

**SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Soo Township Hall**  
**May 14, 2025**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

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

**Public Comment:**

-Mrs. Kaunisto was in attendance to answer any questions in regard to her land division request. The Board discussed the land division and everything looked in order.

**A motion was made by J. Callon and supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the land division (Resolution 2025-04) for the parent parcel 17-012-021-014-00. A roll call vote was held and all voted "yes".**

**- 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 May 14, 2025. Motion carried.**

**Board Meeting Minutes:**

-The April 9, 2025 regular meeting minutes were discussed.

**-A Motion was made by D. Kucharczyk and supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting minutes of April 9, 2025. Motion carried.**

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

-Reporting 7 runs last month and provided a brief on each run.

-Still now date on when refurbishment of truck will be done.

-Requested to open an account with local AutoZone. Current acct with NAPA is fine but they are not open on Sunday. No objection from the board.

**Assessors Report (Pam Chipman): Absent**

-Submitted request through the Clerk to provide local banks with tax assessment roll. No objection from the board.

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

-Soo Twp Clean-up days are scheduled for 6/2-6/6. Info has been posted on website and Facebook.

-Neebish Island grass cutter remains from last summer with no changes in charges.

-Cemetery opened 5/1. Hired new grass cutter, Jonathan Cuttelitt.

-4 Mile Beach will open on 5/15.

-Presented bid from Norris Const. to repair parking lot drain. Other options were considered and will be tried first.

-Presented the board with the proposed FY2025/26 Payroll. Board discussed changes, increases to board members were done in an effort to get the Twp to the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile as compared to similar townships in Michigan as compared using MTA comparison tool. Current rates hold Soo Twp board member salaries in the 10<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> percentile. New salaries will bring the trustees to 50%, and the remaining board members will still be below 50%.

**A motion was made by K. Broos-Adams and supported by J. Callon to approve the FY2025/26 Payroll as submitted to the board. A roll call vote was held and all voted "yes".**

-Plan to attend MTA sponsored training in Gaylord, MI on 6/18 for training on the new Earned Time Act along with cemetery training.

-Annual Meeting will be held on 6/11 at 5:30pm followed by our regular monthly meeting at 6pm.

-Ordinance violation letters sent out:

4/16- 5275 S. Riverside Dr.

5/12- 3414 S. Riverside Dr.

-Notified by county of an election to be held on 8/5 for a Sault Schools Bond Proposal.

Recommend the following budget adjustments for FY24-25:

**- Transfer \$1500 from Contingency Fund (899-957) to Sanitation/Clean Up (528-218).**

**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 Apr was \$6675.35.
- The General Fund balance as of 30 Apr was \$588461.34.

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

- Discussed the possible need to amend the Solar Ordinance to include a battery storage plan. PC feels a separate ordinance will be needed for both battery storage and data centers.

**Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):**

- 2 permits issued the past month.

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

- Reported road construction costs going forward should be in the \$200k/mile area.

**Payment Approvals:**

**J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by K. Broos-Adams to approve the payment of the April and May (thru 5/14) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:**

**April Payments as of 4/30:**

Apr checks for bills: Check#'s 13520-13548 and (3) ET's totaling \$18234.02

Apr Payroll checks: Check#'s 13504-13519 totaling \$8861.40

Apr Payroll taxes withheld: \$3521.32

Total Expenses as of 4/30: \$30616.74

**May Payments as of 5/14:**

May checks for bills: Check#'s 13563-13601 and (0) ET's totaling \$43385.30

May Payroll checks: Check#'s 13549-13562 totaling \$8343.54

May Payroll taxes: \$3345.34

Total Expenses as of 5/14: \$55074.18

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

**J. Callon made a motion and it was supported by D. Kurharczyk to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk