

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781

AGENDA:

1. Pledge~Minutes~Treasurer's report
2. Public Comment ~ limit 2 min
3. Phil Truan, Pres of U.P. Telephone CVo. Discuss Fiber Optic Internet service
4. Approve Highline for building Fiber Optic network
5. Dave Kunze report on progress at Straits Cultural Center
6. Approve Election Inspectors for Presidential Primary 2-27-2024
7. Do we want to increase Clerk's salary for additional election responsibilities
8. Review Ordinance # 61 Short Term Rental Permitting
9. Approve Ordinance amendments #59 & #60
10. Approve budget amendments
11. Old Business & updates
 - a. Do we want to pave parking lot? If so, when should we advertise
 - b. Update on water pumps at the Tubing Hill
 - c. Merrie M Carlock from Mich DNR has rejected the Recreation Plan
12. New Business
 - a. New members needed for PLC - 2 and ZBA -1

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,
Trustees Spencer and Kimberling

ABSENT: NONE

CITIZENS: Zon Admr Strich, PLC Chair Kittell, Jim Fenlon,
Steve Sovey, Paul & Sharon MacDonald, Randy &
Donna Velie, Jennie Hoffmann, Dave & Mary Sue
Kunze, John & Cheryl Schmidt, Randy & Kelly
Longuski, Karen Hague, Larry & Susan Sych and
Erich Doerr, St. Ignace News Reporter, Michigan
Broadband representatives Pres Phil Truran, VP
Dale Zuelch and Sales Manager Bill Gehringer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY KIMBERLING, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 3, 2024 REGULAR MEETING AND SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 18, 2024 AND THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED.

STRAITS CULTURAL CENTER REPORT BY DAVE KUNZE:

Dave Kunze was present to give a project status on the Straits Cultural Center as of January 2024. 2 ½ million has been invested. Need to raise approx. 1 ½ million more to complete the project.

MICHIGAN BROADBAND UPDATE:

Pres Phil Truran, VP Dale Zuelch and Sales Executive Bill Gehringer were present to update the progress on Michigan Broadband Fiber Optic internet service. Several questions were asked by the citizens in attendance. Pres Truran was to attend the January meeting but did not show, to compensate for those that attended to hear his update he is giving to residents who attended the February meeting, who sign up with Michigan Broadband, 3 months free with a 2 year subscription.

FIBER OPTIC INTERNET SERVICE:

MOTION BY KIMBERLING, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH MICHIGAN BROADBAND SERVICES FOR FIBER OPTIC INTERNET SERVICE:

MOTION BY KIMBERLING, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH HIGHLINE FOR FIBER OPTIC INTERNET SERVICE.

ELECTION INSPECTORS:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING INSPECTORS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2024:

CHAIRMAN:	NICOLE RICKLEY - R
INSPECTORS:	CARA MASON - D
	SUSAN FENLON - R

BI-PARTIASAN RECEIVING BOARD:	NICOLE RICKLEY - R
	CARA MASON - D

CLERKS SALARY:

TABLED until Budget Workshop

SHORT TERM RENTAL PERMITTING ORDINANCE:

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY KIMBERLING TO DRAFT ORDINANCE # 61 SHORT TERM RENTAL PERMITTING ORDINANCE AND APPLICATION FORM & FEES AND SEND FOR REVIEW TO TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY AND TOWNSHIP LIABILITY ATTORNEY.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO #59 & #60:

Tabled

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

MOTION BY KIMBERLING, SECONDED BY SOVEY THE FOLLOWING BUDGET AMENDMENTS WERE APPROVED:

101-101-801 GOVERNING BODY -PROFESSIONAL AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES INCREASE \$2,000.00

101-171-860 SUPERVISOR -TRANSPORTATION & MEETINGS INCREASE \$500.00

101-257-801 ASSESSOR – PROFESSIONAL AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES INCREASE \$ 3000.00

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New parking lot. Advertise for blacktopping to new parking lot. Bids by May meeting to be finished by end of August.
2. Peerless Midwest Inc from Ionia, MI met with Kyle Brow, Doc Holle’s Silver Mountain Manager to pull the large and small pump for snow making on January 11, 2024. Will take back to their shop to see if they can be repaired. Will send a specification sheet with an estimate to fix.
3. Merrie M. Carlock from Michigan DNR has rejected our updated Recreation Plan. EUP Planning Commission will update as needed for \$5,400. Trustee Spencer suggested we send back to Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The following members appointed to PLC & ZBA:
 - a. Randy Velie and Sharon MacDonald were appointed to the Planning Commission.
 - b. Steve Paquin appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a alternate.
2. **MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY KIMBERLING (CARRIED) TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE STRAITS AREA SPORTSMAN’S CLUB AS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.**
3. **MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO APPROVE A SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT FOR DARROW BROTHERS.**

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 2022-2023:

A budget for 2024-2025 workshop is scheduled for February 22, 2024 at 10 am at the township hall.

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

TOWNSHIP PAYROLL:

\$9,490.97

TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & EFT'S:

\$7,581.76

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 7:44 PM EST.**

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

DATED: FEBRUARY 12, 2024

APPROVED: MARCH 6, 2024