

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 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. Tubing Hill update
4. Recreation Fee assistance request
5. Straits Area Fire Committee report
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treas Dionne,
Trustee Spencer and Trustee Malcolm
ABSENT: NONE
CITIZENS: D.J. Goudreau, Jr. M.T. Road Committee
Chairman, Erich Doerr, St. Ignace News Reporter,
Craig Therrian, Zoning Administrator, Lee Ortman,
Tubing Hill Manager Kyle Brow and Jim Fenlon

TREASURER'S REPORT:

FNB/GENERAL CHECKING	\$ 71,203.06
WOLVERINE BANK NOW ACCOUNT	\$ 10,851.31
FNB/GENERAL SAVINGS	\$198,365.98
FNB OF AMERICA CD	\$101,492.03
CSB/BUSINESS MONEY MARKET	\$115,099.00
GENERAL TOTAL	\$497,011.38
FNB/CITY WATER	\$ 82,978.73
WOLVERINE BANK NOW ACCOUNT	\$ 51,440.12
CSB/WATER DEBT SERVICE	\$ 5.00
FNB PORTAGE STREET PROJECT BOND RESERVE	\$ 7,110.09
FNB PORTAGE STREET WATER REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, IMPROVEMENT	\$ 7,110.09
STATE SAVINGS BANK OF MANISTIQUE – CD	\$ 50,439.32
WATER TOTAL	\$200,083.35
FNB/CITY SEWER	\$ 28,697.66

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CSB?ROAD SAVINGS	\$ 181,957.55
FNB/ROAD SELECT SAVINGS	\$ 404,379.83
U.P. STATE CREDIT UNION SAVINGS	\$ 85.12
U.P. STATE CREDIT UNION CD	\$103,189.46
OLD MISSION MONEY MARKET	\$102,269.38
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA – CD	\$ 77,227.23
ROAD TOTAL	\$869,108.57
CSB/RECREATION SAVINGS	\$207,046.27
CSB/HISTORICAL CHECKING	\$ 1,654.38
CSB/CEMETERY SAVINGS	\$ 28,611.73
CSB/GROS CAP CHURCH PRESERVATION	\$ 14,135.17
FNB/CURRENT TAX COLLECTION CHECKING	\$ 39,496.76
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,885,845.27

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lee Ortman asked if any answer has been received on returning the speed limit back to 55 on US-2. Supr Durm stated that MDOT had done speed checks on US-2 before the change to 65, they advised that it will not be set back.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT:
MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 3, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AND THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED.

TUBING HILL UPDATE:
Tubing Hill Manager Kyle Brow updated on the hill. It has not been opened this winter due to lack of snow, however, the hill is planning to be open this week-end since additional snow has fallen, WHOOPEE Kyle projects as long as it stays cold it should be operational for a month or so on week-ends.

Clerk Vallier informed the board that the AT&T phone bill at the tubing hill for January was \$419.52. This was due to the vacation mode set up last spring. The contract (1 year contract) expired during this vacation mode. Service going from \$55 month to \$89. Clerk Vallier called to dispute the charges and was told no credit would be applied, if any, until a new contract was in place then it would be investigated. There was an option of what is called a Mobility home phone where you can plug the phone device into the mobile unit and use the phone like normal. The service is only \$20 per month and you can turn off at the end of the season with no ETF's. Manager Brow has cell service with AT&T and states his cell phone does not work in the warming house. Clerk Vallier to call and ask if this is considered cell service, if so, a renewed contract can be obtained for \$55 per month. Clerk Vallier will report findings at March meeting.

RECREATION FEE ASSISTANCE REQUEST:

Moran Township resident Amber Bird has a son enrolled in local youth hockey. She was wondering if Moran Township offered any financial assistance for hockey membership fees. Discussion of the matter. A motion by Dionne, seconded by Malcolm stated that it is not an appropriate use of recreation funds, due to not being able to offer enough money to offset the cost of membership and limited youth enrolled. Moran Twp recreation representative, Craig Therrian, states there are schlorships available thru the hockey association. Dionne rescinded her motion and the matter was TABLED. Trustee Spencer asked Supr Durm to request from Ms. Bird to come to the next meeting with other Moran Twp families that have youth enrolled in the program for another request.

STRAITS AREA FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Treas Dionne a fire meeting on February 6 to discuss the St. Ignace building authority for a new fire station. At the meeting the townships were asked to bring paperwork to their respective boards to authorize the authority, however the paperwork given was authorizing the "Articles of Incorporation" which had not been discussed. Treas Dionne was not in favor of some of the articles, and stated so. A meeting has been scheduled for February 13 with a representative of Miller Canfield to discuss the Articles of Incorporation.

Township of Moran
County of Mackinac, State of Michigan

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR STRAITS AREA FIRE AUTHORITY**

Minutes of a Special Budget Meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Moran, County of Mackinac, State of Michigan, held on the 20th day of February 2018, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: P. James Durm, Kristine R. Vallier, Susan K. Dionne,
Mark A. Spencer and Charles W. Malcolm

ABSENT: NONE

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Kristine R. Vallier and supported by Susan K. Dionne:

WHEREAS, this Township Board on behalf of the Township of Moran, County of Mackinac, State of Michigan (the "Township") has deemed it reasonable and necessary to establish a Fire Service authority pursuant to Act 57, Public Acts of Michigan, 1988, as amended ("Act 57"); and

WHEREAS, Articles of Incorporation establishing the Straits Area Fire Authority (the "Authority") have been prepared and presented to this Board; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve of the Articles of Incorporation of the Authority and to provide for other matters relative to the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Articles of Incorporation establishing the Straits Area Fire Authority in substantially the form attached hereto be and the same are hereby approved and adopted.
2. The Supervisor & Township Clerk are hereby directed to endorse the fact of such adoption upon the Articles of Incorporation in the form and manner provided therein as required by Act 57.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: P.James Durm, Kristine R. Vallier, Susan K. Dionne,
Mark A. Spencer and Charles W. Malcolm

ABSTAIN: NONE

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

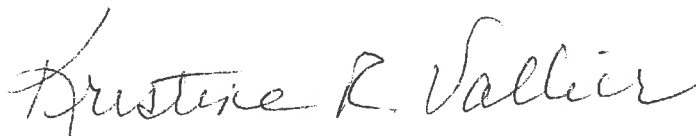
Kristine R. Vallier
Township Clerk



CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Moran, County of Mackinac, Michigan, at a Special Budget Meeting held on February 20, 2018 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act

Kristine R. Vallier
Township Clerk



**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE
STRAITS AREA FIRE AUTHORITY**

These Articles of Incorporation are adopted, signed and acknowledged by the incorporating municipalities for the purpose of forming a municipal emergency services authority under the provisions of Act 57, Public Acts of Michigan, 1988, as amended (“Act 57”). The Articles being as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of this authority is the STRAITS AREA FIRE AUTHORITY (the “Authority”).

ARTICLE II

The incorporating municipalities creating this Authority are the City of St. Ignace, the Township of Moran and the Township of St. Ignace, each located in the County of Mackinac, Michigan, and each a municipal corporation of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE III

This Authority is incorporated for the purpose of providing fire protection services to the incorporating municipalities.

ARTICLE IV

POWERS AND DUTIES:

Section 1. The Authority shall be a body corporate with power to sue and be sued in any court of the State of Michigan.

Section 2. The Authority shall have the power to enter into a contract or contracts with any incorporating municipality for the provision of fire protection services in the incorporating municipality for a period not exceeding thirty (30) years. The fire protection services may be established or funded in conjunction with any municipal emergency services, and any municipal emergency service may be delegated by contract to the Authority. The charges specified in a contract shall be subject to increase by the Authority, if necessary, in order to provide funds to meet its obligations.

The Authority may also enter into contracts with a city, village, or township that is not an incorporating municipality, for a period not exceeding thirty (30) years except that the charges for services under a contract with a non-incorporating municipality may be greater than the charges to an incorporating municipality, and shall be subject to change from time to time without notice.

Section 3. The Authority may acquire private property by purchase, lease, gift, devise, or condemnation, either within or without its corporate limits, and may hold, manage, control, sell, exchange, or lease property it has acquired. For the purpose of condemnation, it may proceed under the acquisition of property by state agencies and public corporations act, Act No. 149 of the Public Acts of 1911, and the uniform condemnation procedures act, Act No. 87 of the Public Acts of 1980, both as now or hereafter amended.

Section 4. The Authority may adopt ordinances pursuant to Act 57 that allow the Authority to assess fees on owners or occupants of property who receive fire protection services to cover the costs of providing fire protection services under Act 57.

Section 5. The Authority may apply for and accept grants, loans, or contributions from the federal government or any of its agencies, the state, or other public or private agencies to be used for any of the purposes of Act 57 and to do any and all things within its express or implied powers necessary or desirable to secure that financial or other aid or cooperation in the carrying out of any of the purposes of Act 57.

Section 6. The Authority may enter into any contracts with other entities not prohibited by law.

Section 7. The Authority may investigate emergency services requirements, needs, and programs and engage, by contract, consultants as may be necessary and cooperate with the federal government, state, political subdivisions, and other authorities in those investigations.

Section 8. The Authority may, subject to Act 57, hire employees, attorneys, accountants, and consultants as the Authority considers necessary to carry out the purposes of the Authority.

Section 9. The Authority shall possess all powers necessary to carry out the purposes of its incorporation, including those powers incident to such purposes. The powers herein granted shall be in addition to those granted by any statute or charter, and the enumeration of any power either in these articles of incorporation or in Act 57, shall not be construed as a limitation upon such general powers.

Section 10. The term of this Authority shall be perpetual, or until terminated in accordance with law.

ARTICLE V

GOVERNING BODY OFFICERS:

Section 1. The Authority shall be directed and governed by a six (6) member Board of Commissioners (referred to herein as the "Commission"). The legislative body of each incorporating municipality shall appoint two (2) voting representatives to the Commission, and each member shall serve for a full term of four (4) years; provided however that, for the first appointment upon implementation of this section, each incorporating municipality shall appoint one (1) voting representative to serve for a term of two (2) years, and the other voting representative to serve for a term of four (4) years.

Section 2. Each member of the Commission shall qualify by taking the constitutional oath of office and filing it with his or her respective municipal clerk.

Section 3. The Commission shall designate one of its members as Chairman and one of its members as Secretary, each to be designated for such term in office as may be fixed by the bylaws. The Commission shall appoint a Treasurer who shall not be required to be a member of the Commission.

Section 4. The Commission shall adopt and may amend bylaws and rules of procedure consistent with the provisions of Act 57 and provide therein for regular meetings of the Commission.

Section 5. Vacancies occurring in the office of the Commission shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the legislative body of the incorporating municipality appointing such representative.

ARTICLE VI

EMPLOYEES:

Section 1. The Commission shall be responsible for hiring all employees of the Authority, if any. The duty may be delegated to the chief of the fire service at the discretion of the Commission.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. The City Clerk of the City of St. Ignace is designated to cause a copy of these articles of incorporation, to be published once in the *St. Ignace News*, being a newspaper of general circulation in the territory of the Authority, as provided in Act 57, such publication to be accompanied by a notice that valid incorporation of the Authority

shall be conclusively presumed unless questioned in a court of competent jurisdiction as provided in Act 57.

Section 2. The City Clerk of the City of St. Ignace is designated to cause a copy of these articles of incorporation to be filed with the Secretary of State and the County Clerk of the County of Mackinac. Each incorporating municipality shall retain a certified copy of these articles of incorporation. A certified copy of these articles of incorporation shall also be filed with the Secretary of the Authority after the Commission has been appointed and the Secretary chosen.

Section 3. Amendments may be made to these Articles of Incorporation as provided in Act 57.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. These Articles of Incorporation shall become effective upon publication.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of St. Ignace, the Township of St. Ignace, and the Township of Moran, each located in the County of Mackinac, Michigan, have each adopted and caused to be endorsed in their names these articles of incorporation as hereafter set forth.

CITY OF ST. IGNACE

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the City Council of the City of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the ___ day of _____, 2018.

By

Its Mayor

By

Its City Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF MORAN

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Moran, County of Mackinac, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the 20th day of February, 2018.

By P. James Durm

Its Supervisor

P. James Durm (KEV)

By Kristine R. Vallier

Its Township Clerk

Kristine R. Vallier

TOWNSHIP OF ST. IGNACE

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Township Board of the Township of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the ____ day of _____, 2018.

By

Its Supervisor

By

Its Township Clerk

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Supr Durm reports the necessary permits have been issued for the Iron Belle Bike Trail.

Supr Durm received a petition from residents on Boulevard Drive. The petition is requesting traffic closure to pedestrian and automobile vehicles across private properties AKA Boulevard Drive commencing west end Mackinac Bridge viewing area to west intersection of Densmore Drive which forks with Boulevard Drive. The properties that are being trespassed have deeds which show property lines to the waters edge. Ecosystems are being disturbed, dust control and trash maintenance is an issue. The maintenance of the unplotted road is not for the benefit of the property owners along this section as all have egress from Densmore Drive on the north. Therefore, this petition requests the Moran Township Board of Trustees to commence with closure of named road and cease all road grating and maintenance by Mackinac County Road Commission. The petition was signed by Janis Holle, John & Mary Ellen Blondin, David & Lana Armstrong, Dave Black, Fred Strich, Lydia Tobain, and Allen & Laurie Stempki.

Moran Township Road Committee Manager D.J. Goudreau, Jr states this a complex issue and should be redirected to the Moran Twp Road Committee to research.

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) THE PETITION FROM RESIDENTS ON BOULEVARD DRIVE BE TURNED OVER TO THE MORAN TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH.

Clerk Vallier states its that time of year to establish a 2018/2019 Budget. A budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 10 AM at the Moran Township Hall.

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Treas Dionne states she will be attending the MTA Annual Conference in Traverse City from April 23 to 26.

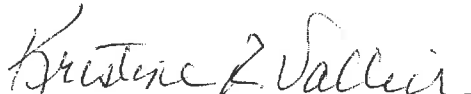
TOWNSHIP PAYROLL: \$9,027.73

TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & EFT'S: \$14,163.24

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:58 PM EST.

SIGNED:


Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk

DATED: FEBRUARY 12, 2018

APPROVED: MARCH 7, 2018