the next few months.

**J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the payment of the January bills, payroll and tax withholdings as follows:**

**January checks for bills: Checks 11403, 11404, 11414-11419, 11421-11427 , and (1) Electronic Transfers totaling \$21279.01**

**January Payroll checks: Check#'s 11401, 11405-11413, 11420 totaling \$6723.22**

**January Payroll taxes: US Treasury- \$1796.06, MI DOT (Ck 11402)-\$343.46 totaling \$2139.52**

**J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk