

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace Michigan.

**AGENDA:**

1. Pledge~Minutes~Treasurer's Report
2. Public Comment ~ Limit 2 minutes
3. Austin Kimberling will discuss Ambulance Authority Articles of Incorporation
4. Approve paying invoice for new ambulance & purchase of AED
5. Discuss SAFA expenses being added to the Fire Agreement and appoint one new member to the SAFA Board
6. Discuss the counter offer from James Yost for the property adjacent to the township hall
7. Proposal by Sexton Wes Therrian to do foundations for monuments in our cemeteries
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Adjourn

**ROLL CALL:** PRESENT: Supr Dionne, Dep Supr Kimberling, Clerk Vallier, Treas Sovey, Trustees Therrian and Spencer  
 ABSENT: NONE  
 CITIZENS: Road Committee Chair D.J. Goudreau, Jim Fenlon, Lee Ortman, Randy & Donna Velie and Erich Doerr, Reporter St. Ignace News.

**MINUTES: MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY THERRIAN (CARRIED) THE MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 WAS APPROVED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Lee Ortman asked when a board member passes how is their position replaced. Supr Dionne stated the Board of Trustees appoints a person to fill in the deceased members term. And that person has to run for the office at the next major election.

**AUSTIN KIMBERLING, AMBULANCE REPORT:**

Moran Township representative Austin Kimberling on the EMS Council was present with a draft of the proposed "Articles of Incorporation". The Articles of Incorporation is necessary if we are to reform the St. Ignace-Area EMS Council into an authority. A few points were highlighted for the board to consider approving:

1. This would not change how our EMS organization is managed and operated
2. The Authority would continue to be overseen by a Board that is comprised of 1 representative appointed by the boards of each participating municipality just as the Council is today.

3. All decisions by the Board overseeing the Authority would continue to be made by a vote of the representatives.
4. The Board would continue to oversee and approve budgeting, how funding is raised, how money is spent, capital expenditures, etc.
5. Any decision to seek a system-wide millage and how much of a millage to seek would have to be approved by at least 5 of the 6 representatives appointed to the Board.
6. Any proposed millage request approved by the Board would then have to be approved by a majority of the voters registered to vote across the system.

Also a proposal for a New EMS Building was presented from c2ae engineering firm from Grand Rapids, MI. The St. Ignace Area EMS Council currently operates out of a garage for the apparatus and a rented house for office and living space. The EMS council would like to construct a new facility that can accommodate the entire program under one roof and provide appropriate garage, storage, training, and living spaces for all EMS staff. The plans represent an approx. 6,000 – 7,000 square foot building. A site for the new building has not been selected but one site that is desired is adjacent to the new St. Ignace Fire Station. Governor Whitmore has designated 1.5 million for the new ambulance hall. A timeline for the project has not been determined but hopes to start sometime in the next 10 months.

A new ambulance is being purchased for the EMS Council a 2021 Ford E450 with Power Load and new cot at a cost of \$175,214.00. Moran Twp share \$30,673.08.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO PAY MORAN TWP SHARE FOR NEW AMBULANCE FROM AMBULANCE LINE ITEM 101-651-801 CURRENT BUDGET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,673.08.**

Discussion on the purchasing of an AED device (CPR automatic machine) for the twp hall. The ZOLL AED was recommended by Mark Wilk, Director for St. Ignace EMS. Cost \$1,638.38. The budget needs to be amended to cover cost.

**SAFA EXPENSES:**

Straits Area Fire Authority (SAFA) currently the expenses of the Authority are being paid by the City of St. Ignace and taken from the 206 Fire Fund. Said fund is monies deposited yearly for Equipment Reserve. Instead of expenses being taken from the 206 Fire Fund, the Authority would prefer they be taken from the City of St. Ignace's General Fund and included in the annual operating expenses for the fire department. The amount can then be split between the 3 units based on the fire agreement. This action requires the township boards and city council approve the addition of the SAFA expenses.

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY THERRIAN (CARRIED) TO HAVE EXPENSES FOR THE STRAITS AREA FIRE AUTHORITY BE REPORTED WITH THE ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND INCLUDED AS PART OF THE FIRE AGREEMENT.**

**COUNTEROFFER FROM JAMES YOST:**

A letter sent to James Yost on July 27, 2021 concerning an offer of \$4,100 for an acre of land to square off the township property. Mr. Yost excepted the offer of \$4,100 if the township would survey and mark the 4 corners of his property and the purposed acre.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY THERRIAN (CARRIED) TO HIRE A SURVEYOR TO MARK THE 4 CORNERS OF JAMES YOST PROPERTY.**

**SEXTON – WES THERRIAN:**

Notice to Mr. Anger concerning foundations for monuments. The monument foundations will be done by the Sexton, Wes Therrian at a charge for flat stones, \$50 and the large stones \$125.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The current award amount for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for moran township Non-Entitlement Unit (NEU) is \$101,947, which is based on the population determined by U.S. Treasury and the cap calculated from the NEU’s top-line budget. The first tranche payment, equal to 50 percent of the total award is \$50,973.50, which was received 09-22-2021. The second tranche payment will be distributed approx 12 months after the first payment.
2. An ad was placed in the St. Ignace News for bids on tree trimming around Moran Twp Cemeteries. The Balsam property around Gros Cap Cemetery has given their permission to cut trees within 5 feet, and Sand Products Corp has given permission at the Western Cemetery – Brevort. One bid received from Northern Tree Service at \$3600 per 8 hour day estimates 2 ½ days for \$9000.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

NONE

**TOWNSHIP PAYROLL: \$8276.34**

**TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & EFT’S: \$43572.18**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY THERRIAN (CARRIED) THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:37 PM DST.**

**SIGNED:** *Kristine R. Vallier*  
Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk

**DATED: OCTOBER 6, 2021**  
**APPROVED: NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

