

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
October 9, 2024

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

The October monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Larry Perron, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Killips and Pam Chipman were in attendance.

Public Comment:

- None

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 October 9, 2024. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The September 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes were discussed.

-A Motion was made by JD. Kucharczyk and supported by J. Callon to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting minutes of September 11, 2024. Motion carried

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):

-4 fire runs reported for the month.

-Work continues to purchase radios, county wide, with grant money awarded.

-Looking into firefighter fitness testing.

-No word yet on when 402 will be completed.

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

-Presented board with land division application for parcel 012-086-017-00 (Crimin/Zennel).

D. Kucharczyk made a motion and it was supported by J. Callon to approve the land division application for parcel 012-086-017-00 as presented (Resolution 2024-11). A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.

-Presented the board with a boundary line change application for parcel 012-021-004-00 (Persavich).

D. Kucharczyk made a motion and it was supported by J. Callon to approve the land division application for parcel 012-021-004-00 as presented (Resolution 2024-12). A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.

-Reported that assessing work on Neebish Island was going well. Most resident were receptive and friendly.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):

-Nov election: Bulk of absentee ballots sent out 9/27. Over 700 sent out so far.

-Public testing of election equipment scheduled for 10/15 at 8am.

-Early voting is 10/26-11-3.

-4 mile beach is closed, Tom Sherman plans to return next season.

-Rcvd email from County Road Comm. reporting a resident on 4 Mile Rd had asked for "Children at Play" signs to be put up. Waiting word as to who made the request.

-2% fund request submitted on behalf of the Snowmobile Ass.

-Fall Clean-up days is happening now (10/7-10/11)

-Will be out of town 10/17-10/21, Deputy Clerk will handle election related work.

-Recommend the following budget adjustments for current FY: None

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):

- The tax account balance as of 30 Sep was \$246419.19.
- The General Fund balance as of 31 Aug was \$444315.77.
- Plan to attend MTA Treasurer's training in Gaylord on 11/20.

Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon):

- Discussed Solar Power Ordinance. Hope to have completed in the next couple months.

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

- 3 permit issued this month.

Attorney's Report (Charles Palmer):

- None

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

- Discussed with County:
 - County has no funds available for cemetery
 - County stopped submitting 2% fund requests for snowmobile club due to negative audit reports
- Discussed with road commission potential road work within Soo Twp. Costs have stabilized so we may be able to move forward with roads in critical need.
- Discussed Ray Adams flooding complaint with road commission. They were unaware of the issue but will keep an eye on it in the Spring.
- Discussed meeting with Engineer about possible addition to fire house. Approx cost would be \$150,000. Also working on rehab costs for Twp Hall.
- Met with Sault Ste Marie Mayor concerning water hook-ups for Soo Twp residents. It is hoped that the existing contract will be honored.

Payment Approvals:

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by A. Walther to approve the payment of the September and October (thru 10/9) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:

Sept Payments as of 9/30:

Sept checks for bills: Check#'s 13131-13168, 13171-13196 and (4) ET's totaling \$40634.40

Sept Payroll checks: Check#'s 13113-13130, 13169-13170 totaling \$13964.85

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 9/30: \$60823.64

October Payments as of 10/9:

Oct checks for bills: Check#'s 13197-13220, 13222-13226 and (0) ET's totaling \$17858.06

Oct Payroll checks: Check#13177-13181, **13182-13185 voided**, 13186-13196, 13221 totaling \$11041.03

Oct Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$4072.83 (ET on 10/15), MI DOT \$810.72 (ET on 10/10) totaling \$4883.55

Total Expenses as of 10/9: \$33782.64

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

A. Walther made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk