

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
Jan 10, 2024

PRESENT

Larry Perron
Allen Walther
Krista Broos-Adams
Jim Callon

ABSENT

Don Kucharczyk-excused

The January 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 and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Peterman were in attendance.

Public Comment:

-None

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The Dec 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes were discussed.

-A Motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting minutes of Dec 13, 2023. Motion carried.

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):

-4 fire runs reported for the month.

-Discussed speed limit on Mac Trail approaching traffic circle.

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

-Presented land division application from Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Peterman, parcel #017-012-030-012-00. Discussed issues the Peterman's are having with MDOT.

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by A. Walther to approve the land division for parcel 017-012-030-012-00, Resolution 2024-01. A roll call vote was held and all voted "yes" to approve the land division as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):

-Preparing for Feb Presidential Primary election. 9 days of early voting goes from Sat 2/17-Sun 2/25. Election day is Tue 2/27.

-Letter submitted to county objecting to foreclosed property transfer. No response as yet.

-Recommend the following budget adjustments for current FY:

None

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):

-The tax account balance is \$308598.74.

-The General Fund balance as of 31 Dec was \$420377.60

-Advised Board that the First National CD with approx \$146k was re-invested into another CD at 5.05% for 12mo.

Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon):

-Discussed Master Plan updates. Still working on final wording issues.

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

-No permits issued. A couple of sign permit issues to be dealt with.

Attorney's Report (Charles Palmer):

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

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

-Discussed adding an addition to the Fire Dept building. A building engineer is working on coming up with a plan to move forward. Intend to move forward with engineer to develop plans.

-Discussed the need for a speed limit study on S. Mackinac Trail (H63) between the county road commission garage and the traffic circle.

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by A. Walther to approve the request for a speed limit study on Mackinac Trail between the road commission garage and the traffic circle (Resolution 2024-02). A roll call vote was held and all voted "yes" to approve the speed limit study request. Motion carried.

-Discussed the need for an ordinance for the gravel pits. Will look into settlement against one of the pits from years ago and go from there.

-Discussed the repaving of S. Mackinac Trail next summer. Township portion will be \$80k.

-Discussed concerns with the Sault Tribes plans to re-surface 3 Mile Rd.

Payment Approvals:

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by K. Bross-Adams to approve the payment of the December and January (up to 1/10) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:

Dec Payments as of 12/31:

Dec checks for bills: Check#'s 12614-12650 and (3) ET's, totaling \$19730.56

Dec Payroll checks: Check#'s 12592-12613 totaling \$8122.40

Dec Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$3592.64 (ET on 12/15), MI DOT \$694.80 (ET on 12/12) totaling \$4287.44

Total Expenses as of 12/31: \$32140.40

Payment Approvals (cont):

Jan Payments as of 1/10:

Jan checks for bills: Check#'s 12654-12674, 12686-12694 AND (2) ET's totaling \$20883.33

Jan Payroll checks: Check#'s 12651-12653, 12675-12685 totaling \$8186.76

Jan Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$2636.14(ET on 1/16), MI DOT \$496.75 (ET on 1/9) totaling \$3132.89

Total Expenses as of 1/10: \$32202.98

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

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by A. Walther to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk