

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781.

AGENDA:

1. Pledge~Minutes~Treasurer’s Report
2. Public Comment
3. Moran Township Website proposal
4. Resolution to waive penalties for non-filing of property transfer affidavits
5. Property tax exemption (Poverty Exemption) review
6. Verizon one talk phone service
7. Resolution to commemorate veterans of WWI
8. Approve building inspection expense statement
9. City of St. Ignace Fire Service invoices
10. Info – MTA Regional meeting
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER: Supr Durm called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM DST with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treas Dionne and Truistee’s Spencer and Malcolm.
ABSENT: NONE
CITIZENS: M.T. Road Chairman D.J. Goudreau, Jim Fenlon and St. Ignace News Reporter Erich Doerr.

MINUTES:

Correction to August 1, 2018 minutes: Bid Opening awarded to Belonga Excavating should state “Job to be completed by October 1, 2018”.
MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTION AND TREASURER’S REPORT FROM THE AUGUST 1, 2018 MEETING AS PRESENTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

MORAN TOWNSHIP WEBSITE PROPOSAL:

A proposal from Shumaker Group for a new website was discussed. Upfront cost (set-up & design) was \$1000 -\$1500 depending on how many and how complex the online fillable forms are and any other advanced features. An option for all-inclusive plan for STG to manage website updates as well as backup and support - \$600 or \$65 per hour for remote updates. Treas Dionne to clarify the update costs. The current website is hosted by Reiter’s Web Design. Contract to expire in December 2018. New contract to start on January 1, 2019.

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM SHUMAKER GROUP FOR A NEW WEBSITE.

RESOLUTION TO WAIVE PENALTIES FOR NON-FILING OF PROPERTY

TRANSFER AFFIDAVITS:

Refer to attached resolution # 1

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (POVERTY) REVIEW:

- 1 2018 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines have been adopted.
- 2 If the applicant meets the poverty income guidelines the township board is stating what property a person should “sell” to pay the taxes or be able to keep and still get the poverty exemption – but the asset test is a list of things the board of review will consider to determine if it will be a full 100% exemption or less than 100% . The Township Board will discuss an “Asset Test” for poverty exemption.
- 3 **MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO ADOPT THE “APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION”.** (Refer to attached Application # 2)

VERIZON ONE TALK PHONE SERVICE:

Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier and Treas Dionne met with David Martindale from Verizon to discuss a proposed phone service that promises to add features to our current service at a lower cost. Initial cost for basic is \$85 per phone line (3-clerk, treasurer & assessor) and 1 cordless base \$169.00 (\$424.00) Monthly charges will be \$25 per line (3) We are now paying \$39.99 per line with Charter Communications. Found out we have 2-main lines, which is unnecessary. The question arose what about the fax line? Treas Dionne to check on this.

RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE VETERANS OF WWI:

See attached approval # 3

BUILDING INSPECTOR EXPENSE VOUCHER:

Building Inspector Brian Olsen submitted an expense report for 2017 in the amount of \$383.32

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO PAY BUILDING INSPECTOR’S INVOICE FROM 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$383.32.

To inform Olsen that future expense voucher need to be presented by March 31.

CITY OF ST. IGNACE FIRE SERVICE INVOICES:

Invoices totaling \$54,317.05 to be paid from budgeted Fire Department 101-336-801.

MTA REGIONAL MEETING:

To be held Thursday, October 11, 2018 at Bay Mills Resort, Brimley.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Treas Dionne gave a recent report on the Straits Area Fire Authority (SAFA). The budget and the L-4029 has been submitted to Mackinac County.

TOWNSHIP PAYROLL: \$ 6861.87

TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & EFT'S: \$64041.03

ADJOURN:

MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:44 PM EST.

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 7, 2018
APPROVED: OCTOBER 3, 2018

