

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
November 13, 2024

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

The November monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Larry Perron, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Pam Chipman, Dan Arbic, Kim Arbic & Shawn Baker were in attendance.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Arbic formally submitted a request to pursue a second water line/meter on his property at 844 E. 3 Mile Rd. The second line/meter would be used for the potential of a new facility for a non-profit organization being built there. A land division request is also being pursued through the Soo Twp assessor.

The Board discussed the request and **a motion was made by J. Callon and supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the request with the understanding that Soo Twp will assume no liability or expense in regards to a private resident entering into an agreement with the City for water service. Motion assigned Resolution 2024-013. A roll call vote was held and all voted yes. Resolution 2024-013 approved.**

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 November 13, 2024. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The October 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes were discussed.

-A Motion was made by J. Callon and supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting minutes of October 9, 2024. Motion carried

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips): Absent

-Fire dept report submitted-2 runs in October.

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

-Presented board with land division application for parcel 012-072-004-00 (McCulligh).

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the land division application for parcel 012-072-004-00 as presented (Resolution 2024-14). A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.

-Presented board with land division application for parcel 012-076-005-00 (Myers & Gilbert).

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the land division application for parcel 012-076-005-00 as presented (Resolution 2024-15). A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.

-Reported that assessing work is moving forward in Township.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):

-Reported Nov Election Stats: AV Ballots: 749, EV: 588 (2861 voters total), Election Day: 598 in person. (1935 total).

-Cemetery has closed for the season. Season totals: 15 burials (Full-4, Cremains-11), 9 plots sold. \$44943.98 in wages for cemetery staff this season.

-Received a snow removal bid from Matheny Lawn, prices unchanged from last year (\$65 plow/\$50 salting/sand).

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the snow removal bid as submitted by Matheny Lawn Service. A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.

-FEMA Flood maps being revised. Zoom meeting on 12/3 (10am-1130am). J. Callon requested the info be emailed to him.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther): Continued

-Fall Clean-up days for Oct are complete: 44 loads @\$30ea=\$1320

Recommend the following budget adjustments for FY24-25:

-Transfer \$600 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Assessor-Data Processing/Land Div Fees (257-728)

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve budget adjustment and to transfer \$600 from the Contingency Fund (899-957) to Assessor-Data Processing/Land Div Fees (257-728). A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):

-The tax account balance as of 31 Oct was \$9848.96.

-The General Fund balance as of 31 Oct was \$413612.67.

-Reported that a Soo Coop CU CD had matured on 11/12. Recommend that it be reinvested in a Soo Coop CU CD at 4% for 12mo. The board concurred.

Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon):

-Discussed the potential need for a Special Use Permit for the Arbic property on 3 Mile Rd. It was determined by the Planning Commission that no permit was necessary as the use would be covered by current zoning.

-Discussed Solar Power Ordinance. Draft submitted to board. Planning Commission requests that a "Public Meeting" be scheduled/announced for the Solar Power Ordinance at the next Planning Commission Meeting on Dec 3, 2024. The Clerk will make the necessary announcement.

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

-No permits issued this month.

Attorney's Report (Charles Palmer):

-Discussed ongoing legal cases within township.

-Informed the board that he may represent a Soo Twp resident that is interested in possibly having a solar power farm established on their property. The Board discussed and is comfortable with the arrangement.

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

-Discussed a couple properties on S. Riverside Rd between 4 and 5 Mile Rd. that need to be cleaned up. Addresses/Names are being sought.

-Discussed the continued development of the tribal lands off Seymour Rd. and the potential for the need of an auxiliary fire house in that area.

-Discussed history behind the City septic riser for Soo Twp School.

-Discussed ongoing conversations with the City Mayor in regards to water hook-ups for Soo Twp residents. It is hoped that it has been resolved. Asked that water hook-up request for Mr. Caster on Seymour Rd. be resubmitted along with the Arbic request. The Board agreed.

-Discussed the information received by the engineer for rehab of current fire dept building and community center.

Payment Approvals:

K. Broos-Adams made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the payment of the October and November (thru 11/18) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:

October Payments as of 10/31:

Oct checks for bills: Check#'s 13197-13220, 13222-13227, 13230-13240 and (3) ET's totaling \$24464.59

Oct Payroll checks: Check#'s 13177-13181, **13182-13185 voided**, 13186-13196, 13221, 13228-13229 totaling \$12911.42

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 10/31: \$42259.56

Nov Payments as of 11/13:

Nov checks for bills: Check#'s 13247-13275 and (1) ET's totaling \$28312.31

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 11/18: \$46724.98

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

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by A. Walther to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk