

**SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Soo Township Hall**  
**March 12, 2025**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

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

**Public Comment:**

-None

**- 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 March 12, 2025. Motion carried.**

**Board Meeting Minutes:**

-The February 12, 2025 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 February 12, 2025. Motion carried.**

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

-Reported 1 run since last meeting.

-Will be looking into more mobile radio units, will put in a request for 2% funding to help offset cost.

**Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):**

-Discussed March Board of Review. Relatively few petitions received.

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

-Presented Board with quote for flooring in hall area and discussed ongoing improvements to the hall.

**Allen Walther made a motion and it was supported by J. Callon to accept the flooring quote with UP Carpet Mart in the amount of \$10317.88 as presented. A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.**

-Discussed the Board of Review members pay. Requested the board consider changing them to an hourly rate instead of an annual salary. This should make it easier to keep members active and have alternates available to the Board of Review. Discussed pay rate and agreed upon \$20/hr.

**J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve amending the payroll of the Board of Review members to \$20/hr effective 3/1/2025. A roll call vote was held, all voted "yes". Motion carried.**

Recommend the following budget adjustments for FY24-25:

**- Transfer \$800 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Deputy Treasurer (253-703).**

**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 28 Feb was \$108880.40.

-The General Fund balance as of 28 Feb was \$598952.98.

-Reported that the Soo Coop CU CD that matured on 2/28 has been re-invested with SCCU at 3.93% for 12 mo.

-Reported that Kristen Dunbar had resigned from the Deputy Treasurer position due to a lack of time. Ursula Walther has been named as the new Deputy Treasurer.

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

-Discussed the potential of a gravel permit off Baker Side Rd. Planning is in very early stage and the Mineral Extraction Ordinance appears to be being followed.

**Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):**

-0 permits issued the past month.

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

-Discussed ongoing search for a township attorney. Discussed the potential for hiring Mr. Paul Slaugh of Gaylord. He is currently representing other municipalities so he has experience in the field. He is offering a rate of \$225/hr. The board discussed and agreed to move forward with having him represent us.

**Payment Approvals:**

**J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the payment of the February and March (thru 3/12) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:**

**February Payments as of 2/28:**

Feb checks for bills: Check#'s 13417-13451 and (5) ET's totaling \$20552.48

Feb Payroll checks: Check#'s 13404-13416 totaling \$8077.24

Feb Payroll taxes withheld: \$3198.76

Total Expenses as of 2/28: \$31828.48

**Mar Payments as of 3/12:**

Mar checks for bills: Check#'s 13469-13497 and (1) ET's totaling \$18001.42

Mar Payroll checks: Check#'s 13452-13468 totaling \$9681.78

Mar Payroll taxes: \$3554.85

Total Expenses as of 3/12: \$31238.05

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

**K. Broos-Adams made a motion and it was supported by J. Callon to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk