

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

The regular meeting of the Moran Township Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan.

AGENDA:

1. Pledge~Minutes~Treasurer's report
2. Public Comment
3. Ambulance Service
4. Property Transfer Penalty
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. 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 and Trustee Spencer and Malcolm.

ABSENT:

None

CITIZENS

D.J. Goudreau, Moran Twp Road Chairman, Craig Therrian, Moran Twp Zoning Administrator, Gary Gorniak, Mark Wilk, St. Ignace Ambulance Lee Ortman, Jim Fenlon and Erich Doerr, St. Ignace News.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY SPENCER (CARRIED) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT, WITH CORRECTIONS, FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017.

AMBULANCE SERVICE:

Mark Wilk with the St. Ignace Ambulance Service was present to discuss the ambulances. Local ambulances are housed in a garage owned by Mackinac County. The garage is no longer large enough for the needs. The ambulance committee has discussed two possible options: one is sharing the facility with the St. Ignace Fire Department the other is sharing a garage with Mackinac Straits Hospital. Property is available at both locations.

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The hospital may prove to be the entity with the best access to grant/loan money. The Straits Area Ambulance Service could then partner with the hospital to finance this project. It is believed that in order to enter into such a partnership we must approve an intergovernmental agreement similar to which we had in place with Lifelink and Allied. Current members of the Straits Area Ambulance Service are Moran Twp, City of St. Ignace, St. Ignace Twp, Brevort Twp and Hendricks Twp.

A financial statement from January through October 2017 was presented. Wilk stated in 2017 there were 1081 calls. There will be further updates from the Ambulance Committee.

MOTION BY DIONNE, SECONDED BY MALCOLM (CARRIED) TO PROCEED WITH THE AMBULANCE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

PROPERTY TRANSFER PENALTY:

There is a penalty in place at the County level to charge a fee of \$5.00 a day up to a total of \$200 for those who fail to record a property transfer. It is rarely enforced. The state Department of Treasury is encouraging counties to levy this penalty. The Treasury is allowing local governments such as Moran Twp to pass a resolution waiving this penalty if we choose to. No action taken on a resolution,

MOTION BY SPENCER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) TO ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO ENFORCE THE PROPERTY TRANSFER PENALTY.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Gary Gorniak with the Sportsman Club was present to advise Moran Twp that 3,000 walleye fingerlings have been ordered for planting in Brevort Lake in Sept of 2018. Moran Twp has committed \$2,500 for the project.
2. A letter received from Derek Waldorf, Transportation Engineer, MDOT – Newberry office concerning passing lanes west on US-2. For all speed increases on state trunkline in the region, our department checked all affected sections of roadway, prior to the speed increase, to ensure that all sight distances met specifications for passing sight distance under the speed increase. All sections that did not meet the minimum sight distance for the increased speed limit had a “No Passing Zone” added or adjusted to the section of the roadway. We are currently monitoring all state trunkline in areas of the increased speed limit and will be sure to add the curve at Pte. Aux Chenes River to the list of specific areas of concern.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

TOWNSHIP PAYROLL: \$7,330.82

TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & EFT’S: \$13,116.59

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION BY VALLIER, SECONDED BY DIONNE (CARRIED) THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 6:40 PM EST.**

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

DATED: JANUARY 12, 2018

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 7, 2018