

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

AGENDA

- 1. Pledge~Minutes~Treasurer’s report
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Update from Enbridge concerning plans for Boulevard Drive
- 4. Approve Moran Township Board of Review members for 2025-2026 term
- 5. Discuss our attorney’s opinion of Ordinance #62
- 6. Discuss the cost of a yearly Porta John for Silver Mountain
- 7. Discuss the November 21st Work Session concerning Silver Mountain
- 8. Approve amendment to the Cemetery supplies expenditure line item
- 9. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Update on Rubin property~December 12th Probate Court Hearing
 - b. Update on sale of US-2 property
 - c. Discuss information received from St. Ignace Water Department
- 10. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Master Plan from the Village of Mackinaw City sent to our Planning Commission
- 11. ADJOURN

PRIOR TO START OF MEETING, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS RE-ELECTED WERE SWORN IN, SUPERVISOR SUSAN DIONNE, CLERK KRISTINE VALLIER, TREASURER EILEEN SOVEY, TRUSTEE MARK SPENCER AND NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEE STEVEN PAQUIN.

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 Trustees Spencer and Paquin
- ABSENT: NONE
- CITIZENS: Zon Admr Strich, St. Ignace News Reporter Erich Doerr, Merlin Doran, Ed Tremble, David & Amanda Dolinett, Lauren Brown, Jim Fenlon, Kevin McDermitt, Jennie Therrian, Bill Arnold, Paul & Sharon MacDonald.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY PAQUIN (CARRIED) TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2024 AND SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2024.

FATHER MARQUETTE MEMORIAL PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Michigan History Foundation Development Director Bill Arnold was present to update on the construction of Father Maquette Memorial Park. Will be built in 2 phases. Phase 1 will go out for bids on Friday, December 6, 2024. 4.3 million has been raised so far. 4 local Indian tribes have committed to the project. Arnold states there is an anonymous donor pledging \$100,000 and will match anything up to that amount.

ENBRIDGE UPDATE:

Lauren Brown from Enbridge reports permitting process is on going for the Enbridge Tunnel. Enbridge expects tunnel to be completed in 2031. Also discussed progress being made for a temporary dock on Cloverland Electric property.

2025-2026 BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING FOR A 2-YEAR TERM, 2025-2026:

- CHUCK CULLIP**
- JENNIE HOFFMAN**
- MERLIN DORAN**
- JOANN FORD**

ATTORNEY'S OPINION OF ORDINANCE #62:

Township Attorney Erin Evashevski recommended the following on Ordinance #62:

- (1) A summary of the regulatory effect of the amendment (or the actual text of the amendment)
- (2) The geographic area affected
- (3) The effective date of the change
- (4) The location and time where the amendment can be inspected
- (5) Hold a new public hearing, properly provide notice and vote on whether to adopt the amendment

Since this was not done for Ordinance #62, the Planning Commission must begin the process again.

SILVER MOUNTAIN PORTA JOHN:

Tabled until spring.

DISCUSS THE NOVEMBER 21ST WORK SESSION:

The two main concerns of Silver Mountain Tubing Hill were feasibility and water source. It was recommended to contact Snow Machine Inc (SMI) from Midland to due a feasibility study and contact a well driller concerning a new well.

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY PAQUIN (CARRIED) TO PAY JOE BREIGHNER \$200 FOR CONSULTING SERVICES ON SILVER MOUNTAIN. (Joe was a past employee at Boyne Highlands Ski Hill)

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

MOTION BY PAQUIN, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO INCREASE LINE ITEM CEMETERY SUPPLIES – 101-567-727 BY \$1,500.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Rubin property – December 12th Probate Court Hearing.
2. Update on sale of US-2 property. Sale to close no later than 06/30/2025
3. Update on St. Ignace Water Dept information. Steve Paquin will pursue this issue and report back to the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Master plan from the Village of Mackinaw City sent to Moran Twp Planning Commission.
2. Ken Gillmore has removed the Gros Cap Church sign to renovate.

TOWNSHIP PAYROLL: \$ 11,792.67

TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & EFT'S: \$ 20,672.83

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:42 PM EST.

SIGNED: *Kristine R. Vallier*
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DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2024
APPROVED: JANUARY 8, 2025

