

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781

AGENDA:

1. Pledge~Minutes~Treasurer's report
2. Public Comment ~ limit 2 minutes
3. Fred Strich Planning Commission report from meeting Dec 4
4. It Backup Support person needed due to Chris Kittell resigning
5. Letter of support for members of the St. Ignace Fire Dept
6. The Able Rise Group member Martin Block wants to contribute to our website
7. Discuss Short Term Rental Licensing Ordinance
8. Old Business & Updates
9. New Business
10. 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, Trustee Spencer and Kimberling

ABSENT: None

CITIZENS: Steve Sovey, St. Ignace News Reporter Erich Doerr, Zoning Adm Strich, Sexton Therrian, Jim Fenlon and Paul & Sharon McDonald.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY KIMBERLING, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 1, 2023 REGULAR MEETING, SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2023 AND THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Erich Doerr, St. Ignace News Reporter at this time wanted to wish everyone "Happy Holidays".

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE:

The updated “**Planning Commission Zoning Ordinance**” was approved with additions and amendments by the PLC Board on December 4, 2023 then sent to Board of Trustees for final approval.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE UPDADED ZONING ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

IT BACKUP SUPPORT PERSON:

TABLED

ST. IGNACE FIRE DEPARTMENT LETTER OF SUPPORT:

Letter of support written to St. Ignace City Council, by Supr Dionne was presented concerning wages for volunteer fireman. (Letter attached to minutes)

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY KIMBERLING (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE ST. IGNACE CITY COUNCIL

ABLE RISE GROUP:

Martin Block with Able Rise Group sent email wanting to contribute an article to our website. A fitness options designed specifically for individuals with disabilities. The Board declined.

SHORT TERM RENTAL LICENSING ORDINANCE:

Presented at the meeting was a proposed Short Term Rental Licensing Ordinance. Board members did not have time to review. Board will review and a special meeting will be called in January 2024 with suggested changes, then the Ordinance will be approved at the February 2024 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supr Dionne was notified that the Father Marquette State Park project was awarded a 3.6 million dollar grant by the Mellon Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. December Board of Review is December 12 at 10 a.m.
2. Gros Cap Church Sing-along will be December 7 at 7 p.m/
3. Spencer states he will continue to plow the dry hydrant on Worth Road.
4. Clerk Vallier informed the board of an overhanging light at US-2 & Worth road has gone out. After contacting Cloverland Electric Company about the outage she was informed they are no longer replacing the overhanging street lights. Cloverland is installing light poles at these sites.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

MOTION BY KIMBERLING, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- 1. 101-101-803.000 GOVERNING BODY – LEGAL EXPENSES**
 - a. INCREASE BY \$500**
- 2. 101-101-875.000 GOVERNING BODY – RETIREMENT**
 - a. INCREASE BY \$128.40**
- 3. 101-101-958.000 GOVERNING BODY – DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS**
 - a. INCREASE BY \$350**
- 4. 101-215-703.000 CLERK-DEPUTY**
 - a. INCREASE BY \$500**

TOWNSHIP PAYROLL: \$ 12,668.52

TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & EFT'S: \$ 67,529.47

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:41 PM EST.

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

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 2023
APPROVED: JANUARY 3, 2024