

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
September 11, 2024

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

The September 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. Dennis Panik were in attendance.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Dennis Panik, representing the Sault Snowmobile Assn., asked the board to consider applying for Sault Tribe 2% funds for maintenance of snowmobile trails. Mr. Panik stated that it was last done 15 or so yrs ago. He also mentioned that Clark Twp does this for their snowmobile association.

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 September 11, 2024. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The August 14, 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 August 14, 2024. Motion carried

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):

-4 fire runs reported for the month.

-Discussed possibly joining the Michigan MABAS, a mutual aid program.

-Request was made to reimburse Kristen Loomis (fire dept member) for fire dept dress shirts purchased on her credit card due to time constraints. Cost was \$1357.98.

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the reimbursement. A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

-Reported that the State had accepted Soo Twp's letter and the audit is complete.

-Discussed a recent email asking for BS&A data for commercial purposes.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):

-Nov election ballots will arrive soon kicking things off. Tabulators will receive maintenance tomorrow (9/12).

-4 Mile Beach "No Body Contact" advisory has been dropped.

-Clean-up/cut grass letters sent to two residents on Nicolet Rd.

-Letter sent owner of Radar Rd. property that had the illegal burn in July.

-Kinross EMS has submitted a new EMS agreement. Monthly cost will rise from \$1545/mo to 1591.35/mo.

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the new agreement. A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.

-Discussed the request of BS&A data from commercial entity. C. Palmer recommended to treat the request as a FOIA request in terms of cost.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther): Continued

-Sault Schools has asked to use the township hall on the evening of 26 Sept for an informational presentation on the schools bond request. The board agreed to not charge the school system.

-Fall Clean-up days will be Oct 7-11.

-Recommend the following budget adjustments for current FY:

-Increase Fire Dept Operating Supplies (336-757) by \$5000.00. DNR grant money was received.

-Transfer \$4000 from the Contingency Fund (899-957) to Capital Outlay-Lands/Buildings-Neebish Island (901-976) for building painting.

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the budget adjustments. A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):

-The tax account balance as of 31 Aug was \$207838.68.

-The General Fund balance as of 31 Aug was \$446552.59.

Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon):

-Discussed Solar Power Ordinance. Hope to have completed next month.

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

-1 permit issued this month.

Attorney's Report (Charles Palmer):

-Worked on Solar Power Ordinance with Planning Comm.

-Discussed ongoing legal cases.

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

-Met with Sault Tribe Housing Authority, Ms. Talentino, to discuss water agreement with the City. Also discussed the possibility of a fire house being built on or near the Sault Tribe housing area off Seymour Rd.

-Discussed ongoing issues with the City concerning water hook-ups to Soo Twp residents. Would like to arrange a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the issues. The board agrees.

-Discussed the issue of applying for Tribal 2% funding (\$5000.00) for the Sault Snowmobile Assn.

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the application for 2% funds on behalf of the Sault Snowmobile Assn. pending C. Palmer looking into legalities of it. A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.

Payment Approvals:

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the payment of the August and September (thru 9/11) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:

August Payments as of 8/31:

Aug checks for bills: Check#'s 13062-13080, 13090, 13101-13103, 13107-13112, and (2) ET's totaling \$24245.90

Aug Payroll checks: Check#'s 13052-13061, 13081-13089, 13091-13100, and 13104-13106 totaling \$18919.52

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 8/31: \$46159.54

Payment Approvals: Continued

Sept Payments as of 9/11:

Sept checks for bills: Check#'s 13131-13168 and (2) ET's totaling \$35007.91

Sept Payroll checks: Check#'s 13113-13130 totaling \$12094.47

Sept Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$5174.23 (ET on 9/16), MI DOT \$1050.16 (ET on 9/10) totaling \$6224.39

Total Expenses as of 9/11: \$53326.77

9/10: Bank Check for \$164060.36 to CSI for 402 Rehab (closes out ARPA Acct).

A roll call vote was held and all board members approved, the motion passed to pay the August and September (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 7:35pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk