

Superior Township Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

- Meeting called to order by Trustee, John Waisanen at 6:00pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll call of board members present: J. Waisanen, S. Kniskern, J. Harris, B. Munsell. Rich Phillips absent.
 - Motion by B. Munsell and supported by J. Waisanen to excuse R. Phillip's absence due to illness. Motion passed unanimously.
- Public Comment
- Additions to Agenda: Motion by J. Waisanen and supported by S. Kniskern
 - to add - *Donation to the Superior Township VFD.*
 - to add - any and all discussion in regard to *Goldade Acres Platte 1, lots 2, 3, 10, & 11.*
 - to add - *Ethan Laser* as a candidate for the Superior Township VFD
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of the agenda: Motion by S. Kniskern and seconded by Bill Munsell to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of minutes from the regular board meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2023: Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by B. Munsell to approve meeting minutes from Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Closed Session:** Motion by J. Waisanen and supported by S. Kniskern *"To consult with the Township's attorney regarding trial strategy in connection with the pending litigation of Amy and Danial Jere V Superior Township, et al, as discussion in open session would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating position of the Township."*
 - J. Waisanen – YES
 - S. Kniskern – YES
 - B. Munsell – YES
 - J. Harris – YES
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by J. Harris and supported by J. Waisanen to come out of closed session and resume regular board meeting.
 - J. Waisanen – YES
 - S. Kniskern – YES
 - B. Munsell – YES
 - J. Harris – YES
- New Business:
 - Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by J. Harris to contract EUP Engineering to update the Zoning & Planning map with street names and property lines for \$300. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by J. Harris to refund Kaye Sherwood for cemetery plot and burial fees in the amount of \$275.00. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion by J. Waisanen and supported by S. Kniskern to appoint Amy Eddy to the Board of Review. Motion passed unanimously.

- Motion by J. Waisanen and supported by S. Kniskern to have Fred Feleppa research through the deed work to perpetually keep the *Goldade Acres Platte 1, lots 2, 3, 10, & 11* in the Superior Township domain. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by J. Waisanen and supported by J. Harris to hire Ethan Laser to the Superior TWP VFD, contingent on the background check. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by J. Harris to accept a donation of \$10K from the Waisanen family to be allocated to the Superior Township VFD. The motion passed by a majority vote as follows:
 - S. Kniskern – YES
 - J. Harris – YES
 - J. Waisanen – abstained
 - B. Munsell – YES
- Parks Advisory Committee Structure
 - Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by B. Munsell to have a seven (7) member advisory committee. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by J. Waisanen that the Parks Advisory Committee will meet once a month. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by J. Waisanen that the Parks Advisory Committee will not be compensated for their work on the committee. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by J. Waisanen that the Park Committee will be an Advisory Committee only. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by J. Harris that the Park Advisory Committee will not be required to follow the OMA as the committee is advisory only. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by J. Harris that the Superior Township elected board will review the Park Advisory Committee's recommendations. The Superior Township Board will make any final decisions regarding the Superior Township Park. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by J. Harris that the Parks Advisory Committee does not have any authority to approve contracts or expenditures. The Parks Advisory Committee cannot spend money. All purchases must be approved by the Superior Township Board. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion by S. Kniskern to establish a sunset date for the Parks Advisory Committee of October 24, 2024. Bill Munsell attempted to amend the motion to set the sunset date of October 24, 2025. Munsell's amended motion failed. The board voted to approve Kniskern's motion by a majority vote as follows:
 - S. Kniskern – Yes
 - J. Harris – Yes
 - J. Waisanen – Yes
 - B. Munsell – No
 - Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by J. Waisanen that the Parks Advisory Committee members do not have to take the Oath of Office. Motion Passed Unanimously.

- Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by J. Waisanen to have no elected Superior Township Board members on the Parks Advisory Committee.
 - S. Kniskern – YES
 - J. Harris – NO
 - J. Waisanen – YES
 - B. Munsell – NO
 - Motion failed.
- Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by J. Waisanen that the Parks Advisory Committee will have no by-laws. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by J. Harris that the Parks Advisory Committee will serve a one-year term which can be renewed annually. B. Munsell amended the motion for a two-year term which failed. The board voted to approve Kniskern's motion by a majority vote as follows:
 - S. Kniskern – YES
 - J. Harris – YES
 - J. Waisanen – YES
 - B. Munsell – NO
- Old Business:
 - Approve VFD equipment provided by grant money from T.C. Energy and Sault Tribe 2%.
 - Motion by B. Munsell and supported by J. Harris to approve purchases for the VFD as presented by J. Clow. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Re-schedule the date for the annual tree lighting celebration.
 - Motion by J. Harris and supported by B. Munsell to change the tree lighting date from 12/16/2023 to 12/09/2023. Motion passed unanimously.
- Fire Report
- Clerks Report
 - Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by B. Munsell to approve the clerk's report for September 2023. Motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by B. Munsell to approve the allocation of the Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk salary to the Water/Sewer Department in the amount of \$1500.00 per month, retroactive April 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023 totaling \$10,500.00. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion by S. Kniskern and supported by B. Munsell to approve the September 2023 Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- Adjournment
 - Motion by J. Waisanen and supported by J. Harris to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. Motion passed unanimously.


Jo Harris, Superior Township Clerk


Date

**Treasurer's Report
Superior Township
Month Ending October 2023**

SCCU General Fund (1.000% APY)

			Interest	
Checking Account 7610	\$	287,744.35	\$	228.15
Savings Account	\$	5.00		
			\$	287,749.35

GL Breakdown by Departments

101-000-001.50 General Fund	\$	97,703.98
210-000-001.50 Special Funds/Depot Expenses	\$	233.53
590-000-001.50 Sewer Fund	\$	42,678.67
591-000-001.50 Water Fund	\$	142,995.75

Subtotal: \$ 283,611.93

Outstanding checks \$ 4,132.42

Subtotal: \$ 287,744.35

Outstanding Deposits \$ -

\$ 287,744.35

***SCCU Tax Fund (.050% APY)**

Checking Account 2670	\$	5,784.25	\$	-
Savings Account	\$	5.02		
			\$	5,789.27

***SCCU Fireman's Account (0.050% APY)**

Checking Account 1820	\$	584.14	\$	-
Savings Account	\$	5.01		
			\$	589.15

4Front (0.07% annual yield)

Savings Account 7944	\$	25,136.58	\$	1.07	\$	25,136.58
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Chippewa County Credit Union

Sewer Fund (0.15 to .80% tiered rate)

Savings Account 148-2	\$	250,230.03	\$	146.57	\$	250,230.03
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Total Interest Earned October

\$ 1,457.04

***4Front 4.89%**

APY 5.00%

CD - Water Dept	12 mos	MD 07/26/2024	\$	133,912.96		
Interest earned	October		\$	538.22	\$	134,451.18

Initial Investment \$133,303.33 on 07/26/2023

OMB CD Interest To Date

\$ 9,451.18

*Soo CoOp 4.31%		APY 4.40%	\$	51,096.24		
CD - Water Dept	18 mos	MD 9/1/2024				
Interest earned	October		\$	181.01	\$	51,277.25
Initial Investment \$50K on 03/01/2023						
*Soo CoOp 4.31%		APY 4.40%	\$	51,096.24		
CD - Sewer Dept	18 mos	MD 9/1/2024				
Interest earned	October		\$	181.01	\$	51,277.25
Initial Investment \$50K on 03/01/2023						
*Soo CoOp 4.31%		APY 4.40%	\$	51,096.24		
CD - General Op	18 mos	MD 9/1/2024				
Interest earned	October		\$	181.01	\$	51,277.25
Initial Investment \$50K on 03/01/2023						
Soo CoOp CD's Interest To Date				<u>\$ 3,831.75</u>		
Bank Accounts & OMB CD			\$	703,945.56	\$	703,945.56
Soo CoOp CD's			\$	<u>153,831.75</u>	\$	<u>153,831.75</u>
Total Funds			\$	<u><u>853,945.56</u></u>	\$	<u><u>853,945.56</u></u>

Prepared by: Susanne Kniskern, Treasurer

*Not for general township use.

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CHECK REGISTER FOR SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP
CHECK DATE FROM 10/01/2023 - 10/31/2023
STATUS FILTER: Cleared

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Check Date	Bank	Check	App	Vendor	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank GENOP GENERAL OPERATING						
10/05/2023	GENOP	1119(E)	AP	0420	AT&T	195.10
10/09/2023	GENOP	8717	AP	0439	AIRGAS USA LLC	77.48
10/09/2023	GENOP	8718	AP	0384	HIAWATHA TELEPHONE CO	550.00
10/09/2023	GENOP	8719	AP	0472	JO HARRIS	19.08
10/09/2023	GENOP	8720	AP	0217	NATIONAL OFFICE PRODUCTS	3,510.86 V
10/09/2023	GENOP	8721	AP	0098	US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	128.14
10/09/2023	GENOP	8722	AP	0082	WHISKEY RIVER INC.	90.00
10/09/2023	GENOP	8723	AP	0217	NATIONAL OFFICE PRODUCTS	2,749.01
10/09/2023	GENOP	8724	PR	192	ANDERSON, LORI	146.90
10/09/2023	GENOP	8725	PR	00192	BUSHA , LORI	50.04
10/09/2023	GENOP	8726	PR	00190	HARRIS, MARY JO	416.90
10/09/2023	GENOP	8727	PR	00180	HARRIS, MASON	750.62
10/09/2023	GENOP	8728	PR	00188	HARRIS, MAURICE	74.00
10/09/2023	GENOP	8729	PR	00163	HOORNSTRA, LYLE	1,297.34
10/09/2023	GENOP	8730	PR	193	KNISKERN -GUINN, SUSANNE	433.21
10/09/2023	GENOP	8731	PR	00187	KNISKERN -GUINN, SUSANNE	412.61
10/09/2023	GENOP	8732	PR	00167	MUNSELL, WILLIAM	97.89
10/09/2023	GENOP	8733	PR	00083	PHILLIPS, RICHARD	1,632.53
10/09/2023	GENOP	8734	PR	00080	PHILLIPS, RICHARD	416.90
10/11/2023	GENOP	1120(E)	AP	0375	CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC CO-OP	3,071.16
10/11/2023	GENOP	8735	AP	0676	LORI BUSHA	17.12
10/12/2023	GENOP	8736	PR	00102	LEDERGERBER, CHRISTINE	850.27
10/16/2023	GENOP	8737	AP	0124	SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP GENERAL FUND	22,283.20
10/19/2023	GENOP	8738	AP	0451	ADVANCED AUTO PARTS	38.16
10/19/2023	GENOP	8739	AP	0395	BUNKER MFG INC.	18.99
10/19/2023	GENOP	8740	AP	0388	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	119.98
10/19/2023	GENOP	8742	AP	0133	CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE	22.00
10/19/2023	GENOP	8743	AP	0144	GFL ENVIRONMENTAL USA INC	147.02
10/19/2023	GENOP	8744	AP	0303	HOORNSTRA COMMUNICATONS, INC.	250.00
10/19/2023	GENOP	8745	AP	0300	JOHN HANCOCK	1,000.34
10/19/2023	GENOP	8746	AP	0217	NATIONAL OFFICE PRODUCTS	60.50
10/19/2023	GENOP	8747	AP	0581	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	176.43
10/19/2023	GENOP	8748	AP	0081	WHITE WATER ASSOCIATES , INC	1,706.46
10/20/2023	GENOP	8751	AP	0144	GFL ENVIRONMENTAL USA INC	2,239.60
10/20/2023	GENOP	8752	AP	0677	NATIONAL DOMAINS	840.00
10/23/2023	GENOP	1121(E)	AP	0351	DTE ENERGY	321.69
10/25/2023	GENOP	8753	AP	0619	BEAR GRAPHICS, INC.	1,320.91
10/25/2023	GENOP	8755	AP	0124	SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP GENERAL FUND	10,500.00
10/25/2023	GENOP	8756	PR	192	ANDERSON, LORI	202.63
10/25/2023	GENOP	8757	PR	194	BERTRAM, SHERRY	44.05
10/25/2023	GENOP	8761	PR	00190	HARRIS, MARY JO	416.90
10/25/2023	GENOP	8762	PR	00180	HARRIS, MASON	613.65
10/25/2023	GENOP	8763	PR	00188	HARRIS, MAURICE	74.00
10/25/2023	GENOP	8765	PR	193	KNISKERN -GUINN, SUSANNE	345.11
10/25/2023	GENOP	8766	PR	00187	KNISKERN -GUINN, SUSANNE	412.62
10/25/2023	GENOP	8767	PR	00102	LEDERGERBER, CHRISTINE	850.27
10/25/2023	GENOP	8771	PR	00083	PHILLIPS, RICHARD	1,310.15
10/25/2023	GENOP	8772	PR	00080	PHILLIPS, RICHARD	416.90
10/26/2023	GENOP	8775	AP	0633	DAN SMITH & COMPANY	300.00
10/26/2023	GENOP	8776	AP	0124	SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP GENERAL FUND	5,200.00

Total of 50 Checks:

Less 1 Void Checks:

Total of 49 Disbursements:

68,218.72

3,510.86

64,707.86

Check Date	Bank	Check	App	Vendor	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank GENOP GENERAL OPERATING						
10/19/2023	GENOP	8741	AP	0386	CHIPPEWA CHAPTER M.T.A.	175.00
10/19/2023	GENOP	8749	AP	0460	WILLIAM MUNSELL	306.15
10/20/2023	GENOP	8750	AP	0412	BAY MART	779.64
10/25/2023	GENOP	8754	AP	0678	KAYE SHERWOOD	275.00
10/25/2023	GENOP	8758	PR	00192	BUSHA , LORI	84.11
10/25/2023	GENOP	8759	PR	1988	COMPO, DIANNE	44.04
10/25/2023	GENOP	8760	PR	00103	GARLINGHOUSE, NICHOLAS	66.07
10/25/2023	GENOP	8764	PR	00163	HOORNSTRA, LYLE	1,266.12
10/25/2023	GENOP	8768	PR	00082	MILLS, RONALD	69.27
10/25/2023	GENOP	8769	PR	00167	MUNSELL, WILLIAM	97.89
10/25/2023	GENOP	8770	PR	0193	OLSWAY, MARK	44.04
10/25/2023	GENOP	8773	PR	200	WILSON, CYNTHIA	44.04
10/25/2023	GENOP	8774	PR	196	BUSHA, JAMES	66.08

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