

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781.

AGENDA:

1. PLEDGE – MINUTES-TREASURER’S REPORT
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. Discuss the 2021 Moran Township Parks & Recreation Plan
4. Discuss our \$25,000 payment for the new fire truck
5. Discuss the alternate offer from James Yost for additional township hall property
6. Approve budget amendment
7. Discuss a temporary replacement for the Zoning Administrator
8. Should the lighting for the township hall sign be changed to dusk to dawn
9. More questions from the Visitor’s Bureau concerning signs on Silver Mountain Bike Trail
10. MTA meetings – Capitol Conference March 1 and Annual Conference April 18-20
11. Old Business & Updates
 - a. MCRC meeting in December
12. New Business
13. Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Supr Dionne, Clerk Vallier, Treas Sovey
And Trustee Spencer

ABSENT: Trustee Therrian

CITIZENS: News Reporter Erich Doerr, Road Chairman
DJ Goudreau, St. Ignace Fire Chief Nick Montie
Austin Kimberling, Lee Ortman and Steve Sovey

AT THIS TIME SUPR DIONNE REQUESTED A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR TRUSTEE & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, CRAIG A. THERRIAN, WHO PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 29. 2022.

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO PASS THE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF CRAIG A THERRIAN
RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO MINUTES.**

MINUTES & TREASURER’S REPORT:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 31, 2022 AS PRESENTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

At this time St. Ignace Fire Chief Nick Montie gave the St. Ignace Fire Department Report for 2022.

MORAN TWP PARKS & RECREATION PLAN:

Tabled

SUTPHEN FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE:

Down payment:	City of St. Ignace	\$60,000
	Moran Township	\$25,000
	St. Ignace Township	\$10,000

TOWNSHIP LAND PURCHASE FROM NEIGHBOR JAMES YOST:

Mr. Yost came to twp hall to discuss the proposed purchase of a section of his property that the twp wanted to purchase to square up twp property along US-2, for additional parking. Mr. Yost stated he did not want to sell the front piece, but was willing to sell the back piece. Board requested Supr Dionne to contact Mr. Yost for a price of the back lot.

TABLED

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO INCREASE CEMETERY PROFESSIONAL & CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (101-567-801.000) BY \$6,500.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Township will place an advertisement in The St. Ignace News for a replacement, due to the death of Administrator Therrian.

APPOINT NEW TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO APPOINT AUSTIN KIMBERLING AS THE NEW TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE REPLACING TRUSTEE THERRIAN.

TOWNSHIP US-2 SIGN:

It was suggested the township have a dusk to dawn light placed at the US-2 township sign. Board declined.

SILVER MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL SIGNS:

Trustee Kimberling will work with St. Ignace Visitors Bureau Events Director Quincy Ranville on proposed signage for Silver Mountain Bike Trails.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Committee Chair Goudreau and member Spencer attended a meeting with the Mackinac County Road Commission on December 20, 2022 to discuss the status of traffic control orders (speed limits) also attending was Michigan State Police. They learned speed studies need to be done to set or change speed limits. Speed limits are set by 85 percentile speeds from studies.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Vallier informed the board a date needs to be set in February for a budget workshop.

TOWNSHIP PAYROLL: \$ 9301.45

TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND EFT'S: \$38436.67

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 PM EST.

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

**DATED: JANUARY 10, 2023
APPROVED: FEBRUARY 1, 2023**