

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
June 8, 2022

PRESENT

Larry Perron
Allen Walther
Jim Callon
Don Kucharczyk
Cheryl Thoresen

EXCUSED

The June monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Larry Perron, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chuck Palmer, Jeff Killips, Krista Broos-Adams, and Katie Chipman-Bergsman were in attendance.

Public Comment:

None.

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The May board meeting minutes were discussed.

-A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting of May 11, 2022. Motion carried.

Assessors Report:

-None

Fire Dept report:

-Jeff Killips briefed the board on the status of the new fire truck. Currently awaiting a mother board for the foam system on the truck. CSI anticipated the board sometime in July. Truck will be delivered on 6/28 at which time there training will be conducted. The truck will be placed into service without the foam system.

-Jeff Killips reported there were 6 fire department runs for the time period between 05/11/22 and 06/8/22.

Clerk's Report:

- A. Walther briefed the board on the rejection of our request for Sault Tribe 2% funds to assist with the fire truck costs.
- A. Walther presented the board Resolution 2022-05, approval of election workers as presented for the 2022 election cycle.

D. Kucharczyk made a motion and it was supported by J. Callon to approve Resolution 2022-05, approval of election workers for the election cycle 2022. A roll call vote was held, C. Thoresen (yes), J. Callon (yes), D. Kucharczyk (yes), A. Walther (yes), L. Perron (yes). The motion passed.

-A. Walther reported that they hoped to hire a grounds keeper this week. The board was also asked to pay Tom Thoresen for the time he spent cutting grass when there were no grounds keepers available. The request was for 47 hrs at \$16/hr (\$752).

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the payment of Tom Thoresen. A roll call vote was held, C. Thoresen (abstained), J. Callon (yes), D. Kucharczyk (yes), A. Walther (yes), L. Perron (yes). The motion passed.

-A. Walther presented the board Resolution 2022-06, approval of the newly hired County Designated Assessor.

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by C. Thoresen to approve Resolution 2022-06, approval of the newly hired County Designated Assessor. A roll call vote was held, C. Thoresen (yes), J. Callon (yes), D. Kucharczyk (yes), A. Walther (yes), L. Perron (yes). The motion passed.

-A. Walther briefed the board on the new billing policy for EMC insurance. Bill of \$16096.00 is due on 01 July. Check will be post-dated and sent in June to arrive before 01 July.

Clerk's Report (cont)

-A. Walther briefed the board on the plan for paying for the fire truck. The ARPA funds received so far (\$161,365.56) will be used and the remaining balance of \$387,564.44 will be transferred from the fire truck savings account to the general fund for payment. Grand total for the truck is \$548,930.00. Checks will be sent to CSI within a week.

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the payment plan for the fire truck. A roll call vote was held, C. Thorensen (abstained), J. Callon (yes), D. Kucharczyk (yes), A. Walther (yes), L. Perron (yes). The motion passed.

-A. Walther recommend the following budget Adjustments:

Transfer \$500 from the Contingency Fund (899-957) to Clerk Salary (215-702).

Transfer \$1000 from the Contingency Fund (899-957) to Deputy Clerk Salary (215-703).

Transfer \$500 from the Contingency Fund (899-957) to Clerk Office Supplies (215-727).

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

Treasurer's Report:

-C. Thorensen reported the General Fund balance was \$460,810.84.

-C. Thorensen briefed the board on one outstanding personal property tax payment from the Best Western.

Treasurer's Report (cont):

-C. Thoresen formally submitted her resignation to the board. C. Thoresen assured the board that she would help and support the new Treasurer in her new duties.

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by A. Walther to accept the resignation. A roll call vote was held, C. Thorensen (abstained), J. Callon (yes), D. Kucharczyk (yes), A. Walther (yes), L. Perron (yes). The motion passed.

D. Kucharczyk made a motion and it was supported by J. Callon to appoint Krista Broos-Adams as the new Treasurer. A roll call vote was held, J. Callon (yes), D. Kucharczyk (yes), A. Walther (yes), L. Perron (yes). The motion passed.

-L. Perron administered the Oath of Office to Krista Broos-Adams.

Planning Commission Report:

-J. Callon reported that due to absences by board members no official business was taken.

Permit Administrator:

-J. Callon reported 4 permits issued in the last 3 months.

Attorney's Report:

-C. Palmer discussed the current status of the Pages lawsuit. Awaiting trial date which could be into the Fall.

-C. Palmer discussed the smell issue with regard to the marijuana grow operation (Martin). Based from the letter from Mr. Martin it is hoped that the smell will no longer be an issue. No further action to be taken at this time.

-Brief discussions were held on the status of clean-ups on other properties within the Township. Ms. Rawlings will be contacted to see when the final clean-up will be done on her property so the issue can be closed out.

Supervisor's Report:

-L. Perron reported he had received a call from a resident attempting to sell their home on Mackinac Trail. They stated they were having difficulties due to the county "right of way" goes right up to their front door. A discussion was held and it was thought that the owners should discuss the issue with the County Road Commission.

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

May checks for bills: Check#'s 11528-11531, 11542-11558, 11563-11576, totaling \$43570.80

May Payroll checks: Check#'s 11527, 11532-11541, & 11559-11562 totaling \$8545.250

May Payroll taxes: US Treasury- \$1860.94, MI DOT (Ck 11526)-\$349.52 totaling \$2210.46

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk