

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781.

AGENDA:

1. Pledge~Minutes~Treasurer’s Report
2. Public Comment
3. Update from Lauren Brown, Enbridge, concerning plans for Boulevard Drive
4. Request from Dewberry to lease space for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station
5. Review recommendation from Planning Commission per their meeting 8/28/2024
6. Discuss letter from Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards PC about the audit
7. Approve agreement with MCRC for A Match Project
8. Consider purchase of a tractor & trailer for the cemeteries
9. Old Business
 - a. Appoint Steven Paquin to the EMS Board
 - b. Amend Short Term Rental Budget
 - c. Amend Elections Budget
 - d. Discuss an offer of \$180,000 for the U.S.2 property
10. New Business
11. 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 & Kimberling .

 ABSENT: None

 CITIZENS: Zoning Admr Strich, Sexton Therrian, PLC Chair Kittell, Steve Sovey,
 Lee Ortman, Steven Paquin and Lewis Mullins.

MINUTES:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT FROM THE AUGUST 7, 2024 REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

LAUREN BROWN, ENBRIDGE UPDATE:

TABLED

DEWBERRY REQUEST:

Site Acquisition Specialist for Dewberry, Raleigh, North Carolina would like to lease space at the township for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station. One of the amenities needed is availability of Public Bathroom 24 hours per day. **DENIED.**

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

PLC Chair Chris Kittell was present to request approval of revised Zoning Ordinance recommendations approved by Planning Commission as follows:

Ordinance #62 Effective 09-11-2024

An ordinance to allow for Telecommunication Towers with a special land use permit from the provisions of the Moran Township Zoning Ordinance.

Section 1. The Moran Township Zoning Ordinance, as codified, is hereby amended to add Telecommunication Towers with a special land use permit to the following districts: RL, R-2 and IG 2; to remove the 20 acre requirement for IG 1; to change the wording in Section 21.18(d) to 1250 feet from 2500 feet; and remove Section 21.18(v) regarding 2 ½ mile distance between towers which will leave that requirement to the Federal Communication Commission.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective 7 days after passage as it imposes no sanction for violation.

ROLL CALL:

Supr Dionne	Yes
Clerk Vallier	Yes
Treas Sovey	Yes
Trustee Spencer	Yes
Trustee Kimberling	Yes

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY KIMBERLING (CARRIED) TO APPROVE REVISED ZONING ORDINANCE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE M. T. PLANNING COMMISSION.

2023-2024 AUDIT:

Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards PC did the 2023-2024 Audit. A letter received on the audit reporting nothing extraordinary to report.

MCRC ROAD AGREEMENT:

The Road Agreement signed on August 7, 2024 for Mowing Secondary Paved Roads was rescinded. The MCRC decided to do the mowing and not charge the township.

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE ROAD AGREEMENT FOR OVERBAND CRACK SEALING ON BOULEVARD, SERVICE DRIVE, LANGHOFF, BOSLEE, PORTAGE, OLD PORTAGE, PT. AUX CHENES, FISHERMAN AND SCHAFFER. TOWNSHIP SHARE \$8500.00.

TRACTOR & TRAILER PURCHASE FOR CEMETERIES:

Quotes received for a tractor & trailer for the township cemeteries. Sexton Therrian preferred the Mahindra Tractor from Gaylor-Thompson Sales & Service

GAYLOR-THOMPSON SALES & SERVICE – RUDYARD, MI	\$30,974.00
JOHN DEERE – PORTLAND, MI	\$38,347.97
GINOP SALESS, INC – HILLMAN, MI	\$34,822.00
EBELS HARDWARE INC – FALMOUTH, MI (TRA OTR ONLY)	\$31,348.67

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT QUOTE FROM GAYLOR-THOMPSON SALES & SERVICE FOR A TRACTOR & TRAILER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,974.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO APPOINT STEVEN PAQUIN AS REPRESENTIVE FOR MORAN TOWNSHIP TO THE EMS BOARD.**
2. It was reported that an offer of \$180,000 was given to Mackinac Properties for the US-2 township property for sale. No further info.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

1. **MOTION BY KIMBERLING, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:**
 - a. **INCREASE CEMETERY CAPITOL OUTLAY (101-567-971.000) BY \$30,000.00**
 - b. **ADD EQUIPMENT TO ELECTIONS (101-262-977) FOR \$500.00**
2. **MOTION BY KIMBERLING, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO APPLY THE AMOUNTS FOR SHORT TERM RENTALS (101-703-702 THRU 860)**

101-703-702	\$1500.00
101-703-714	\$115.00
101-703-727	\$500.00
101-703-860	\$500.00

NEW BUSINESS:

Quote from Aqua-Dynamics to do Diving Inspection at the snow pump lagoon and pump inlet at Silver Mountain - \$2950.00. Once the inspection process is complete a written report with findings and any photos of concern will be delivered.

TOWNSHIP PAYROLL: \$ 11,865.21

TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & EFT'S: \$ 135,099.94

ADJOURN:

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY KIMBERLING (CARRIED) THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 6:49 PM EST.**

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
APPROVED: OCTOBER 2, 2024

