

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
September 09, 2026

PRESENT

Larry Perron
Allen Walther
Krista Broos-Adams

Don Kucharczyk

ABSENT

Jim Callon-Excused

The September monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by L. Perron followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Wally Bazinau, Julie Bazinau, Pam Chipman & Jeff Killips were in attendance.

Public Comment:

-Mr. & Mrs. Bazinau presented the Board with their home building situation at 617 W 5 ½ Mile Rd. They have applied for a permit for septic and well and EGLE has notified them that they have disturbed the wetlands on the lot and they must repair portions of it. They are attempting to have put in the septic/water and then do the wetland repair but they cannot get the necessary permits until EGLE approves. Asking the Board for assistance possibly a letter to EGLE in order to secure the permits first then fix the wetland.

L. Perron advised them that the Board doesn't have a working knowledge of wetland issues but understood the situation and offered to call EGLE to see what, if anything, we could do to help.

- Acceptance of Agenda:

-A Motion was made by K. Broos-Adams and supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the agenda as presented for the regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2026. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes:

-The August 12, 2026 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 of August 12, 2026. Motion carried.

Fire Dept report (Jeff Killips):

-Report submitted showing 4 runs since last meeting. Provide a brief explanation for each run.

-Waiting for appointment to get new NI truck testing done so it can be placed in service.

-Discussed the need to scrap the old fire truck from Neebish Island as we have a newly acquired truck.

Cemetery Report (Jeff Killips and A. Walther):

-None

Assessors Report (Pam Chipman):

-Tax tribunal case filed by American Gas Transmission Co., case has been dismissed as tax record was adjusted by Assessor.

-Tax tribunal case with Best Western is still ongoing.

-5 pending land divisions mainly awaiting surveys. Land division tabled last month still not resolved, awaiting map of parcel from applicant.

Clerk's Report (Allen Walther):

-Fall Clean-up is scheduled for 5 Oct-9 Oct. Will make standard postings

-Resolution 2026-014 presented to the Board for approval of Nov Election workers along with establishment of absentee counting board.

-A Motion was made by K. Broos-Adams and supported by D. Kucharczyk to Resolution 2026-14 as presented. A roll call vote was held and all voted "yes". Motion carried.

-I will be out of town from Sept 15-21. Monitoring phone and email.

-Submitted to the Board formal resignation letter effective 31 Dec 2026.

-Ordinance violation letters sent out:

-Corrected letter sent to radio twr property on S. Mac Trail. Letter returned as undeliverable. Will look into owner address again.

-Letter for Blalock Rd residence sent out (John McClellan). Some clean-up has occurred already.

Recommend the following budget adjustments for FY26-27:

-None

Treasurer's Report (Krista Broos-Adams):

- The tax account balance as of 31 Aug was \$154739.80.
- The General Fund balance as of 31 Aug was \$415091.93.
- Soo Coop CU CD (S1003) with approximately \$155629.58 matured and funds were transferred into the General Fund Checking Acct.
- First National Bank CD with approximately \$82427.37 matured and was rolled over into new CD at 12 mo/4.0apr.

Planning Commission Report (Jim Callon): (Presented by A. Walther)

- Held public meeting for ADU and shipping container zoning changes. Public feedback received for the shipping container portion. Comment was that a max number of containers should be added to the ordinance. This will be discussed at next months meeting. No comments received for the ADU zoning changes.
- Watched a MTA presentation that recommended an Ordinance to place a moratorium on Data Centers. Board felt that we had followed out attorney's advice with the Resolution approved last month.
- Vertical Bridge/Soo Twp agreement concerning cell tower in the gravel pits. Board presented with draft agreement submitted by both attorneys. L. Perron added that after discussions with our attorney that an addendum would be added stating that "the applicant (Vertical Bridge) must comply with the removal provisions in the Soo Twp Ordinance".
- A Motion was made by A. Walther and supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the agreement as presented along with the addendum stated above. A roll call vote was held and all voted "yes". Motion carried.**

Permit Administrator (Jim Callon):

- 1 permit issued last month.

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron):

- Received complaint of barking dogs on 4 Mile Rd. County Animal Control was contacted and discussed with owner.
- Neebish Island resident concerned with a county right of way that ends at the water due to a dock being located there. Dock is used by many residents. Road Commission assures us no one can "take over" a right of way by merely using the property for an number of years.
- Noise complaint received by resident, told to call 911. Deputy went to location and resolved the issue. Happened again but the Deputy refused to go to scene due to invalid Soo Twp noise ordinance.

Supervisor's Report (Larry Perron): Continued

L. Perron is in discussions with the county concerning this and passed on our expectation of a response from County Sheriff Deputy in these situations.

-McLeod clean-up letter met with threatening letter from his attorney. Passed on to our attorney and a meeting was established to discuss the condition of the home. Refused the meeting as the home condition had improved.

-Resident asked about getting 4 ½ Mile Rd off S. Bakerside Rd paved. Informed resident that unless the Twp comes into a surplus of money it would likely never be put on the list to get paved due to the high cost (over \$600k) for a dead-end road.

-Business being operated out of garage on 4 Mile Rd. (Wilson Residence). Now has two junked cars alongside garage. Will forward onto Twp attorney.

-Increase in activity at defunct garage at intersection of Nicolet and Riverside. Keeping an eye on it.

-Asked C. Palmer to transfer case work to new attorney. May be a cost involved.

-5 Mile Rd currently awaiting paving. Scheduled for 17 Sept. Made sure road commission new that our hopes that this project were completed before school started.

-In discussion with the City and Road Commission over Riverside Rd from 3 mile to the cemetery being tore up without notification to the township or the county.

-None

Payment Approvals:

K. Broos-Adams made a motion and it was supported by D. Kucharczyk to approve the payment of the August and Sept (thru 9/9) bills, payroll and payroll taxes as follows:

August Payments as of 8/31:

Aug checks for bills: Check#'s 14385, 14407-14432, 14436-14438 and (3) ET's totaling \$146149.44

Aug Payroll checks: Check#'s 14380-14406, 14433-14434 totaling \$21714.61

Aug Payroll taxes withheld: \$7854.74

Total Expenses as of 8/31: \$175718.79

Payment Approvals: (Continued)

Sept Payments as of 9/9:

Sept checks for bills: Check#'s 14457-14474, and (1) ET totaling \$178090.44

Sept Payroll checks: Check#'s 14439-14456, totaling \$15274.72

Sept Payroll taxes withheld: \$5383.39

Total Expenses as of 9/9: \$198748.55

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

D. Kucharczyk made a motion and it was supported by K. Broos-Adams to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk