

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
August 14, 2024

PRESENT

Larry Perron

Krista Broos-Adams

Jim Callon

ABSENT

Allen Walther

Don Kucharczyk

The August 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, Pam Chipman, Karen McClenny and Mr. Ray Adams were in attendance.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Ray Adams brought to the board's attention a ditch flooding problem on his Baker Side Rd. property. He has brought it to the county road commission but they were no help. L. Perron will discuss with the road commission.

Acceptance of Agenda:

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the Agenda as presented for the regular Board Meeting of August 14, 2024. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The July 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes and the Annual 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 July 10, 2024. Motion carried.

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):

- 5 fire runs reported for the month.
- Discussed burning in pit on Radar Rd. Clerk will send a letter to owner.
- Mutual assistance for brush fire with Sugar Island.
- 402 is at CSI for rehab work.
- Fire reports for Neebish Island not being conducted.

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

- Presented two land division applications.
- Land Div for 012-035-018-00 (Baril)

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the land division for tract 012-035-018-00 as presented (Resolution 2024-09). A roll call vote was held and all voted "yes". Motion carried.

-Land Division for tract 012-022-092-00 (Wilson). Approved pending full payment of fees and tax payment.

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the land division for tract 012-022-092-00 as presented (Resolution 2024-10). A roll call vote was held and all voted "yes". Motion carried.

Clerk's Report (Karen McClenny):

-Election results from Aug 6 State Primary:

- 124 voter for Early Voting (21 Soo Twp residents)
- Absentee Voters: 615 ballots sent out, 442 returned
- Election Day: 271 in person voters
- All current board members won primary

-4 Mile Beach under a "No Body Contact" advisory since 7/24.

-Letter sent to 3 ½ Mile Rd resident to cut grass, grass has been cut.

-Letter sent to Buchanan Rd resident to clean up property and relocated RV. Property cleaned up and RV relocated.

-Recommend the following budget adjustments for current FY:

None

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):

-The tax account balance as of 31 Jul was \$192880.11.

-The General Fund balance as of 31 Jul was \$484984.92.

-Tax collections going well.

Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon):

-Discussed Green Energy issues within the township. Hope to have plan ready next month and possible Public Meeting in October.

-Reported that one member had missed his third meeting of the calendar year. The PC Chairman will handle it.

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

-No permits issued this month.

Attorney's Report (Charles Palmer):

-Discussed Pages lawsuit. Recommended that case be dismissed as clean up is being conducted. Board concurs.

-Discussed ongoing legal cases.

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

-Discussed ferry issues meeting on Sugar Island. State Sen. Damoose was there.

-Discussed Neebish Island newsletter. NI residents painted their hall. Fire Department building also needs painting. Recommend \$3500 be allocated.

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by K. Broos-Adams to allocate \$3500 to paint the NI Fire Hall. Motion carried.

Payment Approvals:

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the payment of the July and August (thru 8/14) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:

July Payments as of 7/31:

July checks for bills: Check#'s 13028-13034, 13039-13051 and (3) ET's totaling \$51223.79

July Payroll checks: Check#'s 13017-13027, 13035-13038 totaling \$8197.99

May Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$7192.36 (ET on 7/15), MI DOT \$1450.33(ET on 7/11) totaling \$8642.69

Total Expenses as of 7/31: \$68064.47

August Payments as of 8/14:

Aug checks for bills: Check#'s 13062-13080, 13090, 13101-13103 and (0) ET's totaling \$22683.24

Aug Payroll checks: Check#'s 13052-13061, 13081-13089, 13091-13100 totaling \$15910.82

Aug Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$2485.66 (ET on 8/15), MI DOT \$508.46 (ET on 8/12) totaling \$2994.12

Total Expenses as of 8/14: \$41588.18

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

Karen McClenny, Township Deputy Clerk