

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

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

The December 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 November 9th, 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 November 9, 2022. Motion carried.

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

None

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):

-The General Fund balance was \$352,747.03 as of 11/30/2022.

-The Tax Account balance is \$1610.87 as of 11/30/2022.

-The CD currently held at First National Bank will mature on 1/6/23. It was recommended that the CD be reinvested at First National Bank. The board concurred.

-The board was asked to refund the Best Western the penalties and interest it was charged. It was determined that the taxes were sent in on time but were "lost" in the mail for sometime before being delivered to the Township after the due date.

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams) Continued:

-A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the refund of penalties and interest to the Best Western Motel. A roll call vote was held and all approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer was excused from the meeting due to illness.

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):

-1 fire run reported for the month.

-New door installed at Fire Hall replacing badly rusted one.

-Pest control company is continuing efforts to trap the mice in the Fire hall.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):

-Discussed letter from Bureau of Indian Affairs in regards to parcel being purchased and placed in tax free trust by the Sault Tribe. The letter asks for the current amount of taxes the property brings in to the County and Township. A letter will be sent to them with the amount of property taxes the parcel has along with services provided by the Township to the parcel (fire protection services).

-Discussed letter received from G. Kinsella and E. Baron in regards to County ARPA funds use by the county. No action will be taken by the board.

-Discussed the Cloverland Electric Franchise Agreement. It was voted on and approved in March 2022 but never placed in the paper. Attorney representing Cloverland requests that we once again vote on it and place in paper.

-A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the Cloverland Franchise Agreement. A roll call vote was held and all approved. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther) Continued:

-The following budget adjustments were submitted:

-Transfer \$10000 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Fire Dept-Operating Supplies (336-757).

-Transfer \$10000 from Fire Dept Equip. Maintenance (336-933) to Fire Dept-Operating Supplies (336-757).

-Transfer \$200 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Treasurer-Mileage (253-860).

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

Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon):

-Planning Commission continues to discuss the Master Plan.

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

-1 building permit were issued in the last month.

Attorney's Report (Charles Palmer):

-Paige lawsuit was dismissed by Judge. New case will be submitted.

-All other cases are proceeding as expected.

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

-Discussed Capital Improvement plan for road work.

Payment Approvals:

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the payment of the November & December (up to 14 Dec) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:

November checks for bills: Check#'s 11889-11901, 11913-11921, 11923-11932 and (1) ET totaling \$11246.27

November Payroll checks: Check#'s 11874-11887, 11902-11912 and 11922 totaling \$12436.71

November Payroll taxes: US Treasury- \$3168.32 (ET), MI DOT (Ck 11888) \$622.04 totaling \$3790.36

December Payments as of 12/14:

December checks for bills: Check#'s 11935-11946, 11956-11964 and (1) ET totaling \$10284.2

December Payroll checks: Check#'s 11934, 11947-11955 totaling \$7050.35

December Payroll taxes: US Treasury- \$ 2898.26 (ET), MI DOT (Ck 11933) \$591.02 totaling \$3489.28

A roll call vote was held and all board members approved, the motion passed to pay the November and December (partial) bills, payroll, and payroll taxes as presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk