

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, MI 49781.

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**AGENDA:**

1. Pledge~Minutes~Treasurer's report
2. Public Comment
3. Should township place a bid on the parcel on Cheeseman Road at the DNR Auction?
4. Trudy Smith reimbursement of unused lots at Gros Cap Cemetery
5. Approve new account & budget amount to the Zoning Budget
6. Road issues update
7. Approve 3 new contracts with MCRC Match Money
8. Respond to Lloyd Gatz on extension of St. Ignace Water line
9. Old Business – Updates
10. New Business
11. 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,  
Trustees Spencer & Kimberling

ABSENT: None

CITIZENS: Jim Fenlon, M.T. Rd Chair D.J. Goudreau,  
M.T. Zoning Adm Fred Strich, M.T. Sexton  
Wes Therrian and St. Ignace News Reporter  
Erich Doerr.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE

**MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**MOTION BY KIMBERLING, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE JUNE 7, 2023 AS PRESENTED.**

**CHEESEMAN ROAD PROPERTY SALE BY DNR AUCTION:**

Property for sale on corner of Cheeseman Road and US-2 by DNR Auction.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY KIMBERLING (CARRIED) TO NOT PLACE A BID.**

At this time the obtaining of a Township Credit Card was discussed. Supr Dionne to check with the township insurance carrier. TABLED UNTIL AUGUST.

**REIMBURSEMENT OF UNUSED CEMETERY LOTS:**

Trudy Smith, daughter-in-law of lot owner Emerson & Margaret Smith was given a call from Sexton Wes Therrian concerning 6 unused lots in the Smith Plot. According to Township Cemetery Ordinance lots that remain vacant, 30 years from date of sale, shall automatically revert back to the twp. Ms Smith was unaware of lots. Last burial was Margaret Smith in 1980. Ms Smith is 85 years old and will not use the lots. She was wondering if she could be reimbursed for the lots. She has no proof of purchase. The Board discussed. No reimbursement to be given, unless she can prove purchase price. Sexton Wes Therrian to call Ms. Smith with the Board decision.

**NEW BUDGET ACCOUNT:**

**MOTION BY KIMBERLING, SECONDED BY SOVEY (CARRIED) TO ADD TO ZONING BUDGET LINE ITEM 101-702-801, PROFESSIONAL & CONTRACTED SERVICES, BUDGET AMOUNT \$12,000.**

**ROAD ISSUE UPDATES:**

Rd Chair D.J. Goudreau present to update on road issues.

1. Quigley property W4482 Shore Road-Brevort paid an excavating company, \$2000, to remove sand from his yard and street in front of his home. Mr Quigley called the twp requesting reimbursement from the twp for 25% of his bill, \$500. The twp does not own any roads, he was instructed to call the MCRC.
2. Chris Collins on W149 Densmore Drive called with drainage issues in front of his home. Mr. Collins was instructed to call the MCRC.

**MCRC MATCH MONEY – 3-NEW CONTRACTS:**

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE 3 NEW CONTRACTS WITH THE MCRC, USING MATCH MONEY:**

1. LOCAL ROADS MOWING – TOTAL COST \$ 4,000 TOWNSHIP COST \$1,333
2. PRIMARY ROADS SHOULDER GRAVEL – TOTAL COST \$18,000 TOWNSHIP COST \$6,000
3. LOCAL ROADS SHOULDER GRAVEL – TOTAL COSTR \$18,000 TOWNSHIP COST \$6,000

**WATER LINE EXTENSION:**

Property owner Lloyd & JoAnn Gatz, W1501 US-2 emailed the twp requesting the city water line be extended to his property. He was instructed to contact his neighbors and see who is also interested in water line extension.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Chain Lake property – Mackinac Properties states a possible sale.
2. Swim Smart still not installed.
3. Local Police Depts concerning traffic backups and rerouting on Old Portage Trail and Portage St. letters were sent concerning complaints on traffic using township roads during back-ups on US-2. Also traffic blocking Boulevard Drive, making it difficult for local residents to exit their properties. Letters from Police Agencies were received and stated they would alert their patrol cars to keep a watch out during busy times.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. July 2023 Board of Review scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 9:00 am
2. St. Ignace Golf & Country Club report from Manager Kurt Ney.
3. 2023 Native American Heritage Fund Grant Application submitted for Moran Township

**TOWNSHIP PAYROLL:**


\$ 9580.11

**TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & EFT'S:**

\$22777.75

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY KIMBERLINGF (CARRIED) THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 PM DST.**

SIGNED:   
Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk

DATED: JULY 10, 2023  
APPROVED: AUGUST 2, 2023