

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at the Moran Township Hall, W1`362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan.

**AGENDA:**

1. PLEDGE~MINUTES~TREASURER’S REPORT
2. PUBLIC COMMENT ~ LIMIT 2 MINUTES
3. BOULEVARD DRIVE
  - a. Residents that live on Boulevard Drive would like to address the board regarding plans for the road and steps that may be taken to mitigate traffic.
  - b. Boulevard Drive Bicycle/Walking Trail refer to the attached request for proposal for Boulevard Drive and Pte. LaBarbe Road. This is a necessary prerequisite for applying for grant monies.
4. Moran Township Audit report from auditor Rick Mahlmeister.
5. BID OPENING
  - a. Moran Township hall residing
  - b. Gros Cap Cemetery re-graveling
6. MORAN TOWNSHIP WEBSITE ~ Discussion of website developer selection
7. MORAN TOWNSHIP ROADS ~ Complaints of tall grass at intersections obscuring traffic
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ADJOURN

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

At this time Treasurer Dionne requested an addition to the agenda a “Resolution to oppose the new comprehensive quality standards for Michigan’s Tax Assessing System”.

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT:	Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treasurer Dionne and Trustees Malcolm and. Spencer
ABSENT:	NONE
CITIZENS:	Rick & Sue Mahlmeister, Road Chairman DJ Goudreau, Zoning Admr Craig Therrian, Sexton Ben Goudreau, St. Ignace News Reporter Erich Doerr, Jim Fenlon, Lee Ortman and Boulevard Drive Residents: Janis Holle, John & Mary Ellen Blondin, Dave & Lana Armstrong, Laurie Stempki, Barbara Alkire and Kristine Black.

**MINUTES WITH TREASURER’S REPORT:**

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) THE MINUTES WITH TREASURER’S REPORT BE APPROVED FOR THE JULY 5, 2018 MEETING.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MORAN TOWNSHIP MARCH 31, 2018 AUDIT REPORT:**

Auditor Rick Mahlmeister was present to report the March 31, 2018 audit. Rick states the Township is financially stable.

**BOULEVARD DRIVE:**

Residents of Boulevard Drive would like to address the board regarding plans for the road and steps that may be taken to mitigate traffic. Citizen Dave Armstrong states residents would like to eliminate automotive traffic. Supr Durm and Road Committee Chairman D.J. Goudreau states the State of Michigan Public Act 51 gives the right to user, this Act 51 would allow public access. A suggestion of installing a one-way road sign from west to east. Matter turned over to Moran Twp Road Committee.

**MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY MALCOLM TO TURN MATTER OVER TO MORAN TWP ROAD COMMITTEE.**

**BOULEVARD DRIVE BICYCLE/WALKING TRAIL:**

A proposal for a one-time contract to perform certain professional services related to a feasibility study with preliminary engineering and cost estimated for sections of the Iron Bell Trail in Moran Township, Mackinac County, including route determination.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) SIGN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO DO A FEASIBILITY STUDY WITH PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND COST ESTIMATED FOR SECTIONS OF THE IRON BELLE TRAIL IN MORAN TOWNSHIP, MACKINAC COUNTY.**

**BID OPENING:**

No bids were received for the re-siding of the township hall. Supr Durm to run the ad for bids in The St. Ignace News for the next two weeks.

<b>BID:</b>	Precision Edge Outdoor Services, LLC	\$7,675.00
	Spring Lawn Care & Stump Grinding	\$4400.00
	Belonga Excavating	
	Gros Cap Cemetery	\$5560.00
	Western Cemetery	<u>\$2740.00</u>
		<b>\$8300.00</b>

Bid includes removal of sod and grass on existing road.

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM BELONGA EXCAVATING FOR RE-GRAVELING OF TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8300.00. JOB TO BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 1, 2018.**

**NEW WEBSITE DISCUSSION:**

Treas Dionne is interested in a new website. The website now cannot make any changes without contacting the host. Treas Dionne contacted the host concerning changes- 2 years ago, to wording on the website and changes have not been made. Treas Dionne talked with Shumaker Technology Group concerning a new website at the annual MTA Convention and was impressed with their presentation. Treas Dionne to contact Shumaker Technology Group for more details and cost. Report back at the September meeting.

**ROAD SIDE MOWING:**

Several complaints have been received concerning tall grass at intersections limiting visibility. Road Committee Chairman D.J. Goudreau to talk with the Mackinac County Road Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY VALLIER (CARRIED) TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE NEW COMPREHENSIVE QUALITY STANDARDS  
FOR MICHIGAN'S TAX ASSESSING SYSTEM

Number 2018-01

*WHEREAS*, the Michigan Department of Treasury has developed a proposal to amend state laws related to the roles and responsibilities of Michigan townships to administer property tax assessments in their jurisdictions, and

*WHEREAS*, House Bill 6049, sponsored by Representative James Lower, and Senate Bill 1025, sponsored by Senator Jim Stamas, are before the Michigan Legislature to implement the Department of Treasury proposal, and

*WHEREAS*, the Moran Township Board of Trustees has serious and profound reservations regarding the fundamental need for this legislation and is gravely concerned regarding the inevitable higher administrative costs that will have to be extended to local tax payers with minimal or no benefit; and the loss of local control that is so vital for public support and trust of the property tax administration system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Moran Township wishes to express to the Michigan Legislature its strong opposition to House Bill 6049 and Senate Bill 1025.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Spencer, Second offered by Board Member Vallier.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

"AYE" Supr Durm, Clerk Vallier, Treasurer Dionne, and Trustees Spencer and Malcolm,.

"NAY" None

The Supervisor, Patrick "Jim" Durm declared the resolution adopted.

*Kristine R. Vallier*

Kristine R. Vallier, Clerk

Date: August 1, 2018

**2. SPEED SIGNS:**

FYI information on Solar-Mobile Radar Speed Signs. Possibility for US-2. Discussion determined not designed for 4-lane highway. Cost for 2 - \$5499.

3. FYI – Senate Bill 1031 sponsored by Sen. John Proos (R. St. Joseph Chtr. Twp) was reported by the Senate Finance Committee and would exempt qualified utility personal property for the PPT installed after Dec 31, 2017 . Michigan Township Association opposes the bill and is working with lawmakers to mitigate the impact on townships

4. MDOT to hold meeting on 2019 US-2 Brevort River bridge project at the Moran Township Hall, Thursday, August 9, 2018 from 5-7 pm.

**TOWNSHIP PAYROLL: \$7,912.93**

**TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & EFT'S: \$145,648.11**

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:24 PM DST.**

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

DATED: August 6, 2018  
APPROVED: September 5, 2018