

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
July 12, 2023

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

The July monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Larry Perron, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Killips, Pam Chipman and Charles Palmer were in attendance. Members of the public, Michael Weston, Mary Jo Weston, David Martin, Nancy Martin, Stephanie Miller, Eleanor Miller & Todd Miller were also present.

Public Comment:

David Martin opened the public comment to discuss the activity in and around the gravel pits along Radar Rd. He reported that nothing has gotten better since our last meeting in June. Based on other public comment it was thought that the major concerns are the dust, truck traffic volume, and the hours of operation. It was also discussed whether a different road in and out of the pits would remedy many of the concerns

L. Perron briefed everyone on what had been done since last meeting including discussions with the City, County road commission, EGLE, and the state police. The next step will be an attempt to discuss the issues with the three companies directly. Letters will be sent out in an effort to meet with them. If no response is received L. Perron will reach out to each company.

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The Annual Meeting Minutes along with the June 14th, 2023 regular meeting minutes were discussed.

-A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting minutes of June 14, 2023. Motion carried.

-A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Jim Callon to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting minutes of June 14, 2023. Motion carried.

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):

-2 fire runs reported for the month.

-Discussed the ongoing issues with the Superior Twp Fire Dept and how it might affect the Soo Twp Fire Dept.

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

-Reported that there will be a July Board of Review (7/18) starting at 2pm.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):

-Reported that Sault Tribe 2% grant had been spent to purchase the new air packs for the fire dept. A thank you letter has been sent to the tribe for this grant.

-Working on finalizing the end of the FY. Bills for the the previous FY are still trickling in.

-Attended Cemetery Training last month in Gaylord. Lots of good information.

-Treasurer and Clerk met with potential new auditor, Dan Smith & Co. out of Gaylord. Recommend the board approve the letter of engagement with Mr. Smith.

-A Motion was made by A. Walther and supported by Jim Callon to approve the signing of the engagement letter with Dan Smith & Co for the purpose of auditing the financial records of Soo Twp. A Roll call vote was conducted and all board members voted "yes". Motion carried.

-Recommend the following budget adjustments for current FY:

-Transfer \$640 from Clerk-Printing & Advertising (215-900) to Clerk-Office Supplies (215-727)

-Transfer \$850 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Sanitation/Cleanup (528-218).

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the budget adjustments as presented. A roll call vote was held and all approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):

-The General Fund balance was \$467188.09 as of 06/30/2023.

-CD held at First National Bank (\$90981.87) matures in Aug. Recommend it be reinvested with First National Bank for the term of 24 months at 4.4%.

K. Broos-Adams made a motion and it was supported by J. Callon to reinvest the money with First National Bank for 24 months at 4.4%. A roll call vote was and held and all board members voted "yes". Motion Passed.

Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon):

-Draft master plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Copies of the draft will be sent to board members for review. It is hoped the board can approve it at next month's meeting.

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

-6 building permits were issued in the last month.

-Discussed issue with Chippewa County in reference to permits.

Attorney's Report (Charles Palmer):

-Discussed the status of all ongoing legal cases within the township.

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

-Nothing to report.

Payment Approvals:

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the payment of the June and July (up to 7/12) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:

June Payments as of 6/30:

June checks for bills: Check#'s 12234-12239, 12248-12279, 12288-12303, 12309 and (4) ET's totaling \$71016.07

June Payroll checks: Check#'s 12230-12233, 12240-12247, 12280-12287, 12304-12308 totaling \$19089.55

June Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$2768.44 (ET), MI DOT \$526.13 (ET) totaling \$3294.57

Total Expenses as of 6/30: \$93400.19

July Payments as of 7/12:

July checks for bills: Check#'s 12311-12337, (2) ET's totaling \$30876.28

July Payroll checks: Check#'s 12310, 12338-12348 totaling \$5486.30

July Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$5457.81 (ET), MI DOT \$1032.36 (ET) totaling \$6490.17

Total Expenses as of 7/12: \$42852.75

A roll call vote was held and all board members approved, the motion passed to pay the June and July (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 8:45pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk