

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
August 10, 2022

PRESENT

Allen Walther
Jim Callon
Don Kucharczyk
Krista Broos-Adams

ABSENT

Larry Perron

The August monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jim Callon, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Charles Palmer, Pam Chipman and Beverly Eavou were in attendance.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The July 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 July 13, 2022. Motion carried.

Assessors Report:

-Pam Chipman briefed the Board on the use of the BS&A software for property information.

Fire Dept report:

No report

Clerk's Report:

- A. Walther stated that the election went well with higher than expected turnout. Nearly 800 voters participated with a 50/50 split of absentee voters versus in person voting.

-A. Walther also stated he would be looking into a "secure" mailbox to replace the old one the township currently has.

-A. Walther asked the board if there was a reason the township hall didn't have garbage service. The board wasn't sure but thought L. Perron may have a reason.

-A. Walther brought up the possibility of the Township getting credit card. There have been instances where employees use their personal credit cards to purchase needed items and then the township reimburses them. C. Palmer stated there would need to be limitations on an account like this and would look into the legalities of it.

-A. Walther asked if there was ever any informal policy for the rental of the Township Hall when used for receptions following funerals of township residents. No policy exists to anyone's knowledge and the board agreed that no special rate should be given.

Treasurer's Report:

-K. Broos-Adams reported the General Fund balance was \$466,420.20

-K. Broos-Adams reported that a CD had matured in July and been rolled into another 12 month CD at First National Bank at a 2.5% rate.

Planning Commission Report:

-J. Callon reported on the progress of the master plan. There was a discussion on the proposal from EUP Regional Planning to develop the plan. As there is currently no budget line item to support the cost the board decided to wait to see what the written proposal would be before proceeding any further.

Permit Administrator:

-J. Callon reported 1 permit issued in the last month.

-J. Callon also brought up to the board that the County had issued a permit to a resident based on the resident stating they had a "verbal approval" from him. J. Callon stated that under no circumstances does he issue verbal approvals, there is always a paper permit.

Attorney's Report:

-C. Palmer gave an update on the Rivera property on Seymour. No action taken by owner concerning the judgment against him.

-C. Palmer discussed the McCormack property on 6 mile Rd. Need to compile the costs incurred by township and place on the tax bill for the property.

-C. Palmer stated that Ms. Rawlings has given her contractor until 15 Aug to finish up at her property (3 mile & M129).

-C. Palmer discussed the anonymous letter received by L. Perron concerning a property on Riverside Dr. between 4 and 5 Mile Rds. It is believed to be a property owned by the Bonacci family. The property will be looked at to ensure it isn't an issue. Any issues will be discussed at the September meeting and action taken then.

-C. Palmer gave an update on the Pages case.

-A. Walther (for L. Perron) asked that a letter be sent to the owners of the foreclosed home on S. Oakwood Dr. (across from Hall) about the garbage piled up in the driveway.

Supervisor's Report:

-L. Perron passed on through J. Callon that the residents of Neebish Isl were having a pig roast on Aug 13 and that board members were welcome to attend.

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:

July checks for bills: Check#'s 11621, 11654-11657, 11669-11679, 11685-11697 and (2) Electronic Transfers (Pitney Bowes) totaling \$40643.15

July Payroll checks: Check#'s 11648-11652, 11658-11668, 11680-11684, 11687 totaling \$12774.21

July Payroll taxes: US Treasury- \$3814.78, MI DOT (Ck 11653)-\$738.65 totaling \$4553.43

A roll call vote was held and the motion passed to pay the July bills, payroll, and tax withholdings as presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk