

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
October 12, 2022

PRESENT

Larry Perron
Allen Walther
Jim Callon
Don Kucharczyk
Krista Broos-Adams

ABSENT

The October monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Larry Perron, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Charles Palmer and Jeff Killips were in attendance.

Public Comment:

None

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The September 14, 2022 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 September 14, 2022. Motion carried.

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

None

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):

-Two fire runs reported for the month. Held one training meeting.

-Continuing training sessions for fire crew.

-Discussed snow plowing for the winter. Imperative that the fire department area be cleared so there are no issues in case of emergency. Clerk is presently seeking quotes and will ensure that is noted in the quote requests.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):

- Processed over 500 absentee ballots for the Nov election last week. Received numerous phone calls from concerned citizens about ballots being late. This was not a Soo Township issue as the ballots were late in arriving.

-Discussed a cemetery issue in which an already sold grave site had been sold again and cremains placed on the site. An agreement with the family had been reached to relocate the cremains. Asked board to approve the refund of the grave site purchase price to the family involved. New procedures will be in place to ensure this doesn't happen again.

-A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the refund of the original grave site purchase price (\$500.00). A roll call vote was held and all board members approved. Motion passed.

-Discussed getting a visa/mastercard for the township to cover purchases from vendors that do not invoice purchases. A spending limit of \$2000 was agreed upon.

-Jim Callon made a motion to apply for a visa/mastercard through Soo CO-OP credit Union for Soo Township Use with a \$2000 spending limit. Card(s) will be in Clerk's and Treasurer's names only and used for budgeted purchases. The motion was seconded by Don Kucharczyk. A roll call vote was held, all board members approved. Motion passed.

- Discussed fire department funding, specifically getting help from Sault Tribe. The payment in lieu of taxes the Township currently receives is for Michigan DNR lands and not tribal land as previously thought.

-The following budget adjustments were submitted:

-Transfer \$1000 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Elections: Office Supplies (262-727).

-A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the budget adjustment as presented. A roll call vote was held and all board members approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):

- The General Fund balance was \$429,777.20 as of 9/30/2022.
- Discussed the possibility of attending MTA training in Gaylord in November. Board though it was a good idea.

Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon):

- Planning commission didn't have enough members for a quorum due to absences.

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

- 1 building permit was issued in the last month.

Attorney's Report (Charles Palmer):

- Contacted Mary Rawlings about finishing up the property clean-up. Will be contacted again that it must be finished up soon or the Township may step in.
- Contacted David Bell about using his agriculture zoned land as a wedding/event venue. Owner stated that project was at a stand still and if he decides to pursue it he will contact Soo Township.
- Rivera case debtors exam was to be held this week but the county was unable to serve him notice.
- Johnno McLellan also hasn't been served due to inability to locate him.

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

- Discussed 6 Mile Rd paving project. County is working to complete paving before winter.
- Discussed Capital Improvement plan for road work. Various roads that need attention were discussed. Plan to finalize projects and utilization of ARPA funds for road projects.

-Discussed various issues within the Harwood sub-division. A noise complaint had been made about numerous trucks using Radar Rd to access the quarry. Area along Opal Rd washes out with heavy rains. Radar Rd too narrow to allow safe walking, may need additional shoulder work. All issues were passed on the Chippewa County Road Commission to be looked at.

-Owner of homes on "Reynolds Lane" asked for the Township or County to plow the road. It was determined by the Chippewa County Road Commission that due to the condition of lane that it would need to be resurfaced before public snow plowing could be done. The Township will send a letter to Mr. Garth McMaster informing him.

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

September checks for bills: Check#'s 11769-11783, 11795-11797, 11802-11809 and totaling \$6119.76

September Payroll checks: Check#'s 11764-11768, 11784-11794, 11802-11809 totaling \$12863.12

September Payroll taxes: US Treasury- \$4284.90, MI DOT (Ck 11763)-\$832.91 totaling \$5117.81

A roll call vote was held and all board members approved, the motion passed to pay the September bills, payroll, and tax withholdings as presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk