

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan.

AGENDA:

1. Pledge~Minutes~Treasurer's report
2. Public Comment
3. Discuss bids for Bashore Property
4. Gary Gorniak, Straits Area Sportsman's Club
5. Approve payment to St. Ignace Golf & Country Club - \$6,000
6. Appoint Ordinance Enforcement Officer
7. Old Business
 - a. Discuss realtor for sale of Fishing Heritage Park property & Bashore property
 - b. Twp Attorney's update on Straits Area EMS Authority millage
 - c. Columbarium cost \$14,962.18 plus shipping
 - d. Review letter from Kayla Knoll of EGLE
8. New Business
 - a. Twp use of S.I. Brush Dump – Cheeseman Road
 - b. Second Report from S.I. Fire Dept
9. Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER:

Supr Dionne called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM DST with the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Supr Dionne, Clerk Vallier, Treas Sovey, Trustees Spencer and Therrian
ABSENT: NONE
CITIZENS: Janis Holle, Steve Sovey, Gary Gorniak, Lee Ortman, Library Director, Sharon Crotser-Toy and Erich Doerr, St. Ignace News Reporter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. The new St. Ignace Library Director, Sharon Crotser-Toy, introduced herself and reported on upcoming events
2. Lee Ortman complained about the grass cutting on Old Portage Trail. The grass cuttings were blown on the road. Ortman was on his motorcycle and the grass made the road slippery, he states very dangerous.

MINUTES:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY THERRIAN (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE JULY 6, 2022 MEETING.

AUDIT:

Kristy Schulze with Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards PC Auditor was present to give report on the 2022 Audit. Township in good standing. Recommendation to consider increasing capitalization threshold to either \$1,500 or \$2,000. The current threshold is \$1,000, is too low, this will effectively reduce the administration burden of complying with the capitalization requirement.

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO INCREASE CAPITALIZATION THRESHOLD TO \$3,000.

BASHORE ROAD & FISHING HERITAGE PARK PROPERTIES:

Bashore Road was published in The St. Ignace News for sale, requesting bids.

4-Bids were received.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO REJECT ALL BIDS.

The Board recommends to search for a realtor to list both the Bashore Road and Fishing Heritage Park properties. Supr Dionne to contact local realtors for their info.

STRAITS AREA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB:

Rep Gary Gorniak was present to discuss purchasing of fish - Walleye fingerlings for Brevort Lake. The twp has purchased walleye in the past. The fall fingerlings are between 6 – 8 inches. The club is planning a purchase for this fall.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY THERRIAN (CARRIED) TO PURCHASE WALLEYE FINGERLINGS FOR THE STRAITS AREA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 TO PLANT IN BREVORT LAKE.

ST. IGNACE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB:

General Manager Kurt Ney reports 39 Moran Twp members have received discounted rates, 22 free rounds to date for the 14 and under age group along with several discounted green fees for non-member township residents used by the monies from last years recreation fund. Ney is requesting \$6,000 from the township to continue the discounts. Clerk Vallier states monies are budgeted in the recreation fund for this support.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO APPOINT THE MORAN TWP SUPERVISOR AS THE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Township Attorney Evashevski on the Straits Area EMS Authority millage.
2. Update on Swim/Smart installation.
3. Letter from Kayla Knoll of EGLE on Fishing Heritage Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Moran Twp residents have the use of the City of St. Ignace brush dump on Cheeseman Road. Gate is locked, residents need to pick up key at City Hall or the Water Plant.
2. Second Quarter report from the St. Ignace Fire Department.
3. Twp received pamphlet from National Flood Insurance Program – Map.
4. The Twp purchased a 72-Niche Columbarium in 2015 at a cost of \$11,000. Cost of purchasing a niche is \$600 – resident and \$700 – non-resident which includes the name plate. It now cost \$300 for a name plate which leaves \$300 towards a new columbarium when needed. At this time a new columbarium cost \$14,962.18 plus shipping.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER TO RAISE THE PRICE OF A NICHE IN THE COLUMBARIUM TO \$800 – RESIDENT AND \$1,000 – NON RESIDENT.

5. Clerk Vallier reported the Primary Election results: 39% of registered voters voted. The Recreation Millage passed by 101 votes and the Road Millage passed by 155 votes.

TOWNSHIP PAYROLL: \$ 9,002.52

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE +EFT'S: \$ 33,909.73

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 PM DST.

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

DATED: AUGUST 8 2022

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2022