

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
June 12, 2024

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

The June 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, and Pam Chipman were in attendance.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Palmer gave a brief synopsis of the latest draft of a Mineral Extraction Ordinance.

Acceptance of Agenda:

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the Agenda as presented for the regular Board Meeting of June 12, 2024. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The May 8, 2024 regular meeting minutes were discussed.

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting minutes of May 8, 2024. Motion carried.

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):

-1 fire run reported for the month.

-Discussed rehab/extension on to fire dept building.

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

- Beginning re-appraisal of Neebish Island and Commercial and industrial properties.
- Discussed need for up to date Exemption documentation.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):

- Election work begins this month
- Discussed the hiring of three grass cutters at cemetery. Going well. Discussed and board approved to pay Tom Thoresen for his grass cutting hours (67hrs) in May.
- Discussed the bid (\$75 per cut) for Mr. Garrison to cut the grass at the Neebish Isl Comm Center.

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the bid by Mr. Garrison to cut the NI Comm Center grass. A roll call vote was held and all voted yes. Motion carried.

-EMC Insurance bill of \$18389.00 is due 7/1, Clerk requests to pay the bill on 7/1/24 via EFT.

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the payment of the EMC Insurance bill on 7/1/24. A roll call vote was held and all voted yes. Motion carried.

-Recommend the following budget adjustments for current FY:

-Transfer \$400 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Telephone-Neebish Isl (265-851).

-Transfer \$7000 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Cemetery Salaries (276-702)

-Transfer \$12000 from Capital Outlay Mainland-Comm Center (901-975) to Cemetery-Capital Outlay (276-970) for purchase of storage shed. Request to move forward with purchase of shed.

-Transfer \$150 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Assessor-Data Processing (257-728)

-Clerk's Report- Allen Walther (cont)

- Transfer \$1500 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Payroll Taxes (862-715)

- Transfer \$200 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Assessor Salary (257-702)

- Transfer \$400 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Trustee- Salaries (101-702) (due to Permit Admin)

-Increase Fire Dept –Operating Supplies (336-757) by \$10000 (2% Funds Grant)

-Transfer \$2200 from Fire Dept-Operating Supplies (336-757) to Fire Dept-Equipment Maintenance (336-933)

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the budget adjustments as presented. A roll call vote was held and all voted yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):

-The tax account balance as of 30 April was \$104.62.

-The General Fund balance as of 30 Apr was \$585830.18.

-Reports that tax bills are being drafted to be sent out soon.

Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon):

-Discussed the issue of "tiny homes" and the definition of tiny homes.

-Discussed Green Energy issues within the township.

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

-No permits issued this month so far.

Attorney's Report (Charles Palmer):

- Discussed ongoing property clean-up issues and their statuses.
- Discussed alleged window tinting business on 4 Mile Rd. No response to letter sent.
- Discussed ongoing legal cases.

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

- Discussed pile of "railroad ties" on 3 Mile Rd. It was thought they are for power line work near by.
- Discussed wind/solar energy issues with the county. If Soo Twp passes an ordinance it will need to be accepted by the county and other townships within the county.
- Discussed the possibility of getting county or state funds for operating the cemetery.
- Discussed NI Ferry schedule issue with the County.
- Brush hogging of abandoned property on 6 Mile Rd scheduled.
- Spoke with gravel pit operators about potential new ordinance.

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the Mineral Extraction Ordinance (24-01) as presented. A roll call vote was held and all voted yes. Motion carried.

Notification to the public (newspaper/website/posting) will be made by the Clerk.

Payment Approvals:

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the payment of the May and June (thru 6/12) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:

May Payments as of 5/31:

May checks for bills: Check#'s 12862-12895, 12907, 12911-12921 and (2) ET's totaling \$34529.72

May Payroll checks: Check#'s 12859-12861, 12896-12906, 12908-12910 totaling \$10501.16

May Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$2543.57 (ET on 5/15), MI DOT \$492.75(ET on 5/08) totaling \$3036.32

Total Expenses as of 5/31: \$48067.20

June Payments as of 6/12:

June checks for bills: Check#'s 12942-12972 and (1) ET's totaling \$36610.88

June Payroll checks: Check#'s 12922-12941 totaling \$13458.04

June Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$3189.54 (ET on 6/17), MI DOT \$632.19 (ET on 6/08) totaling \$3821.73

Total Expenses as of 6/12: \$53890.65

A roll call vote was held and all board members approved, the motion passed to pay the May and June (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 7:15pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk