

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
September 14, 2022

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

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

Public Comment:

Jeff Hagan & Jim Callon briefed the board on the quote from EUP Regional Planning to complete the Master Plan for Soo Township.

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The August 10,2022 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 August 10, 2022. Motion carried.

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

-Pam Chipman stated that a couple property divisions were in the process. Nothing else to report.

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):

-No fire runs reported for the month. Held one training meeting.

-Working on getting rid of old fire truck. It appears that scrapping it may be the best option.

-Pump testing has been being held in the parking lot the last couple days.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):

- Absentee ballots for the Nov election should be going out at the end of this month.
- Discussed the possibility of getting garbage service for the Hall and Fire dept. Will look into options with GFL.
- Discussed getting a visa/mastercard for the township to cover purchases from vendors that do not invoice purchases.

A.Walther made a motion to apply for a visa/mastercard through Soo CO-OP credit Union for Soo Township Use. Card(s) will be in Clerk's and Treasurer's names only and used for budgeted purchases. The motion was seconded by Krista Adams. A roll call vote was held, all board members approved (yes).

- Discussed where to get bids for snow plowing for township hall/fire dept. It was the desire of the board to attempt to get the service from a Soo Township resident/business. J. Callon would provide the Clerk with a sample of the specifications needed for the bids.

- Fall Clean-up Days have been scheduled for Oct 3-7. P. Chipman agreed to email resident listing to Clerk for GFL.

- Discussed the issue of Neebish Island EMS service. Pickford will no longer be providing EMS to the island effective 15 September. Kinross EMS has submitted a contract to service Neebish Island with EMS/ambulance service. The contract was discussed.

J.Callon made a motion and it was seconded by D. Kucharczyk to approve the contract as presented. A roll call vote was held and all board members approved the contract.

- A. Walther brought up the possibility of charging tribal housing a per run fee/flat fee for fire service to help offset the ever increasing cost of fire/ems services within Soo Township. The possibility was discussed but tabled for the time being to investigate legal, fair options for the township.

Clerk's Report(continued):

-The following budget adjustments were submitted to close out the FY 21/22 budget:

-Transfer \$282.00 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Cemetery Gas & Oil (276-740).

-Transfer \$8000.00 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Ambulance (651-805).

-Transfer \$136.00 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Sanitation/Clean Up Service (528-218).

-Transfer \$4.00 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Street Lights/Mainland (448-926).

- Transfer \$4325.00 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Cemetery Salaries (276-702).

- Transfer \$1730 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Assessor Salary (257-702).

J.Callon made a motion and it was seconded by D. Kucharczyk to approve the FY 21/22 budget adjustments as presented. A roll call vote was held and all the board members approved.

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):

-The General Fund balance was \$394,268.91 as of 8/31/2022.

-Tax payment have been going smoothly, no issues to report.

Planning Commission Report(Jim Callon):

-The quote from EUP Regional Planning for completion of the Master plan was discussed.

J.Callon made a motion and it was seconded by D. Kucharczyk to approve the quote/contract. A roll call vote was held and all board members voted to approve the contract as presented (\$7800).

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

-2 building permits were issued in the last month.

Attorney's Report (Charles Palmer):

-Proline Automotive case: Judgment is being sought against the owner. Awaiting decision from Judge.

-Case filed against Johnno McLellan & Rebecca Meicher for violation of the Nuisance Ordinance at 4418 S. Seymour Rd.

-Letter sent to Bonacci Construction in reference to resident complaint about property on Riverside Dr. Mr. Bonnacci stated he would take care of it and that there was a home being built on the property.

-Letter sent to the owner of the property at 3490 S. Oakwood in regards to Nuisance ordinance violation. It was heard that the property may have been sold through auction recently.

-No further contact made from Mary Rawlings in regards to finishing up clean up. Will attempt to contact her.

-It has been reported that the new owners of the Ormsbee property on Mackinac Trail have advertised the use of the barn as a "wedding or event" venue. A discussion was held as to whether that constituted a zoning violation. It will be looked into.

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

-Discussed various resident concerns/complaints. All have been resolved.

-Resident on 4 Mile Rd. still concerned about "generator" noise. Noise probably isn't in violation of "noise ordinance". A letter will be sent by C. Palmer to who the complaining resident feels is responsible for the noise.

-Garf McMaster has asked the Township to arrange snow plow service with the county for houses on Reynolds Lane. Will contact road commission to figure out next steps.

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

August checks for bills: Check#'s 11704-11714, 11736-11742, 11748-11762 and (1) ET totaling \$53,675.04

August Payroll checks: Check#'s 11698-11702, 11715-11735, 11743-11747 totaling \$16,631.56

August Payroll taxes: US Treasury- \$3872.58, MI DOT (Ck 11703)-\$729.56 totaling \$4602.14

A roll call vote was held and the motion passed to pay the August 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 8:26pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk