

SOO TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Soo Township Hall
November 10, 2021

PRESENT

Larry Perron
Allen Walther
Jim Callon
Don Kucharczyk
Cheryl Thoresen

The November monthly Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Larry Perron, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Pam Chipman, Chuck Palmer, Bob Malpass, Cele Malpass, Phylis Reed, Dennis Reed and Erik Baron were in attendance.

Public Comment:

-Mrs. Reed (NIIA) gave a presentation on the updates that have occurred to the Neebish Island Community center. She thanked the Board for their support in getting the updates completed. Pictures were provided of the work being done. Also provided were quotes they hope to use for flooring and cabinets in the Community Center. She feels the updates will promote even more use of the Community Center in the future. She also provided the board with new residential maps and a new Neebish Island Directory.

Assessors Report:

Pam Chipman reported the need to have assessor records kept at the Township Hall. Efforts are in motion to procure the necessary file cabinets. Nothing else to report.

Fire Dept report:

No report received.

The October board meeting minutes were discussed. Jim Callon pointed out two wording issues that should be fixed. The board agreed and both issues were fixed on the spot.

A Motion was made by Don Kucharczyk and supported by Cheryl Thoresen to approve the minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting of October 13, 2021. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report:

-Allen Walther presented the board with the updated Cemetery Ordinance. A summary of changes was given.

A motion was made by Jim Callon and supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve of the updated Cemetery Ordinance slated to take effect 11 Nov 2021. A Roll call vote was taken: Cheryl Thoresen-yes, Jim Callon-yes, Don Kucharczyk-yes, Allen Walther-yes, Larry Perron-yes. The motion passed and the Cemetery Ordinance was accepted.

-Allen Walther reported that the township's application for ARPA funds had been approved and that a check in the sum of \$160,718.50 had been received on 11/10/21. A discussion was held on the restrictive nature of using the money and the board agreed that further discussion will be necessary before allocating the ARPA funds. The board agreed to place the money in a separate account for better tracking.

-Allen Walther reported that Charter/Spectrum Cable had sent in documents pertaining to the "Video Franchise fee". Chuck Palmer will read through the documents and provide the Clerk with an update as to how to proceed.

Treasurer's Report:

Cheryl Thoresen reported that summer taxes were still coming in.

General fund balance is \$228,879.53

Cheryl Thoresen stated she is waiting to receive the winter tax bills and gave her office hours for December, January, and February:

Tue 9am-1pm, Friday 1-5pm (no office hours on 12/24/21), Feb 28, 2022 9am-5pm.

Cheryl Thoresen asked if anyone had seen updated Census information for our Township. Nothing had been seen, it was thought the census may not be very accurate due to Covid-19 issues.

Planning Commission Report:

Jim Callon reported that the commission is still down two people and are working to find new commission members.

Planning commission is still going over resident survey.

Permit Administrator:

Jim Callon reported he had issued one sign permit to Albert Heating & Cooling along with one residential fence permit.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Palmer reported that he had worked with Allen Walther to correct and re-submit American Rescue Plan funds request in October.

Discussed the property at the corner of 6 mile and Mac Trail. It appears that the owner is in violation of their Special Use Permit. Further action will be taken.

Discussed Jose Rivera property on Seymour Rd. Property isn't getting cleaned up, further actions by the Township may be necessary.

Supervisor's Report:

Larry Perron brought up the issue with a property in the Radar Rd area that appears to have a marijuana grow operation. It is unknown if the resident has the necessary permits. Chuck Palmer agreed to look into the issue.

Larry Perron also asked the board to start thinking about whether to have any road improvements made during the upcoming summer.

Jim Callon made a motion and it was supported by Don Kucharczyk to approve the payment of the October bills, payroll and tax withholdings as follows:

Oct checks for bills: Checks 11305-11319, 11324-11327 totaling \$4069.30

Oct Payroll checks: Check#'s 11291-11304, 11320-11323 totaling \$10879.07

Oct Electronic transfers: US Treasury- \$3362.00, Intuit \$35.00 totaling \$3397.00.

Don Kucharczyk made a motion and it was supported by Jim Callon to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Allen Walther, Township Clerk

