

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
January 08, 2025

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

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

Public Comment:

-Mr. Kevin Kalchek of My Michigan Medical Center Sault Ste Marie provided a presentation on the status of the hospital. His presentation touched on physical improvements to the facility along with the hiring of new personnel. The presentation was well received and he intends to come to one of our meetings annually.

- 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 January 8, 2025. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The December 11, 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 December 11, 2024. Motion carried

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):

-Reported 2 runs since last meeting.

-Provide pictures of the fire truck rehab.

-New washer is up and running and works well.

-New water heater installed in fire hall.

-Will be working on submission of 2 % fund request for the Spring.

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

-Presented the board with the updated guidelines for 2025 Poverty Exemption.

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the 2025 Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented (Resolution 2025-01). A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.

-Presented the board with a Land Split request for parcel 017-012-019-001-50 owned by Arbic Drummond Development, LLC.

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the land division request for parcel 017-012-019-001-50 owned by Arbic Drummond Development, LLC. (Resolution 2025-02). A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):

-Discussed Kinross EMS monthly report.

-Provided a copy of the letter received from the Neebish Pioneers Association in regards to the NI ferry schedule.

Recommend the following budget adjustments for FY24-25:

- Transfer \$800 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Assessor-Data Processing/Land Div Fees (257-728)

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by K. Broos-Adams 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 31 Dec was \$444801.28.

-The General Fund balance as of 31 Dec was \$429142.42.

-Reported that a First National Bank CD that matured on 1/6/25 had been reinvested to a new 12 mo CD at 4.19%.

Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon):

-Discussed the search for a new attorney.

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

-1 permit issued this month.

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

-Discussed how to move forward in a search for a new township attorney.

-Discussed ongoing legal cases and the urgency to find a new attorney.

-The city appears to be moving forward with the two Soo Twp water hook-up requests (Arbic & Caster).

-Provided an update on the City water dept bill for the sewer lift station at Malcolm High. Hope to have it all wrapped up soon.

Payment Approvals:

J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the payment of the December and January (thru 1/08) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:

December Payments as of 12/31:

Dec checks for bills: Check#'s 13315-13350 and (2) ET's totaling \$34826.99

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 12/31: \$48147.06

Jan Payments as of 1/08:

Jan checks for bills: Check#'s 13354-13381 and () ET's totaling \$18105.57

Jan Payroll checks: Check#'s 13351-13353, 13382-13391 totaling \$8256.81

Jan Payroll taxes: US Treasury-\$1133.51 (ET on), MI DOT \$209.08 (ET on) totaling \$1342.59

Total Expenses as of 1/08: \$27704.97

A roll call vote was held and all board members approved, the motion passed to pay the December and January (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 7:10pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk