

**SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Soo Township Hall**  
**December 11, 2024**

PRESENT

Allen Walther  
Krista Broos-Adams  
Jim Callon  
Don Kucharczyk

ABSENT

Larry Perron-Excused

The December monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jim Callon, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Pam Chipman, Jeff Killips, Rob Little and Kristi Harwood-Causley were in attendance.

**Public Comment:**

- Ms. Harwood-Causley informed the board of continued issues concerning the pit owned by Silver Rush Properties (Andy Goodrich). She provided pictures of items in burn piles which would be illegal to burn along with pictures of large fires on the property. There were also complaints about explosive sounds coming from the area. Soo Twp Fire has been called there in the past. J. Callon recommended that she call the County Sheriff if there are anymore issues, as Soo Twp doesn't have a police force.

**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 December, 2024. Motion carried.**

**Board Meeting Minutes:**

-The November 13, 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 November 13, 2024. Motion carried**

**Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):**

- Reported 4 runs since last meeting.
- Still awaiting update on the truck refurbishment job.

**Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):**

- Presented board with a boundary line adjustment application for parcel 012-500-013-00 (Soo COOP Credit Union).

**J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the boundary line adjustment application for parcel 012-500-013-00 as presented (Resolution 2024-16). A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.**

- Discussed the Arbic Land Div request. Assessor hasn't had the time to evaluate it so it will be acted on in January.

**Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):**

- Discussed 2% fund approval fro the Sault Snowmobile Assn. L. Perron discussed why the County stopped applying on behalf of them and it was due to financial audits. Discussed the best way to deal with this in terms of bookkeeping with Auditor. His recommendation was to pay out of the Parks Upkeep line item (751-850).

- Discussed the Best Lodgings personal property tax refund checks. This also was discussed with auditor. Recommend that we pay out of Tax (401) line items and transfer money to zero out the account.

- Provide brief update on Soo Twp school sewer line bill. L. Perron has been investigating the issue and found documentation referring to the school being responsible for the repair but we cannot find an actual agreement as yet. Calls to the city water dept have not been returned.

- Mary Rawlings sent the township \$60 towards her court settlement. C. Palmer informed us that he had made contact with her and that she would send in money as she could to make restitution.

**Clerk's Report (Allen Walther): Continued**

Recommend the following budget adjustments for FY24-25:

**--Transfer \$1112.30 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Taxes (401) to cover Best Lodging tax refunds**

**-Transfer \$5000 from Other Income (671) to Park Upkeep (751-850) to cover 2% funds check to Sault Snowmobile Assn.**

**- Transfer \$500 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Clerk-Printing/Advertising (215-900)**

**J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve budget adjustments as presented. A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):**

-The tax account balance as of 30 Nov was \$348.80.

-The General Fund balance as of 30 Nov was \$436150.32.

-Reported that a First National Bank CD will mature on 1/6/25. Recommend that it be reinvested in a First National Bank CD at 4.26% for 12mo. The board concurred.

**Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon):**

-Discussed the Solar Ordinance that had been approved by the Planning Commission.

**J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the Solar Ordinance as presented (Ordinance 2024-02). A roll call vote was held, K. Broos-Adams: yes, J. Callon: yes, Don Kucharczyk: yes, A. Walther: No. Motion carried.**

**Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):**

-1 permit issued this month.

**Attorney's Report (Charles Palmer):**

-Discussed ongoing legal cases within township.

-Informed the board that he would be stepping down as the township's attorney as he has accepted a position elsewhere. The board thanked him for his 20+ years of service and wished him well.

**Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):**

-Absent

**Payment Approvals:**

**K. Broos-Adams made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the payment of the November and December (thru 12/11) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:**

**Nov Payments as of 11/30:**

Nov checks for bills: Check#'s 13247-13275, 13294-13300 and (3) ET's totaling \$31183.77

Nov Payroll checks: Check#'s 13241-13246, 13276-13293 totaling \$13795.02

Nov Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$3858.99 (ET on 11/15), MI DOT \$758.66 (ET on 11/7) totaling \$4617.65

Total Expenses as of 11/30: \$49596.44

**December Payments as of 12/11:**

Dec checks for bills: Check#'s 13315-13346 and (1) ET's totaling \$34042.50

Dec Payroll checks: Check#'s 13301-13314 totaling \$8614.52

Dec Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$3919.75 (ET on 12/16), MI DOT \$785.80 (ET on 12/20) totaling \$4705.55

Total Expenses as of 12/11: \$47657.02

**A roll call vote was held and all board members approved, the motion passed to pay the November and December (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 7:23pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk