

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
March 13, 2024

PRESENT

Larry Perron
Allen Walther
Krista Broos-Adams

Don Kucharczyk

ABSENT

Jim Callon-Excused

The March monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Larry Perron, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Killips and Charles Palmer, Levi Schrepfer and Mrs. Bev Eavoe were in attendance.

Public Comment:

-Mr. Levi Schrepfer presented the board a permit application for a METRO ACT right of way that will involve installing fiber optic line within Soo Twp. A discussion was held and questions were answered satisfactorily.

-A Motion was made by A. Walther and supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the permit as presented (Resolution 2024-05). A roll call vote was held and all voted yes. Resolution 2024-05 passed.

-Bev Eavoe spoke in regards to a bill passed by the Michigan Legislature curbing local townships ability to control the installation of solar panals, wind generators, etc. Mrs. Eavoe stated that "Citizens for Local Choice" was involved in a petition to have the law revoked by a ballot initiative. A discussion was held and will be discussed when a more formal ballot initiative is available.

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The Feb 14, 2024 regular meeting minutes were discussed.

-A Motion was made by D. Kucharczyk and supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting minutes of Feb 14, 2024. Motion carried.

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):

-2 fire runs reported for the month.

-No updated time for CSI to be ready for our truck refurbishment job.

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

-None

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):

-Reported election statistics to the board for the Feb Presidential Primary. Early voting had 142 voters county wide (29 from Soo Twp). Absentee voters-475, in person voting on elections day was 335.

-Board member positions will be on the ballot in Aug. Paperwork is due to the township clerk by April 23, 2024.

-Budget meetings will be coming up in April and May. Scheduling can take place at next board meeting.

-Recommend the following budget adjustments for current FY:

-None

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):

-The tax account balance as of 29 Feb was \$461010.53.

-The General Fund balance as of 29 Feb was \$555631.33.

-Advised the Board that the Huntington Bank CD had matured and the money was transferred to a Soo Coop CU CD (12mo@5.25%).

Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon):

-Report submitted via email to A. Walther.

-Master Plan has been completed, request the board approve it.

-A Motion was made by D. Kucharczyk and supported by A. Walther to approve the Master Plan as presented. A roll call vote was held and all voted yes. Motion carried.

-Discussed absences by Planning Commission members and the need to fill empty seats. A. Walther will reach out to the member with excessive absences to establish a way forward. Since word of mouth isn't working A. Walther will post a solicitation on the Soo Twp website and Facebook page for Planning Comm. membership.

-PC discussed some complaints in regard to a garage on 4 Mile Rd near Riverside that may be being used commercial window tinting (automotive).

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

-Report submitted via email to A. Walther.

-One sign permit issued.

Attorney's Report (Charles Palmer):

-Discussed work on drafting of Gravel pit ordinance. A draft ordinance was given to board members to preview.

-Discussed the status of all ongoing legal cases and property clean up issues within the township.

-Discussed green energy issues and recommended that Soo Twp may want to establish an ordinance to regulate these issues.

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

-Discussed getting the roof on the Community Center replaced. Kaysner is still interested in doing the job.

Payment Approvals:

D. Kucharczyk made a motion and it was supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the payment of the February and March (up to 3/13) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:

Feb Payments as of 2/29:

Feb checks for bills: Check#'s 12714-12747 and (5) ET's, totaling \$25914.16

Feb Payroll checks: Check#'s 12703-12713 totaling \$9144.20

Feb Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$2588.53 (ET on 2/15), MI DOT \$516.40 (ET on 2/9) totaling \$3104.93

Total Expenses as of 2/29: \$38163.29

Mar Payments as of 3/13:

Mar checks for bills: Check#'s 12771-12800 and (1) ET's totaling \$19485.80

Mar Payroll checks: Check#'s 12748-12770, 12801-12802 totaling \$11937.70

Mar Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$2809.82 (ET on 3/15), MI DOT \$563.00 (ET on 563.00) totaling \$3372.82

Total Expenses as of 3/13: \$34796.32

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

A.Walther made a motion and it was supported by K. Broos-Adams to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk