

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

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

The July 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 and Mr. Ben Zoppa were in attendance.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Ben Zoppa (Burton Excavating) informed the board that the City of SSM had denied Mr. Caster (3727 S. Seymour) request to be tied into the City waterline. Mr. Zoppa said it was due to the lack of a 425 agreement. The Board discussed the issue and will pursue the issue with the City Manager.

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 July 10, 2024. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The June 12, 2024 regular meeting minutes and the Annual Meeting minutes were discussed.

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by L. Perron to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting minutes of June 12, 2024 and the Annual Meeting minutes of the same date. Motion carried.

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):

-2 fire runs reported for the month.

-Discussed the purchase of a laundry machine for the fire hall. Vendor requires a 30% down payment.

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

-Discussed the result of the State audit and the need to update our Poverty Exemption Policy. A draft policy was presented to the board and discussed.

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the Poverty Exemption Policy (Resolution 2024-07) as presented. A roll call vote was held and all voted "yes". Motion passed.

-The July Board of Review will meet on Tuesday July 16, 2024 at 2pm.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):

- Presented final budget report for FY23/24, over budget in two line items, Attorney Fees (266-826) & Cemetery-Road repairs (276-955).

-Reported that 68 residents had taken advantage of Spring Clean-Up days in June.

-Mineral Extraction ordinance was published in paper on June 19, 2024, Ordinance should take effect 7/21/2024.

-Presented the listing of election workers for the August and November elections for approval (Resolution 2024-08).

-A Motion was made by D. Kucharczyk and supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the election workers list as presented (Resolution 2024-08). Motion carried.

-Received letters of support from Senator Damoose and Rep. Friske for the Neebish Isl ferry issue. Both said they would attempt to seek out additional funds for the ferry.

-Clerk's Report- Allen Walther (cont)

-Won't be here for August meeting, out of town.

-Recommend the following budget adjustments for current FY:

None

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):

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

-The General Fund balance as of 30 Jun was \$493017.16.

-Reports that tax bills have been sent out and payments have begun.

Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon):

-Discussed Green Energy issues within the township.

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

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

-2 permits issued this month so far.

Attorney's Report (Charles Palmer):

-Discussed the potential for a Solar Power Policy.

-Discussed Mineral Ext Ordinance and the potential for future changes since feedback is still coming in.

-Discussed alleged appliance business on Shunk Rd. Ongoing issue, will send a letter to property owner.

-Discussed ongoing legal cases.

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

- Discussed need for Solar Energy Policy.
- Discussed Mineral Ext. Policy future changes possible.
- Had grass cut at 6 Mile Rd. residence (McCormack).
- Discussed possible clean-up of 4 Mile beach area. Board discussed that there wasn't much that could be done due to constant changes.
- Discussed having a Fire Dept meeting next week.
- Discussed meeting with Sen. Damoose on Sugar Island to discuss ferry schedules. Mr. Perron will attend.
- Discussed home at 564 Buchanan Rd. that has trash building up and is attracting bears. Clerk to send a letter to resident.

Payment Approvals:

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the payment of the June and July (thru 7/10) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:

June Payments as of 6/30:

June checks for bills: Check#'s 12942-12973, 12979-13009 and (6) ET's totaling \$124476.10

June Payroll checks: Check#'s 12922-12941, 12974-12978, 13010-13016 totaling \$26402.97

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 6/30: \$154700.80

July Payments as of 7/10:

July checks for bills: Check#'s 13028-13034 and (1) ET's totaling \$33125.44

July Payroll checks: Check#'s 13017-13027 totaling \$5501.44

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 7/10: \$47269.57

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 7:30pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk